

**Lake Cumberland Area Development District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 28, 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 Mayor Robert Lawson.

**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. Garland Hoskins. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Guest Speakers**

Chairman Thomas introduced Ms. Susan Melton with the Russell County Judge-Executive's office, along with Ms. Paige Coe, LCADD Community Development Specialist. Ms. Coe and Ms. Melton gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation on KOHS State and Local Cyber Grant Program (SLCGP) which is a grant that they have been working on together along with Mr. Joe Grider, LCADD Community Development Specialist. This grant is a Russell County and LCADD Cybersecurity and Regional IT Specialist Project that will be effective for Russell County, as well as all surrounding counties. Headlines discussed during the PowerPoint were things such as The Importance of Cybersecurity for Local Governments, CISA Cyber Hygiene Assessments, Upcoming Funding Cycle for KOHS' SLCGP Program, etc. For more information you may contact Paige Coe at the LCADD office.

**Broadband Equity Access and Development (BEAD)**

Ms. Lyndsey Brown, Deputy Executive Director/CED Director presented a program overview PowerPoint on Broadband Equity Access and Development (BEAD). BEAD is a nationally known initiative through the state of Kentucky. The office of broadband task each area

development district to come out to the counties and to meet with Internet Service Provider's, as well as judge executives to ensure that the data from the Internet Service Provider's that was imported into CostQuest was actually true data. Mr. Ian Cole, LCADD Regional Transportation Planner put together a map showing green locations that are served with over one hundred megabytes, underserved will be between 25 and 100 megabytes and unserved means your less than 25 megabytes. So, what we are tasked to do is to see if you are served in the underserved area or unserved area. The Office of Broadband is putting together the status to collect. If there are any discrepancies, we will put those through as a challenge area. Ms. Brown also stated that there should be grant funding for your unserved and underserved areas. Mr. Cole has put BEAD reports with a description of your meeting in a Dropbox while we wait on the next steps from the Office of Broadband to challenge any areas so we will be ready for funding when it becomes available.

### **CED & Planning**

Ms. Brown then gave updates over CED reporting that there are over \$61,121,787 total project costs we have right now. Actual grant funds that we're administering between the Planning and the CED departments is over 45 million dollars. Different funding sources that we are administering to are CDBG, EDA, SRF Cleaner Water. For new projects we are administering, that are either in process or application submitted, is over 46 million dollars of total project cost. Currently 21 million of that funding are projects that is being administered.

### **Director's Report**

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

- In March there were some staff, as well as several board members that attended the NADO Conference in Washington, DC. They received some very good information and sat through some very good sessions. They also had the opportunity the meet with Congressman Rogers and Congressman Comer.
- LCADD will be setting up Round Table Discussions again in April. Round Table Discussions that were held at the LCADD office about six months ago were very well received and beneficial for everyone.
- The Area Agency on Aging administers programs under the Older Americans Act. Through that program we serve the aging population. In the Lake Cumberland area 21% of our population is 65 years and older. While there's not enough money to serve everyone there are opportunities, we're looking at such as a potential partnership with the Community Action Agency trying to venture into helping with elderly housing.
- With the month of May being Older Americans Month, we are going to be trying to plan a kickoff event to bring in some good speakers for the Board of Directors meeting that month. Information will be sent out on that as we are hoping for a good attendance that day.
- We have been approached by the Industrial Assessment Center, Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center that is based in Louisville. They have received Federal grant money to go out and do energy assessments for large manufactures. This year they

are targeting our region. They have sent us a proposed list of about 20 manufactures within our region. We are going to use this as an opportunity to for our Business Service Team to go out and meet with these businesses to try to sell this free service to them. In the past these energy audits and assessments resulted in an average of \$100,000 to \$200,000 in savings to manufactures. We believe this would be a good opportunity for the outreach and hopefully the savings that could generate to some of our businesses.

**Other Business**

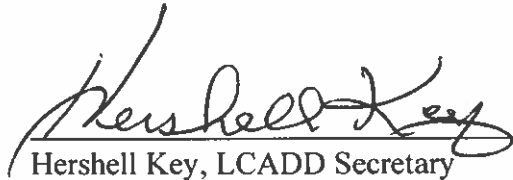
Chairman Thomas introduced Mr. Will Clem, Field Rep. for DLG, Ms. Donna McClure, Field Rep. for Mitch McConnell's office, and Tammy Wilson, Field Rep. for Hal Rogers office.

With no other business Chairman Dial asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:14 pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Teddy Coffey. Seconded by Mr. Garland Hoskins. All in Favor. Motion Carried.



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Mayor Eddie Thomas, LCADD Chairman



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Hershell Key, LCADD Secretary