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LTADD HOLDS 20TH ANNUAL MEETING

The Lincoln Trail Area Development District Board of Directors held their annual meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 1988, at the Fort Knox Officers Club. This meeting also marked the Lincoln Trail Area Development District's Twentieth Anniversary.

The day began with a tour of the Fort Knox range area and ended with a visit to a tank simulator center. After the tour, the Board of Directors met to elect Officers, the Executive Committee, and Citizen Members. The newly elected Officers are pictured below taking the oath of office: (from left to right) Mayor Gene Smith, Treasurer; Mr. J. William Corum, Chairman; Mayor Dwight Wright, Secretary; Mayor Angela Schamore, Second Vice Chairman, and Mayor Sherill Watson, First Vice Chairman (not pictured).

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The following were elected to serve on the Executive Committee:

Mr. J. William Corum
Mayor Sherrill Watson
Mayor Angela Schamore
Mayor Dwight Wright
Mayor Gene Smith
Judge Mike Abell
Mr. Sam B. Dibble, Jr.
Judge Tom Moorman

Mr. Alfred Nichols
Mayor Paul Perrine
Mr. Lawrence Spalding
Judge R. R. Thomas
Judge Glenn Tilford
Judge Tommy Turner
Mr. J. T. Whitlock
Mayor Joseph B. Hutcherson,
Ex-Officio

The following Citizen Members were elected for three-year terms:

Wathen Claycomb (LaRue)
Thelma Hall (Breckinridge)
Alfred Nichols (Washington)
Paul Steenbergen (Grayson)

Mary Dixon (LaRue)
Sarah Noe (Grayson)
Gene Spragens (Marion)
Lawrence Spalding (Marion)

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Richard Smith (Smitty) Taylor, Secretary of the Governor's Cabinet. In addition, Mayor Sherrill Watson was honored as this year's recipient of the Palmer A. "Pete" Peterson Memorial Award which is given annually to a Board Member for their outstanding contributions to the District.

LOCAL LWCF PRE-APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED

In response to the announcement that the FY 1988 Land and Water Conservation Fund cycle had "started", eight local units of government in LTADD prepared project proposals for park funding. The proposed projects are:

Caneyville Community Park
Bardstown Parks Renovation
Springfield Pool/Idle Hour Park
Hodgenville Pioneer Park

Bradfordsville Drye Corner Park
Meade County (Meade-Olin Park)
Elizabethtown University Drive
Park

In light of an approximately fifty percent reduction in Kentucky's LWCF appropriation this fiscal year, the majority of projects are not likely to receive funding. However, as in past years, a number of Lincoln Trail projects will be successful. This will continue our efforts in the region to ensure that the finest recreational opportunities are available for area residents. Project selection notification will be forthcoming.

AREA LEGISLATORS ENSURE
CONTINUANCE OF AREA DEVELOPMENT FUND

Thanks to the efforts of our area representatives to the General Assembly, the FY 88-89 Area Development Fund program will continue to be funded near its existing level. With cuts being made in the budget, there was serious threat to continuing the program at the level which local governments have depended on in recent years. Since the loss of Revenue Sharing, the Area Development Fund has been a major source of support, providing money for capital improvements, and its continued funding is essential for local governments.

The three Senators and seven Representatives in the Lincoln Trail Area Development District came to our aid voicing their concern and support. Senators Joe Wright (50th District), Virgil Pearman (10th District), Ed O'Daniel (14th District), and Representatives Donnie Gedling (18th District), Ronnie Layman (19th District), Dave Hourigan (24th District), Bud Gregory (25th District), Bill Ark (26th District), Mark Brown (27th District), and Kenny Rapier (50th District) are to be commended for their efforts.



ABOVE, Senator Joe Wright presents Meade County Judge/Executive Henry Ross and Dan Lancaster, spokesman for the Flaherty Community Ball Park, with an ADF check in the amount of \$2,000 to be used to purchase ball park bleachers.



