

**Lake Cumberland Area Development District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 28, 2022 @ 11:00 am CST (12:00 pm ET)**

Call to Order

Ms. Sharon Payne, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:00 am CT in the large conference room of the LCADD in Russell Springs, Kentucky. This meeting was held in-person as well as by Zoom.

Opening Prayer

Prayer was given by Bro. Jeric DeVore, Executive Deputy Director.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Waylon Wright, Executive Director, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Ms. Ronda Abrell, Assistant, gave the roll call and a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Eddie Thomas ask for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Judge John Phelps. Seconded by Mr. Allen Chapman. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Guest Speaker

Ms. Kitty Dougoud with the Kentucky Heritage Council gave some very informative information on Main Street Program Benefits for business owners, local residents/consumers, property owners, preservation of culture, city/county governments, preserving Kentucky's historic downtowns, as well as Four Fundamental Key Points with those four being as follows: Sustainable Organization, Quality Design, Effective Promotion and Economic Vitality. Ms. Dougoud stated that Main Street communities are eligible for services provided by the Kentucky Heritage Council including design assistance, tax credit assistance, National Register support and Grant opportunities when available.

ARC, KPDI, KIRPS & RLF Updates

Ms. Lyndsey Brown, Director of Community/Economic Development gave an update on the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). Ms. Brown share with the committee the new ARC Economic Status of counties in our region. Every year, ARC applies an index-based classification system to compare each county in the region with national averages to understand how counties are performing. Analyzing three-year average unemployment rates, per capita market income, and poverty rates, each one of the 423 counties is then classified within one of five economic status designations. With there being a few changes for our 10-county region for 2023, Adair County went from a Distressed County to At-Risk with one distressed area. Green County went from 1 to 2 distressed areas. Pulaski County now includes 10 distressed areas compared to 8 in 2022. Russell County was a distressed county but now is at-risk.

A reminder for each county that pre-application ARC grant submissions are due by October 28, 2022. Matching requirements for at-risk areas are 30% and distressed areas 20%.

KPDI

The next update that Ms. Brown gave was over the Kentucky Product Initiative (KPDI). Ms. Brown stated that this is a wonderful opportunity for each county to apply for as it funds economic development projects. This particular grant opportunity is for investment in site and infrastructure improvements projects that could result in an opportunity for an entity engaged in manufacturing, agribusiness, property acquisition, and development. This grant opportunity provides over \$100 million in state funding towards upgrades of sites and buildings across the state. The maximum amount available is based on population per county.

The deadline for the Letter of Intent is Friday, August 5, 2022 and the application submission deadline is September 16, 2022. Each county has a maximum amount available and there is a \$1 for \$1 match requirement. Examples of matching funds can be ARPA, TVA, Private Investment, and RLF.

A few items to note there is a requirement of \$500 application fee per project and Davis Bacon is not required. The period of performance is Spring 2023 and Grant Agreements would be issued September 2024.

Ms. Brown stated that it is strongly encouraged for every county to apply for this opportunity and that LCADD staff were are happy to assist with mapping and completing the application.

KIRPS

Ms. Brown gave updates on the Kentucky Intergovernmental Review Process (KIRPS). The first project is in Pulaski County and is state funded through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The project title is Burnside Water Storage Tank and it consist of adding a second tank to the distribution systems which will provide the city with the option of taking a

tank out of service for inspection, maintenance or emergency without losing all of the system storage system. The requested amount of state funds if \$1,222,000.00.

The second project is in Wayne County and it is for Broadband Expansion which is funded by ARC. The funds will construct 244,699.2 linear foot of fiber optic cable which will provide 1 gig broadband access to 397 households in Wayne County. This proposed infrastructure construction project will produce educational, economic and healthcare benefits by providing broadband internet availability. The requested amount is \$418,752 in federal funding, \$52,344.50 in applicant match and \$52,344.50 in local funds. Project total amount of \$523,441.00. Mayor Robert Lawson made a motion to approve the KIRPS. Seconded by Mr. Curtis Hardwick. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

RLF

Ms. Brown stated that a former RLF committee member, Ron Wise from Taylor County resigned and the county has nominated John Eastridge II to be a committee member. Motion to approve Mr. John Eastridge II, as a new RLF committee member representing Taylor County was made by Mr. Al Hardy. Seconded by Mr. Sammy Knobbs. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Transportation

Mr. Ian Cole, LCADD Transportation Coordinator gave an update on a grant that is coming out from the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Cole commented that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is creating a lot of funds for these grants. One in particular is the State Street For All Program. Mr. Cole stated that the ADD's can be the direct applicant. September 15, 2022 is the due date for the application. This program is a 5 year program. Mr. Cole commented that he would be contacting each county over the next few weeks to set up meetings with those who may be interested and that he would be working to get the safety action plan started.

