

Loring Development Authority of Maine
Board Meeting Minutes
LDA September 2024
Thursday 19th, 2024 9:30 AM
119 Weinman Rd
Loring Commerce Centre, Limestone, Maine

1.) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Lee Umphrey at 9:32 a.m.

LDA board members participating in an online conference are: Jeff Pangburn, Timothy Crowley, Jim Gardner, Denise Garland, Lee Umphrey, Carolyn Dorsey, Joe Sleeper, Kristine Logan and Grace O'Neal.

LDA board members absent: Lynn Bromley, Suzie Paradis, Kris Doody

LDA staff participating by online conference: Micheal Beaulieu and Jonathan Judkins.

Others participating in an online conference: Barb Hayslett (Rep. Golden), Trisha House-Sen. Collins, Kirsten Hebert, Chris Cossette, Tim McCabe, George Howe, Roger Felix, Jason Dionne, Scott Hinkel, Jim Pelky, Kirsten Hebert, Thomas Manning, Sharon Campbell, Tony Levesque and Chuck Kelly

2.) Identification of board members and others

Board member attendance was taken.

3.) Approval of Notes: Jim moved for the approval of the minutes and Denise seconded the unanimous vote

4.) Instead of President's Report a Tribute to Pat Paradis:

Jonathan-LDA presents a tribute to Pat Paradis, acknowledging his resignation from the board due to health issues. The presentation provides a detailed overview of Pat's extensive public service, including his roles as a legislator, treasurer, and involvement in housing development for the elderly. The speaker emphasizes Pat's significant impact on the community and the board's momentum.

5.) Financial Review and Budget Presentation:

Jonathan-LDA presents a detailed financial review, discussing income, expenses, and budget projections. He also outlines the upcoming finance committee meetings and the tight timelines for the audit process, emphasizing the need for a new audit firm. Additionally, he touches on expected expenditures and revenue sources, including a net loss due to subsidization of water and sewer services this increases is important to the

ability for the Campus to sustain itself. And without additional user will required more increases.

6.) Community Engagement and Event Planning:

Jonathan provides details about the Loring Haunted House Partnership, highlighting the community involvement and the need for liability insurance. The meeting also includes a recap of the successful Renaissance fair and updates on the Save the Arch Hanger campaign, emphasizing the collaboration with the town of Limestone and plans for event promotion.

7.) Aerospace Contracts and Initiatives:

Jonathan-LDA provides updates on various aerospace contracts and initiatives, including discussions with a satellite array company, a Ukrainian company interested in utilizing buildings for jet engine production, and a proposal from the United States Space Force for a Nexion Tower at Loring. He also mentions ongoing discussions with the FAA and the potential benefits of these initiatives for the Eastern Key Seaboard.

8.) Communication Subcommittee Report:

Jonathan reported on the Green 4 Maine subcommittee, emphasizing the productive meetings and improved communication. Jim Gardner expressed satisfaction with the progress, highlighting the importance of unified communication and building relationships with legislators. Tim Crowley and Denise Garland echoed the positive sentiments, emphasizing the focus on building communication with Green 4 Maine and the local community, and the potential impact on the region and Maine as a whole.

9.) Public Comment and Executive Session Preparation:

Congressional Colleagues Updates. Lee acknowledged the presence of congressional colleagues and invited Barb Hayslett and Trisha House-Sen. Collins to provide updates. Barb expressed gratitude for the opportunity and shared her anticipation for future meetings, while Trisha discussed the Senate's session and the potential for appropriations bills to be voted on, along with updates on bills that have passed and those expected to pass in the future.

10.) Updates on Job Corps and Community Events:

Roger Felix updates the group on the Job Corps, emphasizing the growth in student numbers and their representation at a major event in Washington, D.C. He also mentions progress in information technology training. Jonathan-LDA informs about the upcoming blow cart Oktoberfest regatta, a collaborative event with the Chamber of Commerce, featuring food trucks and a pickleball court. Request for Information on the Master Plan for Roads. Roger seeks access to the master plan for roads to respond to a federal inquiry, while Jonathan offers to share the information but encounters technical difficulties due to the large file size. The discussion also touches on the need to proactively address the inquiry and the potential impact on securing funding for the roads.

11.) Maureen from the Loring Air Museum expressed interest in participating in a subcommittee and provided updates on efforts to save the Loring Arch, emphasizing its historic value.

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. Jim 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. Jeff seconded. Vote – unanimous

13.) Adjourn

There being no further business before the board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Umphrey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.