

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY FROM A LOAN TO A GRANT

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) was entered by and among the CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY (“Port”), the OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ASHTABULA COUNTY (“Office”), and the ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (“Commissioners”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-56, the Commissioners created the Office for Economic Development under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 307.07; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 307.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Director of the Office, with the approval of the Commissioners, may make loans or grants and provide financial assistance for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Port recently completed a Master Plan outlining economic development needs and requested financial assistance to support implementation of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2024-144 previously authorized a \$100,000 loan from the Office to the Port; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners determined that the previously authorized \$100,000 loan to the Conneaut Port Authority shall be transitioned to a grant to support economic development activities in accordance with the Master Plan; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County that:

1. The Director of the Office of Economic Development, with the approval of the Commissioners, hereby transitions the loan into a grant for the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Conneaut Port Authority for the purpose of supporting economic development within the Port District and marina, consistent with the Port’s Master Plan.
2. The funds provided under this amendment to the MOU are not subject to repayment and shall be used by the Port solely for the purposes of economic development as outlined in its Master Plan.
3. All other terms and conditions of the original Memorandum of Understanding remain in full force and effect.
4. This amendment shall become effective on the date last signed by all parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution amends the Memorandum of Understanding and supersedes the loan provisions contained in Resolution 2024-144 and formalizes the Board’s determination that the financial assistance shall be granted rather than loaned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLOVED, a copy of the amendment to the MOU will be kept on file in this office.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2025-557

December 23, 2025

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-144 FOR THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN ASHTABULA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
THE CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY FROM A LOAN TO A GRANT**

Upon the motion of Casey R. Kozlowski, seconded by Kathryn L. Whittington.

VOTE:

J.P. Ducro IV

Aye

Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye

Kathryn L. Whittington

Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.

Lisa Hawkins

Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY, THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ASHTABULA COUNTY REGARDING CHANGE OF A LOAN TO A GRANT

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2024, the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners, Office of Economic Development and Conneaut Port Authority entered into a Memorandum of Understanding loaning \$100,000 towards Conneaut Port Authority's mission of economic development in the Port's District and marina as outlined in the Port's Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Port recently completed a Master Plan outlining economic development needs and requested financial assistance to support implementation of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlined terms relating to a \$100,000 loan from the Office to the Port; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the previously authorized \$100,000 loan to the Conneaut Port Authority shall be transitioned to a grant to support economic development activities in accordance with the Master Plan; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the MOU entered into on March 12, 2024 be hereby amended, as follows:

1. The Director of the Office of Economic Development, with the approval of the Commissioners, hereby transitions the loan into a grant for the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Conneaut Port Authority for the purpose of supporting economic development within the Port District and marina, consistent with the Port's Master Plan.
2. The funds provided under this amendment to the MOU are not subject to repayment and shall be used by the Port solely for the purposes of economic development as outlined in its Master Plan.
3. All other terms and conditions of the original Memorandum of Understanding remain in full force and effect.
4. This amendment shall become effective on the date last signed by all parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding removes the loan provisions contained in the MOU and formalizes the Board's determination that the financial assistance shall be granted rather than loaned.

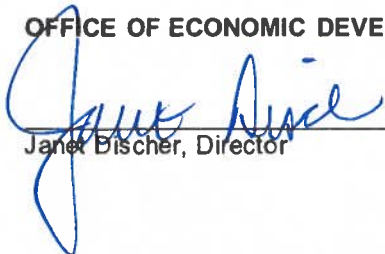
CONNEAUT PORT AUTHORITY



William Kline, Board Chairperson

Date: 12/12/2025


OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ASHTABULA COUNTY




Janet Bischer, Director

Date: 12/23/25

ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:



J. P. Dacro IV, President



Casey Kozlowski, Vice-President



Kathryn Whittington, Commissioner

Date: 12/23/25