

**Lake Development Authority (LDA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

Call to Order: Chairperson, Art Lindrose, called to order the regularly scheduled meeting held at the Lake Erie Conference Room in the Lake County Administration Building located at 105 Main Street, Suite A505, Painesville, OH 44077 at 2:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance and roll call. Board members in attendance included Bill Martin, John Rampe (Secretary), Jim Struna, John Uhran (Vice-chair) and Ronald Wassum. Kevin Freese attended by phone. Nate Hicks and Wally Siegel were absent.

Others in attendance: Tim Cahill, Debbie Connor, Amy Cossick, Myranda Keister, Patrick Mohorcic, Brandon Dynes, Commissioner Regovich, Don Hart, Mike Benz, Harry Eadon, Laurie Eadon, and Chad Felton.

Approval of Minutes: The members of the board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the March 27, 2024 meeting in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Struna and seconded by Mr. Uhran to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote.

Reports and Communications of Officers and Committees:

Chairperson's Report – Mr. Lindrose turned the meeting over to Mr. Mohorcic for introductions of guests and attendees.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Mohorcic introduced Amy Cossick as Deputy Director of LDA. He introduced Mike Benz of Ciuni Panichi and guest speaker Harry Eadon. Patrick discussed the structure of the meeting and all board members indicated that they had read the reports provided prior to the meeting. Mr. Mohorcic discussed the resolutions and provided background of each resolution and explained their purpose. Mr. Wassum asked about the status of the tree removal at the Lake County Executive Airport and Mr. Mohorcic reported that removal in the T-hangar site project was on schedule. Further discussion was had regarding resolution 2024-21 which provided for additional time to contract with bidders due to the delay in receiving a permit from ODNR. A similar discussion was had regarding resolution 2024-22 which has the same issue but is waiting for FAA.

Public Comments: None

Staff Reports:

Public Finance & Chief Financial Officer – None

Lake County Executive Airport – None

Coastal Development – None

Reports of Committees: Other Economic Development Items – None

Resolutions and Motions:

- a. 2024-19: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute and Deliver a Grant Contract for ODOT project 24-22 with the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, as part of the FY24 Ohio Airport Direct Grants for General Aviation Airports. A motion was made by Mr. Freese and seconded by Mr. Uhran to approve resolution 2024-19 as presented. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote.

- b. 2024-20: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Appointing Amy L. Cossick as Assistant Secretary and Fiscal Officer of the LDA. A motion was made by Mr. Struna and seconded by Mr. Wassum to approve resolution 2024-20 as presented. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote.

- c. 2024-21: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Authorizing the Executive Director to Direct Mannik Smith to Seek an Extension of Time by which to Award a Contract to a Qualified Bidder for Work on the Mentor Harbor Channel Wall Revetment Project due to the need for a Permit to be Provided from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. A motion was made by Mr. Struna and seconded by Mr. Wassum to approve resolution 2024-21 as presented. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote.

- d. 2024-22: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Authorizing the Executive Director to Accept the Lowest Bid and Negotiate, Execute and Deliver a Contract to the Successful Bidder for the FY 2024 ODOT PAPI Light Project at the Lake County Executive Airport. A motion was made by Mr. Struna and seconded by Mr. Wassum to approve resolution 2024-22 as presented. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote.

There was a brief intermission for provided refreshments.

New Business: Mr. Lindrose welcomed Mr. Eadon from the Ohio Council of Port Authorities who spoke about the powers of Port Authorities and their roles in Ohio communities including how the powers were used and implemented. He highlighted financing and facilitating business development, attraction, BR&E, providing services, Brownfield redevelopment and infrastructure improvements. The power point presentation was provided for future reference. After a brief question and answer session and exercise about the LDA's direction, the meeting was concluded.

Board Remarks: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Struna and seconded by Mr. Wassum to adjourn the public meeting at 3:56pm. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by:

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