# Lake Cumberland Area Development District Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @ 8:30 am CT (9:30 am ET)

## Call to Order

Judge-Executive Randy Dial, Chairman called the meeting to order in person and by Zoom at 8:30 am CST in the large conference room of the Lake Cumberland ADD office in Russell Springs.

Mayor Robert Lawson opened the meeting with prayer.

Chairman Randy Dial, Casey County Judge-Executive led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Roll Call

Ms. Ronda Abrell called the roll. A quorum was established.

Attendance In-Person: Judge Randy Dial, Mayor Eddie Thomas, Judge John Frank, Mr. Hershell Key, Ms. Sharon Payne, Mr. Derrick Helm, Judge Scott Gehring, Judge Jimmie Greene, Mr. Waylon Wright, Ms. Tonya Bloyd, Ms. Lyndsey Brown, Mr. Chris Ford, Mr. Tony Meeks, Ms. Ronda Abrell, and Mr. Scott Merusi.

Attendance Via-Zoom: Judge Barry Smith

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Eddie Thomas asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting. Mayor Lawson made the motion to approve. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

#### **P&F Committee Report**

The P&F Committee met prior to the Executive Committee meeting. Mayor Thomas asked Mr. Tony Meeks to give financial updates. Mr. Meeks reported on a budget amendment stating that the amendment added \$643,364 to the budget. This amendment will mostly be from contracts. Motion was made by Mr. Hershell Key for approval of the Budget Amendment. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Financial Report. Mr. Meeks gave an update on the Revenues & Expenditures Budget through the ending of November 30, 2023. Mayor Thomas asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report. Mayor Lawson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Judge Frank. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Ms. Lyndsey Brown, Deputy Executive Director stated that we will soon be posting and taking applications for a PDS Advisor position.

# Guest Speaker

Mr. Waylon Wright, Executive Director introduced Mr. Scott Merusi, Housing Consultant with Merusi Partners from Cincinnati, OH. Mr. Wright stated that he spoke with Mr. Merusi about ways to replicate the Housing project that was done in Somerset called the Housing Enhanced Living Program (HELP) project. LCADD worked in conjunction with the Lake Cumberland Housing Agency to purchase the property and preserve it to be used for elderly living. Mr. Wright commented that LCADD is interested in a 1 Year Term contract with Mr. Merusi (SME) for training staff and seeing what opportunities are out there, as well as addressing the housing problems we face. Mr. Wright then turned the floor over to Mr. Merusi whom had sent a very informative handout on Affordable -HELP solutions. Mr. Merusi spoke on things such as educating our community on solving common problems for the Homeless, Aging-in-Place, and Middle-Market stating that these three are the three most common problems that negatively impact practically all communities. Mr. Merusi also spoke on a plan that would allow LCADD to identify geographic areas where housing is under-developed and to bring the community's housing needs to a healthy environment that would positively impact communities within the Lake Cumberland area.

Chairman Dial asked for comments on the proposal of a 1 Year Term contract to help educate/train LCADD staff on Affordable Housing Enhanced Living Program. With much discussion Chairman Dial asked for a motion to approve the 1 Year Term contract. Judge Greene made a motion to approve. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

## WIOA

Ms. Marsha Wells, Director of WIOA gave enrollment numbers from July 1, 2023 stating that WIOA received availability on the WIOA funds for Adults and Dislocated Workers in the same dollar amount that had been received as a planning number. Ms. Wells also commented that WIOA has received \$200K in national dislocated worker funding, through a Quest grant that will allow WIOA staff to serve several that has been on a waiting list. This should get us through to the end of this program year which ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We are finalizing our responses to the PY21 comprehensive monitoring tool, and will have them submitted back to the state by the end of December 2023.

#### Community/Economic Development

Ms. Lyndsey Brown, Deputy Executive Director/Director of Community/Economic Development reported on the KIRPS update stating that there is 1 KIRPS as of December 2023. That is as follows:

 Adair County – The Columbia/Adair Utilities District. Cleaner Water Project – Phase 24 Wastewater System Improvements and Upgrades. This project will replace the Burkesville Road and Walmart Lift stations that area undersized. Cleaner Water Federal Funding with a total project cost of \$2,672,250.00 Chairman Dial asked for a motion to approve the KIRPS. Mayor Thomas made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mayor Lawson. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

# **Executive Director Report**

Mr. Waylon Wright, Executive Director reported on the following items:

• Met with auditor on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Will potentially have a Special Called meeting if Auditor gets approval back from the Auditor of Public Accounts.

With no other business, Chairman Dial asked for a motion to adjourn 9:48 am. Motion was made by Mr. Hershell Key. Seconded by Judge Frank. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Judge-Executive Randy Dial, Chairman

Judge-Executive John Frank, Secretary