Lake Development Authority (LDA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2025

Call to Order: In the absence of Chairman Lindrose, Vice Chairman Uhran called to order the August 27, 2025, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority (Board) held at Vincent William Winery, 1300 Belleair Avenue, Madison, Ohio 44057 at 3:09 p.m. 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 Chairman) and Ron Wassum. Art Lindrose (Chairman), Wally Siegel and Jim Struna were absent.

Guests: Nick Belluardo, Quinten Reed and Kylie Gottman from B&P Aviation and Chad Felton from the News Herald.

Others in attendance: Patrick Mohorcic, Amy Cossick, Myranda Keister, Debbie Connor, Brandon Dynes (Legal Counsel) and Mary Perry.

Approval of Minutes: The members of the Board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the July 23, 2025, Board meeting in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Freese and seconded by Mr. Wassum to approve the minutes as presented. All members voted affirmatively to approve.

Reports and Communications of Officers and Committees:

Chairman's Report: None

Executive Director's Report: Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Mr. Mohorcic's report in advance. There was no further discussion regarding the report. Mr. Mohorcic discussed an email from Osborne, Inc. thanking the LDA for the dredging work in the Grand River as it was the first time in five (5) years they were able to dock a barge.

Public Comments: None

Staff Reports:

Deputy Executive Director - Mrs. Amy Cossick: Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Ms. Cossick's report in advance. Ms. Cossick discussed the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Lake Erie College Athletic Field scheduled for September 4, 2025, which will include food trucks and activities. Ms. Cossick also discussed the Eastlake Power Plant and provided some renderings of key components of recreation for the beachfront and pier. Lake County Emergency Working Capital Loan Program asked Ms. Cossick to join the committee as Tim Cahill has retired, and she has agreed to do so and help navigate the remaining loans.

Director of Planning – Ms. Myranda Keister: Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Ms. Keister's report in advance. Ms. Keister discussed the Ceremonial Groundbreaking of Mentor Harbor Channel Wall Revetment Project that was held on August 1, 2025, and provided links to various articles and updated project videos. Ms. Keister discussed two (2) resolutions for change orders one (1) for Mannik Smith Group and the other for Shoreline Contractors, Inc. to bring contingency down. Ms. Keister is working with partners for the Coastal Planning Study and currently they are analyzing the community surveys to incorporate project requests for the next study. The Workforce Board has been busy with audits. Ms. Keister will be attending a conference in September 2025, and she will be attending a Board meeting on October 6, 2025 for the Workforce Board to update policies and final year updates with new membership and looking at contracts for 2026. They are also working on the senior job fair and finalizing the internal audit and finishing up the loose ends for the end of the year.

Director of Lake County Executive Airport: Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Mr. Belluardo's report in advance. Mr. Belluardo advised that only one quote has been received to date for the drainage jetting and he is waiting on the second quote. Depending on outcome of that quote a third quote may be requested. The ADSB data has been as expected with limited data so far but will be very beneficial after one year of data has been obtained after which ongoing comparisons will be available. The Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") has been completed for engineering and consulting services at the airport. Once a qualified firm has been identified the staff will evaluate and negotiate a five (5) year contract. There is one (1) new airport tenant which is also interested in hangar space once available. Received a call from ODOT regarding updated grant funding and increases in State funding. Mr. Mohorcic discussed the jet traffic for the airport, and indicated that the interior design of the new terminal building is moving along and looks great.

Reports of Committees: None.

Other Economic Development Items: None.

Resolutions and Motions:

RESOLUTION 2025-37; RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A SERVICES AGREEMENT CHANGE ORDER #4 WITH MANNIK SMITH GROUP TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL DESIGN CONSULTATION AND OWNER REPRESENTATION SERVICES FOR THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN SUPPORT OF THE MENTOR HARBOR CHANNEL WALL REVETMENT PROJECT. Mr. Mohorcic briefly discussed the Resolution. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Feese which was seconded by Mr. Wassum. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2025-38; RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A SECOND SERVICES AGREEMENT CHANGE ORDER WITH SHORELINE CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE MENTOR HARBOR CHANNEL WALL REVETMENT PROJECT. Mr. Mohorcic briefly discussed the Resolution. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Freese which was seconded by Mr. Wassum. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2025-39; RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL AVIATION CONSULTANTS, LTD. IN FURTHERANCE OF THE STORM DRAINAGE STUDY AND RELATED SERVICES AT THE LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT. Mr. Mohorcic briefly discussed the Resolution. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Freese which was seconded by Mr. Wassum. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2025-40; RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SEEK A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Freese which was seconded by Mr. Wassum. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Executive Session: Mr. Uhran entertained a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) relating to a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of a pending imminent court action. A motion was made by Mr. Freese and seconded by Mr. Wassum. Mr. Uhran requested roll call vote and the result was Mr. Freese – Aye, Mr. Hicks - Aye, Mr. Martin - Aye, Mr. Rampe – Aye, Mr. Uhran – Aye and Mr. Wassum - Aye.

While in executive session the Board discussed the ongoing Kennedy Parkway litigation and acquisition of the property.

Mr. Uhran entertained a motion to close executive session and return to public meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Freese and seconded by Mr. Wassum to reconvene the public meeting at 3:39 p.m. Mr. Uhran requested a roll call vote and the result was Mr. Freese – Aye, Mr. Hicks - Aye, Mr. Martin - Aye, Mr. Rampe – Aye, Mr. Uhran – Aye and Mr. Wassum - Aye.

Mr. Hicks made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to allocate $4,473.50 to acquire the split parcel from the Kennedy Group, approved by the Lake County Tax Map Dept. and City of Willoughby Planning Dept. and further execute an Addendum to the Real Estate Purchase Agreement and Settlement Agreement with the Kennedy Group in furtherance of the acquisition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wassum. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion and expenditure and authorized any additional action to effectuate the same.

Board Remarks: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Freese and seconded by Mr. Wassum to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m., at which time the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mary Perry