

Loring Development Authority of Maine
Board Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2024
154 Development Drive, Suite F
Loring Commerce Centre, Limestone, Maine

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jeremy Fischer at 1:00 p.m.

LDA Board Members participating by online conference: Jeremy Fischer, Patrick Paradis, Lee Umphrey, Joe Sleeper, Timothy Crowley, Grace O'Neal, Kris Doody, Denise Garland, and Lynn Bromley.

LDA Board Members absent: Suzie Paradis, and Kristine Logan

Others participating by online conference: Steve Levesque, SHL Enterprise Solutions; Wayne Coleman, C3 Associates, LLC; Barbra Hayslette, Congressman Golden's Office; Paul Towle, Aroostook Partnership; Ashley Judkins, DFAS; Roger Felix, Loring Job Corps; Sean Eldridge, Air Force Civil Engineering Center; Ryan Gahagan, Loring Energy; Corey Bouchard and Melissa Lizotte.

LDA staff participating by online conference: Carl Flora, and Jonathan Judkins.

2. Identification of board members and others

Board member attendance was taken.

3. Approval of Notes: Lee Umphrey moved approval of the minutes, and Tim seconded the Unanimous vote

4 LD-1998, on January 9 at 1 PM, the LDA delivered testimony regarding the job finance increment program. We will attend A working group **will review former years and potential budgets on January 23 at 2:00 PM**. I will be conducting a detailed financial review with Donna Struzel, who has agreed to help me prepare for that meeting; we feel confident we can present our case is based on the ability to cover all infrastructure payments to local municipalities and provide safety and for our roads, not to mention keeping the heat and infrastructure of these buildings remaining.

5. LD 1981 the LDA delivered testimony in correlation to the Arch Hanger

bill. This has generated tremendous attention in the media presence. I still feel strongly that we should minimize the LDA attachment to this issue while at the same time reinforcing to the state of Maine that this is a huge tax burden that they are asking the state to undertake versus a commercial entity generating income for the state of Maine.

6. Energy assessment The LDA received one proposal: RLC Engineering PLLC (RLC), with offices in South Portland, Hallowell and Bangor. They will partner with Competitive Energy Services (CES) to complete the proposed scope of services. Their bid was for a fixed cost of \$125,000.00. The awarded federal LDA grant for the Energy Capacity and Resiliency Plan was \$250,000.00. Pat Paradis moved approval of the contract to secure services of RLC for the electrical grid assessment; Denise seconded – a unanimous vote

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7. Board resolution identifying you as the Authorized Representative for the HUD Roads and Demo grant and other grants moving forward Lee Umphrey moved a resolution appointing Jon Judkins as authorized Representative for the NBRC and other grants; Denise seconded – unanimous vote

8. Executive Session: Confidential discussions concerning personnel, economic development and real estate matters pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 Subparagraphs 6.A. and 6.C. Pat Paradis moved that we enter executive session for confidential discussions concerning personnel, economic development, and real estate matters pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 Subparagraphs 6.A. and 6.C. Tim seconded. Vote – unanimous

9. Adjourn

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Kris Doody
Secretary