Representative Mark Brown presents Muldraugh Mayor Paul Perrine with four ADF checks totaling \$8,523.19 to be used for fire department improvements, water meter equipment, a portable generator, and an air compressor.

Pictured below: Senator Joe Wright (at right) presented Breckinridge County and the City of Cloverport with five Area Development Fund checks totaling \$14,530.43. County Judge/Executive Tom Moorman (left) was presented with checks for \$4,475.49, \$804.94 and \$1,750 to reimburse the county for the purchase of a maintenance truck and air conditioners to be used in the Clerk's Office and the Jail. Cloverport Mayor Wayne Rogier (center) was also presented with checks for \$4,500 and \$3,000 to offset the cost of renovating the Cloverport City Hall and Community Building.



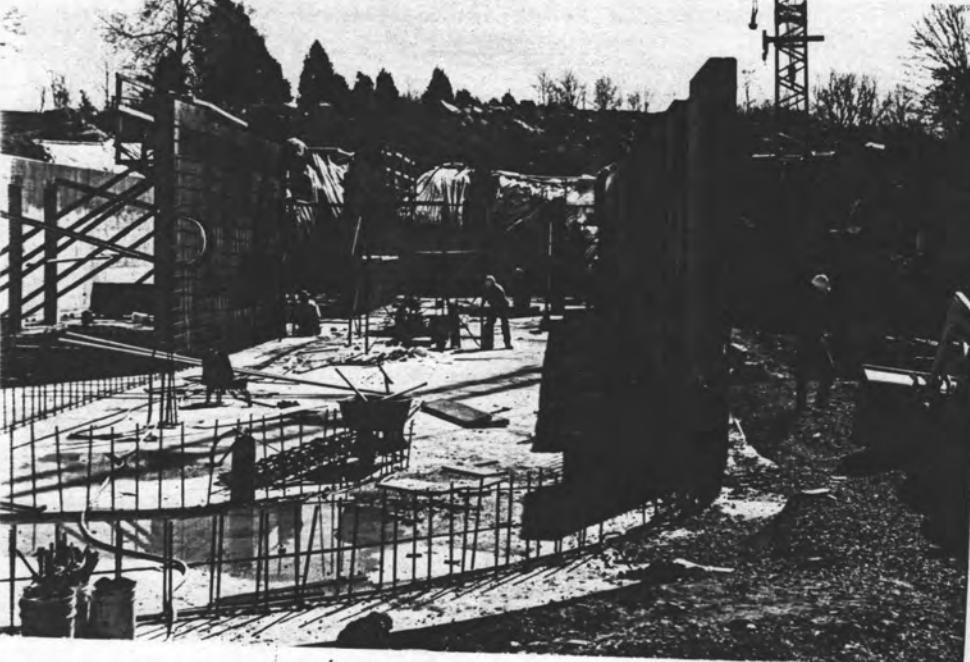
SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The Summer Youth Employment Program is underway in the Lincoln Trail Service Delivery Area. This summer, we will have a total of 662 slots in the program divided among the counties as follows: Breckinridge-66, Grayson-99, Hardin-140, LaRue-54, Marion-85, Meade-59, Nelson-105, and Washington-54. The slot numbers for each county are calculated by using a three-part formula involving Substantial Unemployment Funds, Excess Unemployment Funds, and Economically Disadvantaged Funds. We expect to serve 20 participants who meet the qualifications for Remedial Education in Breckinridge County. The major goal of the Summer Youth Employment Program is to provide work experience to participants so they may gain insight into those behaviors and attitudes necessary to achieve success in the world of work.

HODGENVILLE'S SEWER PROJECT IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The City of Hodgenville is proud to announce that its sewer project is now under construction. The City plans to build a new sewage treatment plant, rehabilitate its existing lines, and extend new lines out to the Lincoln National Park. The project is expected to cost approximately 5.1 million dollars. The City has received funding from five different Federal agencies which include the Economic Development Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, Farmers Home Administration, and a Community Development Block Grant. The project is expected to be completed by June of 1989.





WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

With the foundation completed, the walls are now being erected for the City of Vine Grove's new .715 mgd wastewater treatment plant. Construction is proceeding on schedule and is estimated to be completed by March, 1989.



GATEKEEPER PROGRAM

The Gatekeeper Program is designed to assist vulnerable older persons who are unable to seek help for themselves. A "Gatekeeper" is anyone who comes into contact with a vulnerable older person and assists with 'opening the gates' to available services. Becky Smith, Lincoln Trail Area Agency on Aging Director, recently met with employees of Nolin RECC to explain how

they can become Gatekeepers. They recognize signals that one of their consumers might be in need of assistance. If a problem is spotted, Gatekeepers can contact their local Senior Centers or Lincoln Trail ADD.

TOURISM MATCHING FUNDS ALLOCATED TO LINCOLN TRAIL AREA COUNTIES

Over \$29,000 was received within the District by non-profit organizations seeking to promote a specific event, attraction or geographic area. This program is administered by the Department of Travel Development. Tourism Matching Funds is a reimbursement program which allows fifty cents to be returned to the investor for every dollar spent. Over \$449,000 has been allocated throughout the state by the Kentucky General Assembly. Thanks to the efforts of our legislators, the program will again be funded.

"APPLE PIE DAY" A GREAT SUCCESS

During the recent legislative session, a practice which is becoming tradition saw another year. On February 18, 1988, senior citizens from across the state converged in Frankfort to meet their legislators and increase the awareness of senior issues among their representatives. Apple Pie Day is coordinated through the Kentucky Association of Older Persons (KAOP). On this day, each legislator is presented an apple pie baked by one of their constituents. Governor Wilkinson spoke to the group and assured all present of his concern regarding senior issues and his interest in in-home, community based services for the elderly. Staff from Lincoln Trail aging programs attended the session, as did a large group from the Vine Grove Senior Center.



Dorothy Dolle, Aging Program Assistant, presents an apple pie to Senator Virgil Pearman (10th District).

THIRD ANNUAL SENIOR CELEBRATION

On May 27th, the Towne Mall in Elizabethtown will be the site of the Third Annual Senior Celebration. This celebration is held each May in honor of Older Americans and focuses on activities and achievements of area seniors. All entertainment is provided by older persons and a variety of booths display their activities and interests. Some health screening will be provided including cholesterol screening and blood pressure monitoring.

LTADD REVOLVING LOAN FUND ESTABLISHED

The Lincoln Trail Area Development District has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration under the Long-Term Economic Deterioration (LTED) Section of Title IX, to establish a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). Combined with \$166,667 in local funds, the RLF program will further job creation and investment in seven counties of the Lincoln Trail region.

Eligible counties include Breckinridge, Grayson, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington. The primary program objective is private sector job creation and capital formation as it supports business creation and expansion in industrial, commercial, service, and tourism ventures.

Uses of RLF assistance include land acquisition, buildings, equipment and working capital. There is also a loan limit of \$10,000 per job. For more information, please contact Wendell Lawrence or Mike Burress at 502/769-2393.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR NEW LINCOLN TRAIL PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

At the initial meeting of the new Lincoln Trail Private Industry Council (PIC), the following officers were elected: Steve Straney, Chairman; Charles McGary, Vice Chairman; and Bob Gardner, Secretary/Treasurer. The PIC also adopted By-laws and the PIC/LEO Agreement. They also reviewed and approved the JTPA Title IIA Job Training Plan for the upcoming year.

Charles Furr and William Gaunce, from the Department for Employment Services in Frankfort, attended the meeting and provided in-service training on the Job Training Partnership Act and the role of the Private Industry Council. The Council is made up of volunteers from the private sector, education, organized labor, Department for Employment Services, rehabilitation, vocational education, community based organizations, and community development agencies.

