

**Lake Cumberland Area Development District
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 25, 2024 @ 11:00 am CST (12:00 pm ET)**

Call to Order

Mayor Eddie Thomas, 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 Judge-Executive Jimmie Greene.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Allan Chapman. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Community & Economic Development Update

Ms. Lyndsey Brown, Director of CED/Deputy Executive Director gave updates on the following:

- Last week we had staff that traveled to Huntington, West Virginia, at the Development District Association, and there they were able to learn more about Appalachian Regional Commission. Those staff members met with Karen Fabiano, who represents the local development district. Staff was also able to talk with other ADD's about problems faced in the Appalachian region.
- Ian Cole, LCADD Regional Transportation Planner, GIS Project Specialist will be traveling to Greenville, South Carolina, for the NATO Annual Transportation Conference. Mr. Cole will not only be traveling for the conference, but he will also serve as the representative of our agency, as well as the representative of the State of Kentucky on the Council of Peers, for the Rural Planning Organizations of America.
- The Annual Arc Conference will be held in Chattanooga on September 4th through September 5th for those that may be interested in attending. LCADD will have staff in attendance representing our agency.
- The Lake Area Foundation's annual meeting will be held on Thursday evening, August 22nd, at 5:30 pm Central Time at the Natatorium in Russell Springs.
- SS4A is a grant that we received through the Department of Transportation. This grant will assist us in being able to go throughout our 10-county area, and report roads to the transportation districts and hopefully be able to make some road improvements.

- Last year I had the opportunity to go through the BRITE Leadership Kentucky class that represents the Appalachian region. BRITE has never showcased Russell County and Adair County, and that's who they're trying to highlight this year. Karen, who is the instructor, has reached out, asking if LCADD could host the BRITE Leadership Kentucky class on August 14th through August 16th. It's very exciting to have people coming all the way from Ashland that has never gotten to see what we are truly about in this area. Ms. Brown commented that she will be taking them around to tour the Wolf Creek Dam and the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery here in Russell County. That night the group will be staying in Adair County at the Sleep Inn. Day 2, they will be traveling to the Adair County Extension Office for meetings, as well as touring some industries. Ms. Brown stated that she was very excited to work with the group and also, very excited that they want to come and showcase Russell and Adair Counties.
- House Bill 9 has officially become House Bill 723. The CDBG department has been submitting applications and has received some approvals. This is only for Federal match money.

Kentucky WWATERS Program

Ms. Martina Hadley, LCADD Water & Wastewater Coordinator presented a very informative PowerPoint on a new program called "Kentucky WWATERS Program." Ms. Hadley stated that this is a new funding opportunity that will be set up like a loan program. These applications will be due at the end of August 2024. There will be 75 million dollars available in 2025 and 2026.

The General Assembly is deciding who will be getting this funding. Anyone interested in this program may contact Ms. Hadley for assistance.

Title IV

Mr. Ian Cole, LCADD Regional Transportation Planner, GIS Project Specialist spoke about the Title IV Plan. Mr. Cole reported that Title IV Plan is updated annually. The Title IV Plan policy of Lake Cumberland Area Development District is to afford equal opportunity to all persons. Stating that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from the US Department of Transportation. Mayor Thomas asked for a motion to approve the updated Title IV Plan. Judge Randy Marcum made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Teddy Coffey. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Director's Report

Mr. Waylon Wright reported on in the items listed below:

- Our WIOA contracts (Federal Workforce Program, Direct Service Provider Contract, and One-Stop Operator Contract) as been approved by Cumberland's Workforce Board for another 12 months.
- We have partnered with the Center for Rural Development to get a substantial line item in the State budget. The Center has begun submitting paperwork to the Department for Local Government which will get that 8-million-dollar line item released. 3 million of the line item being released will be used to build a new Comprehensive Workforce site. Detailed discussion on the structure will begin in the month of August or September 2024.
- Over the past month we received notification that we will receive a \$270,000.00 grant from the Opioid Abatement Commission in Frankfort. Those funds will be used in partnership with Putting Kentuckians First. We will start by taking referrals from Putting Kentuckians First to make sure that those dollars only serve the people of Kentucky. The referrals will be geared towards people in recovery to give them workforce training using Somerset Community College, Lindsey Wilson

College or any other providers we can find concentrating on KCTCS. Ms. BJ Wilkerson, our new Assistant WIOA Director will be overseeing this program.

- Ms. Lauren Carr, KACo Opioid Commission Funding Advisor has invited us to Green River Area Development District in August to speak at their Leadership Institute for some of the judges about insights, ideas, and ways that we will be using the Opioid Abatement grant funds.
- Governor's Local Issues Conference will be held August 7th through August 9th at the Gault House in Louisville.
- We've been making strides learning from our housing consultant Mr. Scott Merusi. Mr. Merusi is trying to help staff here with the capacity to go after the right pots of money.
- We're working with the Community Action in Jamestown, as well as the Pulaski County Fiscal Court on an elderly housing project.
- Mr. Wright had the opportunity to sit down with Ms. Wendy Smith, Deputy Director of the Kentucky Housing Corporation to discuss housing needs. Mr. Wright explained to her about our partnership with LCCA, the lay of the land, and connections with public officials. Occasionally KHC has funding that can be applied for and we want to be in the position where we would be able to apply for funding needed to work on multi-family housing, construction improvement projects, using community action housing agency to be able to help us meet the need.
- LCADD Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19th at the Lake Cumberland State Park Lure Lodge beginning at 6:00 C.T.

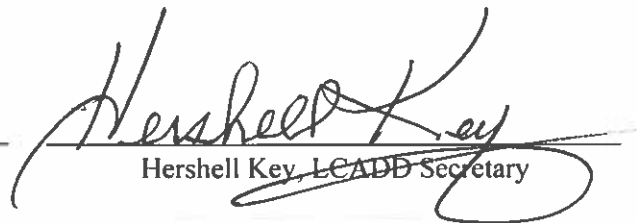
Other Business

Chairman Thomas introduced Mr. Scott Surber, Center for Rural Development, Mr. Will Clem, Field Rep. for DLG, Ms. Hunter Whitaker, Field Rep. for Senator McConnell's office, and Ms. Sandy Simpson, Field Rep. for Congressman Comer's office.

With no other business Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:08 pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Judge Dial. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in Favor. Motion Carried.



Mayor Eddie Thomas, LCADD Chairman



Hershell Key, LCADD Secretary