

**Lake Development Authority (LDA)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2025**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Lindrose called to order the October 22, 2025, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority (“Board”) held at Lake Erie Conference Room, 105 Main Street, Suite A505, Painesville, Ohio 44077 at 3:08 p.m. with the roll call and pledge of allegiance. Board members in attendance included Nate Hicks, Bill Martin, Ron Wassum, Wally Siegel, John Rampe and Art Lindrose (Chairman). Kevin Freese attended via telephone. John Uhan (Vice Chairman) was absent.

**Guests:** Quinten Reed from B & P Aviation and Chad Felton from the News Herald.

**Others in attendance:** Patrick Mohorcic, Amy Cossick, Myranda Keister, 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 September 24, 2025 Board meeting in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel 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. Mr. Mohorcic advised that the Board meetings for November and December will be held the week prior to previously scheduled meetings due to the holidays, and an electronic invite will be sent out. Mr. Mohorcic briefly discussed Bond Counsel Russ Balthis move to the law firm Kutak Rock and that the LDA should follow him to Kutak Rock to continue to receive consistent, high-quality, legal support and a Resolution will be presented next month for approval. Mr. Mohorcic discussed Resolution 2025-44 regarding the T-Hanger Design/Build and new ODOT supplemental grants for the same.

**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 advised that three (3) well qualified proposals came in for qualified Consultants for Engineering and Planning Services and are still under review. Ms. Cossick advised a public notice has been posted for Airfield Landscaping, Snow Removal & Maintenance Services with the closing date of November 7, 2025. Ms. Cossick further advised the Grand River/Lake Erie Transportation Plan qualifies for a grant and the LDA has been awarded \$150,000 in general funding.

**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 Mentor Harbor Yacht Club and the barge has been removed and they will be finishing on the City of Mentor side with completion expected by the end of the year. Ms. Keister advised that the planning process is underway with Smith Group for the Coastal Planning Study and

they are evaluating sites. Ms. Keister advised that the last Workforce Development Board meeting was held on October 6<sup>th</sup> and they approved eight (8) policy updates; added new members; and completed the certification process that is required every two (2) years. Ms. Keister further advised that the LDA Annual Meeting will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Auburn Career Center which will provide year end updates and the annual 2025 report.

**Director of Lake County Executive Airport:** Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Mr. Belluardo's report in advance. Mr. Reed reported in Mr. Belluardo's absence that the jetting has been done on the drainage pipes, and the next phase will be the camera inspection. Mr. Reed advised that tree removal for visibility and safety concerns will start this Friday. Mr. Reed further advised that ODOT was out on October 21, 2025, which was thought to be for an inspection but was only for the taking of some pictures. Mr. Reed further advised that the interior selection was finished on the terminal building. Mr. Reed briefly discussed ODOT grants for T-Hangers and Fuel Farms.

**Reports of Committees:** None.

**Other Economic Development Items:** None.

**Resolutions and Motions:**

**RESOLUTION 2025-41; RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE TERRITORY TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY TO PROTECT, MAINTAIN, AND IMPROVE THE SHORELINE AT OSBORNE PARK ALONG LAKE ERIE, PER ODNR SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, IS NOT REQUIRED FOR USE BY LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND COMPLIES WITH THE REGULATION OF PERMISSIBLE LAND USE.** Mr. Mohorcic briefly discussed the Resolution. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Wassum. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2025-42 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE TERRITORY TO BE USED BY LAKE METROPARKS TO PROTECT, MAINTAIN, AND IMPROVE THE SHORELINE ALONG THE LAKEFRONT TRAIL PROJECT ALONG LAKE ERIES, PER ODNR SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, IS NOT REQUIRED FOR USE BY LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND COMPLIES WITH THE REGULATION OF PERMISSIBLE LAND USE.** Mr. Mohorcic briefly discussed the Resolution. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Wassum. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2025-43 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MR. JAMES STRUNA FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE BOARD AND TO THE LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY AS BOARD MEMBER OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.** A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Wassum which was seconded by Mr. Siegel. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2025-44 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SEEK A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR T-HANGAR DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT PURSUANT TO ODOT STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026 OHIO AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION FOR GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT GRANT PROGRAM.** A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Wassum. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

**Old Business:** Mr. Wassum inquired about the bed tax for Quail Hollow since demolition has been started. Mr. Mohorcic advised that Quail Hollow has satisfied that matter.

**New Business:** Mr. Mohorcic discussed House Bill 147 and further that Brian Durdle needs to register as a lobbyist for our organization so he can enter into a personal service agreement with the LDA to register with the State House so he can advocate for economic development. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Wassum for the LDA to approve and allow Mr. Durdle to register as a lobbyist on behalf of the LDA with the State of Ohio and any of its legislative bodies and governing authority. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

**Board Remarks:** Mr. Martin commended Mr. Mohorcic on his representation of the LDA at the Leadership Lake County meeting.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Wassum to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m., at which time the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Mary Perry