The members of the new Lincoln Trail Private Industry Council are: Lottie Robinson, James A. Jones, David Pace, John Hardin, Paul Walker, Charles McGary, R. S. Owen Jr., Stephen Straney, Joan Tabb, Sam Wheatley, John Mattingly, Lewis Smith, Stephen Middleton, Bob Gardner, James V. Hartlage Jr., Wayne Cusick, A. G. Back, Rep. Mark Brown, and Dr. Robert Boggs. Mayor Joseph Hutcherson of Radcliff serves as the Chief Elected Official to the PIC. These people put in much of their time in providing funding and administration of JTPA which serves the job training needs of the economically disadvantaged and the labor needs of the private sector.

HARDINSBURG WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UNDERWAY

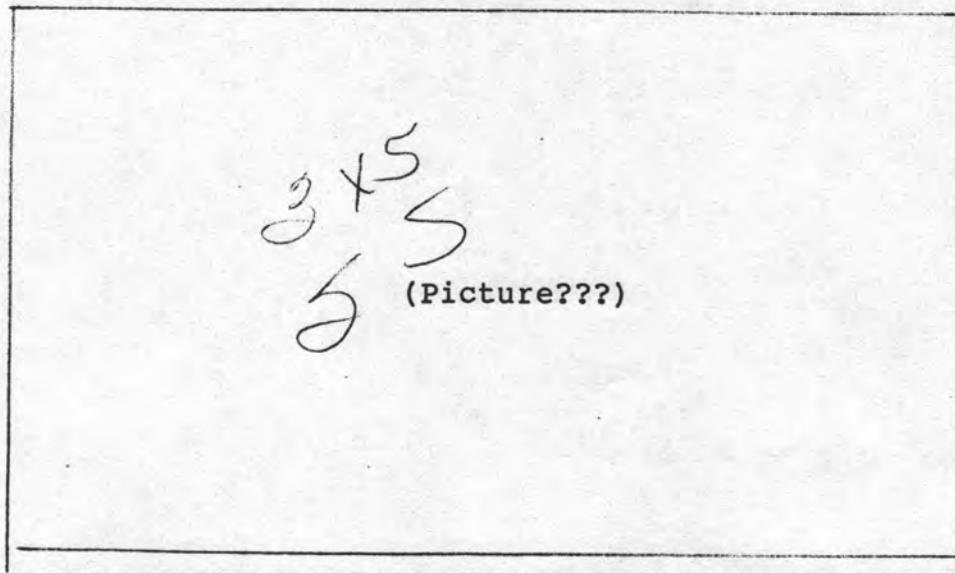
Notices to Proceed and Notices of Start of Construction were issued March 2, 1988 for the Hardinsburg Wastewater System Improvements project. The project consists of construction of a new .732 mgd wastewater treatment plant and renovation of approximately 20,000 L.F. of interceptor sewer lines. Bids were accepted and eventually awarded during the month of December. However, actual construction did not begin until mid-March.

Peters Construction Company of Owensboro, Kentucky, received Contract 1 (wastewater treatment plant construction) with a low bid of \$1,483,100. Also, with a low bid of \$486,591.31, Contract 2 (sewer line renovation) was awarded to Bluegrass Contracting Corporation of Lexington, Kentucky.

Renovation on the sewer line is expected to be completed by November of 1988, while completion of the treatment plant is expected by March of 1989.

RADCLIFF STARTS CONSTRUCTION

Construction of a Water Storage Tank in Radcliff began earlier this year. Erection of the 1,245,000 gallon water storage tank should be completed sometime this summer. The tank is located in the Longview area beside Lincoln Trail Hospital in Radcliff. The project's funding consists of a \$215,000 Community Development Block Grant along with \$165,000 furnished by Hardin County Water District #1.



Because of the lack of storage capacity, the city was able to apply for and receive a Special Project grant through the Community Development Block Grant program.

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Mayor Angela Schamore
Second Vice Chairman Breckinridge County

Mayor Dwight Wright
Secretary Washington County

Mayor Gene Smith
Treasurer Hardin County

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