Aging/Senior Services

Mr. Jeric DeVore, Executive Deputy Director, stated that we have received a letter of notice from the Department of Aging and Independent Living that stated that the LCADD Aging and Independent Living department will be awarded \$739,000 for our area for an expanded meals program. During Covid we were able to deliver 500,000 meals and we will continue to deliver meals as the Expanded Meals Program will be able to expand this service to many more people in our community with food insecurity issues. Mr. DeVore commented that on July 1st we begun with a new provider called Mom's Meals who is a National Provider that does home delivered meals throughout the state of Kentucky. We have utilized a FedEx and UPS system for delivery in addition to that it helps us to be able to provide more transportation to grocery stores and pharmacies for those in need. Mr. DeVore also stated that the ADD now has an Older Adult Home Modification Program. The goal of the home modification program is to enable low income elderly persons to remain in their homes through low-cost. Low barrier, high impact

home modification to reduce older adults' risk of falling, improve general safety, increase accessibility, and to improve their functional abilities in their home. This will enable older adults to remain in their homes, that is, to "age in place," rather than move to nursing homes or other assisted care facilities. To be eligible the participant has to be 62 years of age, own and reside in the home, and have a household income at or lower than 80% AMI.

Mr. DeVore commented that we were able to give out 63,000 meals to individuals in our senior citizens center and feels that there will be an increase in the year to come. The Senior Centers also delivered 63,000 meals taking those meals door to door into homes. We also provided roughly 34,000 recreation units that's in our senior centers with people being engaged in the activities that were provided. We know that seniors that continue to active helps those seniors to be able to have an independent lifestyle and not have to go into long term care prematurely. We've also had about 2,700 promotional health events throughout this past year and provided 4,500 one-way trips through transportation with an expected increase this next year.

Mr. DeVore stated that the Aging Council met on July 27th and made some recommendations to the Full Board by our county Judges. These recommendations would be to appoint Floyd Burton and Victoria Pike to a 3-year term to the Aging Council. Green County to appoint Phillip Cox to a 3-year term. McCreary County to appoint Teddy Coffey and Myrtle Coffey to a 3-year term. Russell County to appoint Kathy Robertson and Desdia Grider to a 3-year term. Casey County to appoint Brenda Carmicle and Linda Lee to a 3-year term. Ms. Lilian Weston was recommended as a support of services for a 3-year term. Ms. Payne ask for a motion to approve these recommendations. Judge John Phelps made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mayor Eddie Thomas. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Director's Report

Mr. Waylon Wright, Executive Director stated that the Annual Meeting will be held at the State Park Lure Lodge starting at 6:00 pm CST (7:00 pm ET). We've begun drafting our annual report which will be handed out at the annual meeting.

Governor's Local Issues Conference will be held at the Galt House in Louisville on Wednesday, August 17th through Friday, August 19th.

The PDI program will be an exciting opportunity and we would like to see each of our 10 counties benefit from that program.

Cleaner Water Grants that cities and counties received earlier this year KIA is requesting that all those entities return all those signed letters we will be reaching out this week to make sure all of those follow ups are taken care of.

We have hired a new staff person, Mr. Michael Overby as a Community Development Specialist.

Ms. Payne introduced Ms. Sandy Simpson, Field Representative for Mr. James Comer's office. Ms. Simpson commented that it was always good to come to Russell County and be around other surrounding counties representing the Lake Cumberland ADD. Ms. Simpson complimented the ADD District for all the good things that are going on throughout the agency and such good opportunities that are offered for our communities. Ms. Simpson stated that Congressman Comer would be glad to offer any letter of support for any grants that may be applied for. Ms. Simpson went on to say that if anyone is in need of any assistance, please reach out to Congressman Comer's office as they would be glad to help. Again, Ms. Simpson thanked the ADD office for letting her speak on behalf of Congressman Comer.

Ms. Payne then introduced Mr. Gilbert Mischel, Representative for Mr. Mitch McConnell's office. Mr. Mischel informed everyone that the CHIPS ACT passed in the senate which is \$52 billion dollars that is being allocated for semi-conductor insensitive as well as research, innovation for semi-conductors, and fixing the supply issues and making sure that the American economy is being more independent and less dependent than we have been over the last few years. Mr. Mischel thanked the ADD for all the hard work that is being done and for allowing him to speak.

With no other business Ms. Payne ask for a motion to adjourn at 12:30 pm. Motion was made by Judge Greene. Seconded by Mr. Teddy Coffey. All in Favor. Motion Carried.



Ms. Sharon Payne, Chairperson



Mayor Eddie Thomas, Secretary