

LINCOLN COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

Individual Authority of Board Members	BOC-000
Board of Commissioners	Jerry Bennett, Chair

This policy established guidelines for the conduct and authority of individual members of the Lincoln County Port Authority (LCPA) Board to ensure the Board operates as a unified body and maintains transparency, accountability, and compliance with applicable laws.

Board Member Authority

1. Authority of the Board as a Whole

The LCPA Board exercises its authority as a collective body. Individual board members have no authority to act or speak on behalf of the Board or the organization unless explicitly authorized by a majority vote of the board.

2. Conduct of Individual Board Members

Board members may express their personal opinions but must clarify that they are not speaking on behalf of the board unless expressly authorized.

Board members must refrain from directing staff or contractors on their own. All requests for information or action must be directed through the Executive Director or the Board as a whole.

Members must maintain confidentiality regarding privileged or sensitive information obtained through their service on the Board.

3. Representation on the Board

Board members participating in community events, meetings, or discussions may identify themselves as members but may not make commitments or take positions on behalf of the Board without prior authorization.

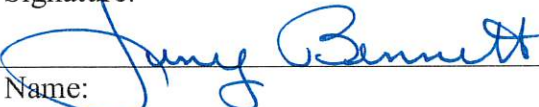

4. Communications

Board members are encouraged to share community concerns with the Board as a whole or with the Executive Director but must not independently commit the organization to action or agreements.

Official Board decisions and communications shall be made only after a vote in a properly noticed meeting in compliance with Montana's open meeting laws.

5. Violations

Violations of this policy may be addressed by the full board, including possible censure or other corrective measures deemed appropriate.

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