

**Lake Cumberland Area Development District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 25, 2023 @ 11:00 am CST (12:00 pm ET)**

**Call to Order**

Judge-Executive Randy Dial, Chairman 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 Jeric DeVore, Deputy Executive Director

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Dial led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Dial asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 Board of Directors meeting along with minutes from March 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 17, 2023 Executive Committee meetings. Motion was made by Mr. Garland Hoskins to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Hershell Key. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Guest Speaker**

Chairman Dial introduced guest speaker, Mr. Gabe Nickell, Branch Manager of Economic Development/Community Development Block Grant Programs with the Department for Local Government. Mr. Nickell gave some very informative information over eight (8) federal grant programs within ED/CDBG. 1) CDBG grant helps fund community projects such as health departments, senior centers, crisis centers that provide low to modern incomes. 2) Economic Development funds help to create or retain jobs, helps training centers prepare people to learn a trade to be able to get jobs. 3) Housing funds help expand affordable housing in revitalized neighborhoods. 4) Public Facilities funds help water and wastewater treatment plants to expand or run water/wastewater to residents that may have dilapidated systems that need to be revitalized. 5) Public Services (Recovery Kentucky Program) which helps fund state ran facilities for the Opioid Pandemic. 6) Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds are used to assist in economic development of Appalachia through public infrastructure, water, sewer, housing, telecommunications, human resource

development such as education and/or workforce development affordability, accessible healthcare, and business development. 7) Land & Water Conservation funds are a 50/50 match and are used to acquire land for recreational development, construct new outdoor recreational facilities or renovate existing facilities. 8) Recreational Trails Program funds is an 80/20 match and are used to acquire land and easements for recreational trails, develop and renovate trails for both motorized and nonmotorized use. \$250,000 is the maximum you can apply for in the Land & Water Conservation and also in the Recreational Trails Program.

Below are deadlines listed for submission of applications for each program:

- Public Facilities and Community Projects – September 1, 2023
- Economic, Housing, and Public Services – January 31, 2024
- Appalachian Region Commission (ARC) Pre-applications – October 30, 2023 for the 2024 consideration.
- Land & Water Conservation – May 31, 2023
- Recreational Trails Program – May 31, 2023

Mr. Nickell, reported that the Governor’s Local Issues Conference will be August 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> at the Gault House in Louisville.

After some discussion, Chairman Dial thanked Mr. Nickell for speaking. Then turned the floor over to Mr. Jeric DeVore.

### **Regional Plans on Aging**

Mr. DeVore reported that every three years we are required to develop a Regional Plan for us to use as a guiding document to be able to provide aging services to our area. Updates in the Plan include new staff, changes in allocations as the expenditures have been updated in the Plan. Also, we have a new meals provider which is Mom’s Meals that has been included within the Plan. The Regional Plan on Aging was voted by the Aging Council to be recommend to the Board for the approval of the Plan to continue in the FY 2024. Mayor Thomas made a motion to approve the Regional Plan on Aging. Seconded by Mr. Hershell Key. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

### **Community Economic Development Report**

Ms. Lyndsey Brown, Director of CED gave an update on the Title VI Plan stating that this Plan is a non-discrimination policy that has to be updated annually by the LCADD based on LCADD’s organizational chart and demographics. Mr. Ian Cole, LCADD Transportation Planner updated the Title VI Plan and has done a good job in doing so. Chairman Dial asked for a motion to approve the Title VI Plan. Judge Green made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Ms. Brown also gave an update on the CED & Planning Departments stating that last year the CED department assisted with nine (9) applications for the Product Development Initiative (PDI). Six (6) of those applications were awarded for first-round funding. The Second-round funding is open and the

CED department is working on submitting four (4) PDI applications. Applicants can apply for up to \$2,000,000.00 with a 50-50 match.

The Cabinet for Economic Development will be at the LCADD on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> hosting a small business credit initiative. This meeting will be focusing on collateral support, working capital and how we can focus on rural communities and helping small businesses.

Ms. Brown introduced CED new staff member, Mr. Joe Grider, Community Development Specialist.

Ms. Brown reported that the Planning Department would be holding their Regional Water/Wastewater Committee meeting, as well as, the Regional Transportation Committee meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2023 in the Large Conference Room of the LCADD starting at 10:00 am C.T.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Below are items that Mr. Waylon Wright reported on in the Executive Director's Report:

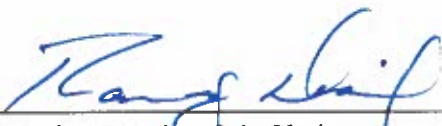
- Mr. Ian Cole, LCADD Transportation Planner, will be representing Kentucky beginning in July 2023 for National Association of Development Organization's rural transportation council of peers. We are confident that Mr. Cole will represent Lake Cumberland and the State of Kentucky very well.
- Ms. Stephanie Smith works in the CED department and will be assuming the role of Public Administration Specialist. Ms. Smith will be reaching out to county and city clerks and will occasionally attend fiscal court meeting and city council meetings to build relationships so that she may become a resource for our area.
- Ms. Lyndsey Brown and Mr. Wright attended a federal partners event in Pineville, KY on May 11<sup>th</sup> hosted by KY Highland Investment Corporation. ARC's Co-Chair, Ms. Gail Manchin announced that 5 ADDs were awarded \$100,000 each. The LCADD was one of the five Adds that was awarded. This will help the LCADD to hire one additional staff person in the CED department for 2 years to help us serve more communities in the district. The CED staff is very busy with projects in all 10 counties.
- Kentucky will be hosting the 2023 Appalachian Regional Commission's annual conference that will be held in Ashland, KY on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>.
- LCADD Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at the Lake Cumberland State Park, Lure Lodge.
- KACO will be at the LCADD on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 1:00 C.T. (2:00 E.T.) to host the KACO Listening Tour, which will discuss legislative session and listen to any needs that your county may have.

**Other Business**

Mr. Bryan Milby, Field Representative for Senator Rand Paul's office reported that Ms. Rebecca Seidel is a new hire for the Senator's office and he will be bringing her around in the future to meet county and city officials. Mr. Milby commented that if anyone is heading to Washington and wants to visit Senator Paul's office feel free to reach out to him and he can schedule you for a visit.

Ms. Sabrina McWhorter, Director of Business and Innovation and Ms. Kacy Hicks, Startup Engagement Coordinator with Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) attended the LCADD Board of Director's meeting. Ms. McWhorter stated that SOAR serves 54 ARC Kentucky counties working with small businesses and entrepreneurs. Ms. McWhorter and Ms. Hicks left some business cards for anyone that would be interested in talking with them or finding out more information about SOAR.

With no other questions or comments, Chairman Dial asked for a motion to adjourn at 11:50 pm. Judge King made the motion. Seconded by Mr. Curtis Hardwick. All in Favor. Motion Carried.



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Judge Randy Dial, Chairman



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Judge John Frank, Secretary