

**Lake Development Authority (LDA)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Friday, October 25, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Chairperson, Art Lindrose, called to order the regularly scheduled meeting held off-site at Holden Arboretum 9550 Sperry Road, Kirtland, OH 44094 at 8:00 am with the pledge of allegiance and roll call. Board members in attendance included Kevin Freese, Nate Hicks, Bill Martin, John Rampe (Secretary), John Uhran, (Vice-Chair), and Ron Wassum. Wally Siegel and Jim Struna were absent.

**Others in attendance:** Amy Cossick, Debbie Connor, Patty Fulop, Myranda Keister, Patrick Mohorcic, Brandon Dynes, and Mike Benz from Ciuni and Panichi.

**Approval of Minutes:** The members of the board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the September 25, 2024, meeting in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Freese and seconded by Mr. Martin to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wassum abstained. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote.

**Reports and Communications of Officers and Committees:**

Chairperson's Report – Chairperson, Mr. Lindrose thanked the board for their time and reminded them and staff that Mr. Mohorcic, when hired, had a vision for the next chapters of the Port Authority. He stated that today we will be going through a series of exercises led by Mr. Benz. He asked for participation and again thanked everyone for their time.

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Patrick Mohorcic reviewed the two resolutions on the agenda today that are to close out the dredge project and reappropriate some funding for net neutral accounting.

**Public Comments:** None

**Staff Reports:** None

**Reports of Committees: Other Economic Development Items** – None

**Resolutions and Motions:**

- a. 2024-36: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Authorizing a change order with Mannik & Smith Group to perform additional owner representation services for the Lake Development Authority in support of the Grand River Dredge Reuse Project and Sediment Recycling Facility construction phase. A motion was made by Mr. Freese and seconded by Mr. Wassum to approve resolution 2024-36 as presented. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote.
- b. 2024-37: Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority Authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate, execute and deliver a change order with Kurtz Bros. Inc. for construction services of a Port Authority Sediment Recycling Facility to receive, store and process material from the Grand River in Lake County, Ohio. A motion was made by Mr. Freese and seconded by Mr. Wassum to approve resolution 2024-37 as presented. The motion was approved with a 7-0 vote.

**Board Remarks:** None

**Strategic Planning Session:** Mr. Mohorcic thanked everyone for coming and set the tone of the day and relayed an anecdote about adjusting a course. Today is all about setting us up for success. He discussed the mission, vision and values of the LDA that are present on our website. The three legs of the stool we stand on are the Lake County Executive Airport, coastal development and economic development. Mr. Mohorcic talked through some current projects and future projects to set priorities. At the airport he expounded on the terminal building, the extension of Kennedy Parkway, and our position for growth. He would like to solidify the FBO and develop a secession plan for 5, 10 and 15 years into the future. He also discussed the plan for future T-hangars and the perspective uses of the 8-acres to the north. Mr. Lindrose asked if we could get funding for T-hangars once we have met the airside requirements with FAA and Mrs. Fulop explained that there is that possibility, but it would push out the building of those hangars for years. She also expounded on the use of BIL funding and that much of that funding would need to go to preparing the airport for additional tenants and aircraft to continue with a safe environment for air traffic. There was additional discussion on the circumstances surrounding Burke Lakefront Airport. Mr. Benz had some additional knowledge about the aviation high school and would discuss later. Mike Benz from Ciuni and Panichi was the moderator for the day. He created a chart for each of the following: Our Organization, Coastal Development, Economic Development, and Airport. He took key points from the board and staff and divided them up into SWOT categories of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Discussion was held on each. After the SWOT Analysis, the attendees were divided into groups for breakout sessions and rotated between stations of Resource Development, Staffing, and Strategic Partnerships. Each topic was discussed in depth. Mr. Mohorcic commented that this information will be taken back to the office and a preliminary strategic plan will be developed. Several drafts may be necessary to come to a finalized document.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mr. Freese and seconded by Mr. Wassum to adjourn the public meeting at 1:11 pm. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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