

Loring Development Authority of Maine

Board Meeting Minutes

LDA March 20 2025

Thursday March 20th, 2025 9:30 AM

119 Weinman Rd

Loring Commerce Centre, Limestone, Maine

1.) Call to Order

Lee Umphrey called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2.) Identification of board members and others

LDA board members participating in an online conference are: Lee Umphrey, Jeffrey Pangburn, , Tim Crowley, Jim Gardner, Joseph Sleeper,

LDA board members absent: Carolyn Dorsey, Grace Oneil, Denise Garland, and Lynn Bromley.

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

Others participating in an online conference: Alan Mulherin, Barb Hayslett (Rep. Golden), Jordyn Madore (Sen. King), Trisha House ( Sen. Collins) Kameron Waff (JobCorps), MRWA, Roger Felix,, Thomas Manning (G4M), Brandy Peers (DEP), Gail Isabel, Rachel Perreault, Chuck Kelley, Steve Levesque, Tomas Manning (G4M).

3. Public Comment

Lee Umphrey highlighted the importance of public comments and confirmed the next community committee meeting on the 25th at 10 AM, while also discussing potential work sessions to streamline future board meetings. Rodger From Job Corp thanked the water team for their prompt action during a water main break, which prevented significant operational disruptions. And Kameron Waff made procedural comments

4. Minutes of Meeting Jeffrey Pangburn made motion Tim Crowley seconded passed unanimously

5. Communication Committee Update and Public Comments

Lee Umphrey highlighted the committee's goal of enhancing collaboration with Green for Maine, while Tim Crowley discussed the creation of a documented charge for the committee to clarify its objectives. This documentation aims to keep the committee focused and provide a clear

outline of its strategic partnership with Green for Maine. The committee's efforts are seen as pivotal for future planning and communication.

#### 6. Presidents Report

#### 7. Education Collaborative

Jonathan outlined the details of the upcoming Education Collaborative event, which will coincide with the Maine International Trade Tour and include various educational activities and vendors. He emphasized the importance of collaboration among multiple organizations for the event's success. Additionally, Jonathan shared updates on discussions with local legislators aimed at securing support for LDA's operations and campus improvements.

10. LDA NEW Hire Business Development Specialist Jonathan provided an update on federal funding, indicating that some grants have been put on hold due to reallocation, but essential services will not be disrupted. Trisha clarified that while CDS funds from previous fiscal years are secure, there is no expectation for FY25 funding.

#### 11. May Air Guard Event

Jonathan also mentioned the upcoming May AirGuard event, which will involve air drills and a joint service exercise.

#### 12. June Multi-Agency Training Tac Alert

Augusta 11th WMD CST As part of their event, we were approached by a secondary training group out of Augusta in the state of Maine, basically that they want to conduct a mock raid on a tactical lab. We have identified the former TAC Alert building in East Loring as their faux lab. It will be a joint service exercise by Border Patrol, Sheriff, State of Maine State Police, and then this Army group

13. Jeff moved to enter executive session for confidential discussions concerning personnel, economic development, and real estate matters pursuant to Title I MRSA Section 405, subparagraphs 6A and 6C.

#### 14.) Adjourn

There being no further business before the board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted