

**Lorain Port and Finance Authority
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Port Office
Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.**

Board of Directors: Ms. Bonilla and Kiraly; Messrs. Mullins, Nielsen, Scott and Veard (6)

Staff: Tom Brown, Executive Director
Kelsey Leyva-Smith, Office Manager
Mike Brosky, Esq., Port Attorney

Guests: None

I. Roll Call

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Brad Mullins with roll call indicating a quorum present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Disposition of Meeting Minutes

A. May 16, 2023, Special Board Meeting Minutes: Mrs. Leyva-Smith said there were no corrections or changes. Ms. Kiraly moved to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Nielsen. Motion carried.

B. June 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting: Mrs. Leyva-Smith said there were a few changes. She added Mrs. Smith as one of the staff attendees. She also added a 0 to the start time to correct it to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Veard moved to approve the meeting minutes as corrected. Second by Ms. Bonilla. Motion carried.

IV. Report of Officers

A. Chairman

1. Correspondence received:

a. Journal Jog Request Letter: Mrs. Leyva-Smith said she has been corresponding with Mr. Darryl Tucker, the managing editor at The Morning Journal. They are bringing back The Journal Jog this summer on August 20. They are offering free sign-ups for all board and staff members

interested in participating. Mr. Tucker sent a letter requesting our sponsorship for their use of the building as their staging area. They've used the building in previous years and will work around the Rockin' on the River equipment. The building is used for registration, to distribute a light breakfast and the restrooms. Mr. Nielsen moved to approve the sponsorship request. Second by Mr. Veard. Motion carried.

B. Executive Director

1. Levy Renewal: Mr. Brown said we can't really ask for valuations of renewal versus replacement until we have these resolutions in place to support either action. We're early to the gate, but it gives us plenty of time to reach out to the county and decide if we want to do renewal or replacement. When we did this five years ago, there really wasn't much of a change when comparing renewal versus replacement. With the county valuations up ticking, we think it's best to look at it again.

Mr. Mullins presented:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03, CERTIFY TO THE LORAIN PORT AUTHORITY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF LORAIN THAT HAS TERRITORY LOCATED IN LORAIN COUNTY/COUNTIES, AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY ONE (1) MILL(S) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PORT AUTHORITY OPERATING UNDER 4582.40. THIS TAX IS TO BE LEVIED UPON THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF THE SUBDIVISION. SUCH LEVY WILL BE A RENEWAL, AND BE PLACED UPON BALLOT AT THE MARCH 19, 2024, ELECTION. SAID BALLOT MEASURE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF THE SUBDIVISION. SUCH LEVY WILL BE PLACED UPON THE TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE FOR THE CURRENT TAX YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2024 FIRST DUE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2025, IF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING THEREON VOTE IN FAVOR THEREOF FOR FIVE (5) YEARS.

Ms. Kiraly moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-13. Second by Mr. Nielsen. Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Resolution passed

2. Levy Replacement:

Mr. Mullins presented:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03, CERTIFY TO THE LORAIN PORT AUTHORITY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF LORAIN THAT HAS TERRITORY LOCATED IN LORAIN COUNTY/COUNTIES, AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY ONE (1) MILL(S) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PORT AUTHORITY OPERATING UNDER 4582.40. THIS TAX IS TO BE LEVIED UPON THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF THE SUBDIVISION. SUCH LEVY WILL BE A REPLACEMENT, AND BE PLACED UPON BALLOT AT THE MARCH 19, 2024, ELECTION. SAID BALLOT MEASURE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF THE SUBDIVISION. SUCH LEVY WILL BE PLACED UPON THE TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE FOR THE CURRENT TAX YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2024 FIRST DUE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2025, IF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING THEREON VOTE IN FAVOR THEREOF FOR FIVE (5) YEARS.

Ms. Bonilla moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-14. Second by Mr. Veard. Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Resolution passed

3. BrewFest reminder: Mr. Brown said BrewFest is this Saturday, Aug. 12 from 1-6 p.m. He's hoping for a great event. Mr. Veard said it's supposed to rain.
4. The Summer Market Report: Mr. Brown said this event was at the end of last month. Resounding success. We're cleaning up a few damaged items. They broke all their records and had their biggest year. They've had their worst damage year this year. They're working with Bob for dates. We replicated what we did last year. Mrs. Erin Stack did pay \$2,100 for the rental. They

raise money for charity. Do we want to donate it back to Girls Give Back to benefit Blessings House? Mr. Brown said he spoke with Mrs. Stack about there being some sort of fee next year. We'll negotiate it. Mr. Mullins suggested donating half of \$2,100 back. Mr. Brown said he thinks that's fair. Mr. Scott agreed and moved to approve donating back \$1,050. Second by Mr. Veard. Motion approved. Ms. Kiraly asked how many people attend? Mr. Brown said it's thousands, but hard to pin down. Vendors were running out on day one and having to restock. Everyone was happy.

5. Stage fundraising: Mr. Brown said after Ms. Stacy Caddey's presentation last month, we compiled a pretty good list. On Friday, he will be sending emails to the first five or six we want to talk to for the feasibility study. We prefer in-person meetings and will make our board room available to Ms. Caddey. We compiled about 34 good leads and are going to get that down to 25.

V. Report of Committees

A. Contract Management Committee

1. Neither chairman nor vice chairman were present. No report.

B. Strategic Development Plan Committee

1. Mr. Zgonc was absent. Mr. Mullins said he had no report.

C. Marketing and Public Affairs Committee

1. Mr. Nielsen said he had no report.

D. Financial Planning and Audit Committee

1. June 2023 Financial Statement: Mr. Bonilla said to hold until next month.
2. July 2023 Financial Statement: Mrs. Bonilla said to hold until next month.

E. Bylaws and Personnel Committee

1. Mrs. Silva Arredondo was absent. She will have a bylaws meeting in September at 6 p.m. to do a bylaws review. Mr. Brown suggested for consideration moving the meetings to 6 p.m. He thinks it might work better for everyone overall. Mr. Scott moved to recommend to the Bylaws and Personnel Committee changing the meeting start time from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. Second by Mr. Veard. Motion carried.

VI. Other Business

A. None.

VII. Public Comment

A. None.

VIII. Executive Session: Purpose of Property Disposition

A. Mr. Nielsen moved to enter executive session. Second by Mr. Veard. Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Motion carried

Mr. Scott moved to exit executive session. Second by Mr. Veard. Motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

A. There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Scott moved to adjourn. Ms. Bonilla seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Brad Mullins, Chairman

Tom Brown, Executive Director