

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

Call to Order: Mr. Lindrose called to order the meeting held in the Grand River Conference Room in the Lake County Administration Office located at 105 Main Street, Suite A505, Painesville, OH 44077 at 3:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and roll call. Board members in attendance included Ronald Wassum, Wally Siegel, John Rampe (Secretary), Bill Martin and Art Lindrose (Chairman). Kevin Freese and Jim Struna attended by phone. John Uhran (Vice-Chair) was absent.

Guests: Nick Belluardo from B&P Aviation

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

Approval of Minutes: The members of the Board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the December 18, 2024, board meeting in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve the minutes as presented. All were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously

The members of the Board were also provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the January 7, 2025, Special Board meeting in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to approve the minutes as presented. All were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports and Communications of Officers and Committees:

Executive Director's Report – Mr. Mohorcic discussed two (2) resolutions on the agenda today. Resolution 2025-3 is to appoint Patrick Mohorcic as interim manager of Lake County Executive Airport (LCEA). Resolution 2025-4 is to provide for an addendum to the Professional Services Agreement with Kurtz Bros. to provide a hosting fee to the LDA. This will provide additional fees to LDA from the dredging of approximately 250,000 cubic yards from the Grand River per year. Currently the LDA receives a tipping fee. This hosting fee will be in addition to the tipping fee and be paid at \$200 per cubic yard of dredged material. Therefore, this should be a significant amount of revenue to the LDA. Additionally, Mr. Mohorcic discussed working with the United States House Transportation Committee on deepening the Grand River channel.

Mr. Mohorcic also discussed the final submission to the City of Willoughby Planning Commission for the terminal building at LCEA. He expects to go before the planning commission in late February. He also provided samples of glass, colors, and brick for the Board to review.

Public Comments: None

Staff Reports:

Deputy Executive Director - Mrs. Amy Cossick:

Ms. Cossick recently met with Eastlake to discuss the power plant. At this time the LDA is ready to enter into an agreement with InSite Advisors to begin the process to determine the best use and future development of the

site. She is requesting money from the Commissioners from the bed tax fund. There is another meeting scheduled for February 6th.

She also reported on the status of the Fairport Harbor marina project and noted that Mr. Hale from ODNR has retired. However, she is working with ODNR on a letter of intent with the new management team at ODNR to formalize a funding commitment and to do the majority of the marina project all at once. ODNR has agreed to pay for all permit costs which are expected to be approximately \$400,000. They will also assist with design and engineering. Finally, she was pleased to note that it appears that the Osborne family is in agreement with the project moving forward.

Ms. Cossick updated the Board regarding the Lake Erie College athletic field and stated that they have begun infrastructure improvements and that it is moving along as planned.

Ms. Cossick has also been selected to assist the Lake County Commissioners with the county's strategic plan.

Director of Planning – Ms. Myranda Keister:

Ms. Keister reported on four of the Resolutions. First, Resolution 2025-7 which is a change order with Shoreline that was expected to add the cost to remove the sunken barge. Second, Resolution 2025-5 is the Cost Sharing Agreement between City of Mentor, Mentor Harbor Yachting Club, and LDA which was originally \$500,000 but LDA was able to reduce it to \$200,000. The cost will be split evenly between City of Mentor, Mentor Harbor Yachting Club, and LDA. Third, Resolution 2025-8 which allows LDA to manage the Cost Share Agreement. Fourth, 2025-9, the Lakeshore Improvement Resolution, which is to provide Madison Township with \$50,000 for the Stanton Park Project as approved by the Commissioners. This project will add armour stone at the shoreline to finish the project. Madison Township is getting funding from a different source but was in need of the local match in the amount of \$50,0000.

Ms. Keister also reported on the status of all of the aforementioned projects and provided approximate timelines for completion. As far as the Mentor Harbor project is concerned, there will be some restrictions in the channel in early spring but the project is expected to be done in May. A majority of the work is being done on land thereby keeping the channel open.

Ms. Keister further reported that LDA has applied for a \$150,000 grant for the Coastal Plan and is now looking for a consultant to start the process.

Ms. Keister also reported that the LDA has been meeting and discussing the Work Force policies and making sure that the 2025 planned goals are achieved.

Mr. Mohorcic report on the Lake County Executive Airport:

The LDA is moving forward with retaining B&P Aviation Consultants for work at the airport in conjunction with the master plan, etc. B&P will also assist with benchmarking and other airport related assistance moving forward. Mr. Belluardo then provided background about himself and his company. He discussed his experience with other regional airports and what he can do for the LCEA. The Board had an opportunity to ask him questions about his background and what he can provide to the LCEA.

There were no Board remarks.

Resolutions and Motions:

The following resolutions were read by Mr. Lindrose:

- a. **2025-3 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTING PATRICK T. MOHORCIC, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS INTERIM AIRPORT MANAGER OF THE LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT.** A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Struna. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.
- b. **2025-4 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KURTZ BROS., INC. FOR THE OPERATIONS SERVICES OF A PORT AUTHORITY SEDIMENT RECYCLING FACILITY TO RECEIVE, STORE AND PROCESS DREDGED SEDIMENT MATERIAL FROM THE GRAND RIVER IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO.** A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Struna. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.
- c. **2025-5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER A LOCAL COST SHARING AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MENTOR HARBOR CHANNEL WALL REHABILITATION PROJECT.** A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Struna. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.
- d. **2025-6 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INSITE ADVISORY GROUP, LLC FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE EASTLAKE POWER PLANT PROJECT.** A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Struna. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.
- e. **2025-7 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AND ENTER INTO A SERVICES AGREEMENT CHANGE ORDER WITH SHORELINE CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE MENTOR HARBOR CHANNEL WALL REVETMENT PROJECT.** A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Struna. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.
- f. **2025-8 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AND ENTER INTO A GRANT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT AND RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF MENTOR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MENTOR HARBOR CHANNEL WALL REVETMENT PROJECT.** A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Struna. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

- g. **2025-9 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AND ENTER INTO A LAKESHORE IMPROVEMENT FUND AGREEMENT WITH MADISON TOWNSHIP FOR THE STANTON PARK REVETMENT PROJECT.** A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Struna. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

- h. **2025-10 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECOMMEND AND REQUEST FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$45,000.00) FROM THE LAKE COUNTY-LODGING TAX FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE, OHIO FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE EASTLAKE POWER PLANT LAKESHORE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.** A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Struna. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Struna to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 p.m., at which time the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Perry