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Wed. March 20, 2024  
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1. Call to Order Jeremy Fischer
2. Identification of board members and others

LDA Board Members participating by online conference: - Kristine Logan MRRA - Denise Garland - Jeremy Fischer. - Ben Shaw - Kris Doody - Joseph Sleeper II - Lee Umphrey, Tim Crowley

LDA Board Members absent: Suzie Paradis, Heather Johnson, Grace Oneal

Others participating by online conference: - Bruce Sargent-Joellen Kelly -and Jim Pelky Brad. Sergeant- Michelle Albert - Kelly McDonald (he/they) -and Cuppy Johner on behalf of the Loring Air Museum. - Steve Levesque - Ryan Pelletier - Trisha House-Sen. Collins - Ryan Gahagan - Pamela Gerow- Senator Collins (ME) Thomas Manning with Green for Maine- Chris Cossette - Sean Eldredge

LDA staff participating in the online conference were Carl Flora and Jonathan Judkins

3. Approval of Notes: Motion made by Lee Umphrey- Denise Garland

Seconded.

4. Presidents Report

Absolutely. Thank you, Jeremy. And thank you, everyone, for joining me today. Excuse me. All right, so here is a brief update from the president's report. I have made it available for everyone. I will run down its high points. Again, I just wanted to take note and express my appreciation for the trust the community and the board have put in me. I will continue to strive towards the advancement of the Loring Development Authority and our communities. Updates on our finances, our grant work, and our operating stuff.

The Northern Man Development Commission has been assisting us for three years in our wastewater project, which is moving forward. We're starting on phase four, which is projected to take place over the summer. We'll keep you abreast of what's going on with that work. We're really excited about that one, which will decrease the groundwater runoff into our sewer system, thus allowing us to reduce our costs.

Road and Demolition Grant. We are in the environmental review process. County Environmental, one of our local contractors, is carrying out the process. We've had several meetings with our contractors to discuss the scope of that work. It seems like they have a firm understanding of what is expected and have begun the administration process. I'm excited about that one, too. I know every tenant of Loring will be looking forward to those roads being updated.

Defense communities grant has moved forward substantially with our master airport plan. We are still in negotiations with the energy assessment, and we're looking forward to meeting with the DOD and DOL representatives on campus to see how else we can service them.

The DG fuels process is still slated to continue. That project is slated for the Nose dock area. Mr. Mike Darcy is still very bullish about the Maine plant.

We touched briefly on the two bills that came before the legislation. In a twist of fate, President Jackson pulled the bills and resurrected them. They did go before the House, and both bills have merit, and we're happy with the results as long as the Maine people are happy..

#### 5 . Updates on Grants and Legislation

LDA updates on the progress of grants, such as the wastewater project, environmental review process, and airport plan. He also discusses the DG fuels project and the two bills that President Jackson pulled and resurrected. Denise Garland and Jeremy Fischer provide additional information and updates on the legislative process and funding for the Loring Air Museum.

#### 6. Discussion on Taste of Maine Lease

LDA provides an overview of the Taste of Maine lease project, expressing enthusiasm for the partnership and the positive impact it could have on the region. Jeremy Fischer emphasizes the need to discuss certain aspects of the project in an executive session due to legal and negotiation matters while also inviting input from the Taste of Maine and Green for Maine teams. Potato Chip Plant Project Update Bruce shares details about the potato chip plant project, including the acreage, employment opportunities, and the timeline for construction. The board expresses enthusiasm and support for the

project, requesting to sample the product before it goes public. Additionally, the meeting addresses the planning for an upcoming eclipse event, with positive feedback and collaboration from various stakeholders involved in the event's organization.

#### 7. Hound Dog Missile and Air Museum Event

LDA leads a discussion on the renewal of the Hound Dog missile and the upcoming Air Museum event, highlighting the paperwork and approval required. Maureen's iPhone shares comprehensive details about the Open House 2024 event at the Loring Museum, outlining the planned activities and special arrangements for the 30th anniversary of the base closure. Preservation of Dog Cemetery and Museum Support Maureen raises concerns about the dog cemetery's ownership and maintenance, seeking input on whether to invest in a new fence. Carl Flora suggests that Green for Maine should take the lead on resolving the issue, and Maureen agrees to involve Thomas in the process. Tom from Green for Maine expresses willingness to work with the group to preserve the cemetery and mentions potential plans for a nearby building.

#### 8. Business Development Report and Foreign Trade Zone Resolution

Steve Levesque presented the progress on business development activities, such as mailers to aviation companies and efforts to push forward with the FAA for the airport master plan. He also discussed upcoming trade events and his agreement to continue his contract for another year. Following this, Carl Flora introduced an updated resolution for the foreign trade zone, which was approved by the board.

#### 9. Discussion on Water Utility Operations

Chris Cossette to discuss changes to water rates and operations. Chris provides an overview of the data and the process for developing new rates, with plans to present the proposed rates at the April meeting. Jeremy suggests adding the discussion to the April meeting agenda, and the section concludes with a call for public comments.

10. Executive Session: Confidential discussions concerning personnel, economic development, and real estate matters under 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 under Title 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 Subparagraphs 6.A. and 6.C. Tim seconded. Vote – unanimous

There being no further business before the board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kris Doody  
Secretary