

**Lake Cumberland Area Development District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 22, 2025 @ 11:00 am CST (12:00 pm ET)**

**Call to Order**

Judge-Executive John Frank, 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 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 Frank asked for a motion to approve the minutes for March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Board of Directors Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Judge-Executive Randy Dial. Seconded by Ms. Sharon Payne. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Guest Speaker**

Chairman Frank introduced Commissioner Mr. Matt Sawyers with Kentucky Department for Local Government. Mr. Sawyers explained that our Kentucky Dept. for Local Government works with counties and municipalities in the state of Kentucky to make sure that those said have a balanced budget and staying within compliance. Funding packets were given out to show Land and Water Conservations funds, City parks and recreational trails.

**Title VI**

Lyndsey Brown on the behalf of Isaac Allen. Title VI is to be updated annually for Lake Cumberland Area District Development as a policy for equal opportunity to all the persons stating that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin be excluded from participation, and is denied in the benefits of, and or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from U.S. Department of transportation. Chairman Frank asked for a motion. Motion to approve was made by Judge-Executive Randy Dial. Seconded by Mr. Garland Hoskins.

## **Opioid Abatement Project Update**

Deputy Director Lyndsey Brown/ Director CED states LCADD received a grant through Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission last fall allowing to hire a Case Manager Ms. Andrea Hughes and provide funds for training individuals who had been affected by OUD Disorders. This grant is funding trainings for Fiber Optic and Welding with a total of 17 participants. In August, there will be a CDL-A launching and currently two participants start lineman school next week with Somerset Community College. Furthermore, 19 participants completed Peer Support training along with 4 participants through CSA training. Additionally with this grant LCADD purchased electric bicycles and \$25.00 gas cards as transportation is a huge barrier.

## **Housing Efforts Update**

Paige Coe, Community Development Specialist with Lake Cumberland Area District Development gave an informational PowerPoint on housing projects. Many challenges have been found with the shortage of affordable houses, income-to-housing cost disparities, difficulties with community buy-in and need for rehab of existing stock. LCADD is identifying these challenges and opportunities in ways of Professional Development in Housing, Identifying Funding Sources such as USDA rural Development, KY housing corporation and Local Community reinvestment Act Investments. Projects and Programs currently are Older Adults Home Modification Program, Pulaski County Senior Housing Project and KHC Capacity Review.

## **Director's Report**

Mr. Wright reported on the items listed below:

- Ronda Abrell, Executive Assistant announced her retirement August 1, 2025, filling that position is Caprishia Nevels who was hired May 19, 2025
- Mr. Waylon Executive Director and Myra Wilson met with Secretary Jamie Link of Educational Labor Cabinet to give a tour of the Career Center in Somerset, KY to show the need of a new workforce center which is soon to be a new workforce project.
- Regional Convening was held in Corbin, Ky which is held every quarter, Executive Director Waylon Wright, Myra Wilson, Judge King and Interns attended.
- National Association of Development Organization (NATO) had a seat on the board that became available. Executive Director Waylon Wright was nominated to sit on the board until April of 2026.
- Hayden Handcock was hire to work in GIS Department, Mr. Handcock start date was May 19, 2025.

## **Other Business**

Chairman Frank introduced Mr. Wayne Ackerman Clinton County Superintendent, Mr. Pat White Judge Executive Whitley Co. Ky, Mr. Jeff Van Hook Workforce Board Chair, Ms. Sandy Simpson and Ms. Mary Carter representing Congressman Comer's Office.

With no other business Chairman Frank asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:37 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Curtis Hardwick. Seconded by Mr. Teddy Coffey. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Judge-Executive John Frank, LCADD Chairman

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Mayor Robert Lawson, LCADD Secretary