

Loring Development Authority of Maine
Board Meeting Minutes
Wed. Apr 17, 2024
154 Development Drive, Suite F
Loring Commerce Centre, Limestone, Maine

Greeting:

Good morning, everyone. Can you hear me online? Am I gonna head shake or a nod? All right, thumbs up, I'll take it. All right. Thank you everyone for joining me in person. First time since a long time that we've had board members in the boardroom. We're grateful to have you all here. I know Aroostook County for some of you who have lived here before and some of you who are from away and visited. There's a special love that is required to drive the three hours and not see buildings or people.

That last stretch from Bangor North is a little rugged, so thank you all of you for coming. With me today is Mr. Pat Paradis. He will be acting as our acting chair,

1.) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Pat Pardis at 9:58 a.m.

LDA board members participating in Person Lee Umphrey, Denise Garland, Patrick Paradis, Jeff Pangburn, Carolyn Dorsey.

LDA board members participating in an online conference are Joe Sleeper, Kristine Logan, Timothy Crowley, Grace O'Neal, Kris Doody, and Lynn Bromley.

LDA board members absent: Suzie Paradis, Benjamin M. Shaw, Galen Weibley and Kristine Logan

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

Others participating in an online conference Roger Felix, Kelly McDonald, Bruce Sargent, Bradley Sargent, Jim Pelky, Kirsten Hebert, Tim Goff, Chris Cossette, Sharon Campbell, Tony Levesque, Chuck Kelly

2.) Identification of board members and others

Board member attendance was taken.

3.) Approval of Notes: Lee Umphrey moved approval of the minutes, and Denise seconded the unanimous vote

- 4.) Grant Update Sewer Project, Roads and Grounds Project, energy assessment review and the Airport Master Plan which Steve gave us a detailed updated on
- 5.) Taste of Maine press conference. It's scheduled for 1 p.m. Bruce spoke briefly to express his enjoyment of being here
- 6.) Finance committee meeting review of reconciliation items and follow up with subcommittee report out to be given to Board directly
- 7.) Water/Sewer Rate. The Maine Rural Water Team Had a general discussion about the upcoming rate Changes and how they will affect the campus regarding timelines and impact
- 8.) Eclipse: Jon gave a summary. The Eclipse event in Limestone at the Arch Hanger had over 2,000 people show up. There was a variety of community partners. It was a huge, wild success. And we're looking forward to more. Several community members have contacted us about possibly using the Arch Hanger for their event.
- 9.) Manser Drive review of the current situation with Inland Winds. They can no longer continue managing it for us for several reasons. So, we have started asking for formal bids for property management. Property management includes collecting rents, paying utilities, general maintenance, yard care, and property management in general.
- 10.) Executive positions: the nominations for the executive positions that were vacated by the treasurer, Mr. Ben Shaw, and the former president, Mr. Jeremy Fisher. A committee will be researching who is interested in these roles
- 11.) Public comment: Green 4 Maine Made Comment
- 12.) 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

13.) Adjourn

There being no further business before the board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

