

**Lake Cumberland Area Development District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 21, 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 Mayor Robert Lawson. Seconded by Mr. Allan Chapman. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Community & Economic Development Update**

Ms. Lyndsey Brown, Director of CED/Deputy Executive Director reported that each year the CED department does an update on a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) and a rewrite every five years. Ms. Brown gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation on the following: Updates for FY24 Performance Measure Progress by having a staff member trained on housing programs and administration by June 30, 2023, as well as Significant Achievements with funds being awarded for the Regional Workforce Center has, Recipient of Kentucky Opioid Abatement Grant, Local EDA's & IDA's recipients of Product Development Initiative Grants, HB723 Grants Awards, Reapportionment of Voting Precincts, Expanded Housing Development Capacity, and Increased Participant Directed Services by 9 Clients. Ms. Brown also reported that the LCADD has received the 2024 NADO Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award for Older Adults Home Modification Program Project. There have been 27 grant applications submitted in FY24, as well as the FY24 Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) update which has made four (4) loans totaling \$1,265,000. These loans are resulting in the creation of fourteen (14) new jobs and retention of forty (40) current jobs. Additionally, four (4) loans were paid off during FY24. The RLF Program currently has thirty (30) open loans. CEDs Performance Measures to be met this year are to meet with hospital administrators throughout our ten (10) county region learning of their needs for things such as equipment upgrade and personnel staffing needs, facilitate a regional need with tourism directors, and identify non-profit childcare providers as a potential partnering agency. Ms. Brown asked for a motion for approve to submit the yearly updated CEDs. Mr. Curtis Hardwick made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in Favor. Motion Carried

**Kentucky WWATERS Program**

Ms. Lyndsey Brown, Director of CED/Deputy Executive Director stated that the Kentucky WWaters Program was created through the HB563 through the General Assembly. LCADD has worked on several applications for our utilities and water districts. Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) has rated and

scored those based and is available on KIA's website. Ms. Brown commented that if your utility or water district has submitted a project, those projects will be submitted to the General Assembly and they will decide then if it's for grant funding, loan funding, etc. Ms. Brown encouraged everyone to get on the KIA portal to see if their project has been awarded.

### **Workforce Update**

Ms. BJ Wilkerson, WIOA Assistant Director gave updates over the following:

- Putting Young Kentuckians to Work Program with a total of seventeen (17) candidates with two (2) of those seventeen being enrolled and qualifying the WIOA will be providing service and five (5) pending enrollment. The first enrollments are from Cumberland County. Rockcastle County will be next with potential of 32 students to get ASP Certification. 28 students in Adair County. An additional meeting with McCreary County and a scheduled meeting with Wayne County, Casey County and Green County has been set up.
- Project Work/Kentucky Opioid Abatement project we currently have 12 candidates that we are looking to provide service for. Each candidate has attended four (4) parts of this initiative.
- Pre-employment Transition Service (PETS) project application as been completed and will start that program as soon as we get the approval to start.
- WIOA currently has 80 candidates enrolled and all active.

### **NADO Impact & Participation Aware**

Ms. Paige Coe, Community Development Specialist spoke about the 2024 NADO Aliceann Wohlbruck Impact Award that LCADD received for Older Adults Home Modification Program Project. The NADO Fall Conference aims at project that have a significant impact on community and economic development. This year LCADD was chosen to receive that award. As part of being chosen LCADD was also invited to participate in a panel at NADO which was a very exciting and great opportunity. Ms. Coe spoke on the panel with Gateway ADD in Kentucky as well as Mid Carolina ADD in North Carolina. This panel was known as the Aging and Economic Development panel. Discussions for this panel were different innovative aging program strategies, in which Ms. Coe was able to discuss what LCADD Aging and Independent Living programs entailed. Ms. Coe commented that there was a lot of good engagement with questions, comments and enthusiasm from the audience.

Ms. Coe also reported that the award we received was for the OAHMP program which provides no-cost home modifications and repairs to low-income seniors in our area.

### **Director's Report**

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

- NADO has a representative that lives in Northern Kentucky that came and met with all the ADD Directors and handed out brochures titled "What is a Rural Development Organization". In that brochure there were six (6) projects and organizations highlighted under the heading of "Why Think Regionally". LCADD was chosen as one of the six organizations which range from places like Savannah Georgia, Alaska, Lake Champlain, etc. Mr. Wright went on to compliment LCADD Board and Staff on being so engaged in what we do here at the ADD stating that LCADD will be an excellent example to a lot of people across our country.
- Stephanie Smith, Community Development Specialist/Public Administration Specialist will be reaching out to our county judges and mayors to set up round-table-discussions.
- The Revolving Loan Fund has been a really big success. RLF was started in 1989. Currently, we have 28 active loans and 3.8 million loaned out. We would like for the LCADD Board of Directors to consider approving us to apply for \$800,000 EDA grant and then ask HB723 to

match that with \$200,000. Mr. Wright stated that we have a resolution authorizing that process. Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to pass the resolution. Judge Randy Dial made a motion to pass the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Hershell Key. All in Favor. Motion Carried.


**Nominating Committee**

At this time Chairman Thomas asked to bring before the Board the nominating Committee. Chairman Thomas nominated Mayor Regena Hinton, City of Jamestown, Mr. Teddy Coffey, McCreary County Citizen Member, and Taylor County Judge-Executive, Mr. Barry Smith as the new nominating committee.

**Other Business**

Chairman Thomas introduced Ms. Sandy Simpson, Field Rep. for Congressman Comer's office, Ms. Mary Carter-Barton, Field Rep. for Congressman Comer's office, and Ms. Donna McClure, Field Rep. for Senator Mitch McConnell's office.

With no other business Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:10 pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hershell Key. Seconded by Mr. Teddy Coffey. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

  
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Mayor Eddie Thomas, LCADD Chairman

  
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Hershell Key, LCADD Secretary