RESOLUTION NO. 2026-41

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LITTORAL SERVICES LLC FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE PLANNING ACTIVITIES AT THE BLACK RIVER WHARF THROUGH OHIO MARITIME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING, PENDING LEGAL APROVAL.

WHEREAS, the Lorain Port Authority advertised beginning May 12, 2026, for the duration of four consecutive weeks, for design and engineering services through a request for qualifications process for services in conjunction with the Black River Wharf Redevelopment Project; and

WHEREAS, the Lorain Port received two submissions, conducted interviews on August 4, 2026 with said firms, and scored those firms based upon our grading criteria with our selection committee; and

WHEREAS, the committee recommendation for the firm most qualified to enter into negotiations for services is Littoral Services LLC; and

WHEREAS, the extent of the services will be outlined in contract documents and exhibits which dictate scope of services and all fees and expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Black River Wharf Redevelopment Project activities will be funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation's Maritime Assistance Program award the port received in January of this year; and

WHEREAS, these activities will coincide with the planning work that is to be done through the US EPA Brownfields Grant that is being leveraged as a grant match for the Maritime Assistance Program.

WHEREAS, the US EPA Brownfields Grant is funding eligible activities that include an Infrastructure Assessment, a Site Revitalization Plan, a Resource Roadmap, and an Economic Vitality Analysis at the Black River Wharf property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lorain Port Authority;

SECTION I: The Executive Director or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Littoral Services LLC for services required for this phase of planning activities for the Black River Wharf Redevelopment Project which will include a Site Redevelopment Feasibility Study, a Commodity and Transportation Asset Assessment, and Preliminary Planning and Design for Seawall Infrastructure for a not to exceed amount of $150,000. In the

event that an agreement on services cannot be reached, the Lorain Port will move onto negotiating with the second ranking firm.

SECTION II: It is found and determined that all formal proceedings and actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section121.22, of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ayes: 8 **Nays: 0** **Abstain: 0** **Adopted: 08/11/2026**

Brad Mullins (Aug 20, 2026 14:50:09 EDT)

Brad Mullins, Chairman

Tiffany McClelland

Tiffany McClelland, Executive Director