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**GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
HAZARD MITIGATION COUNCIL**

November 13, 2017

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Hazard Mitigation Council met on Monday, November 13, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., at the GRADD office in Owensboro, Kentucky. The following persons were in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

George Chinn, City of Hartford
Buzzy Newman, City of Henderson
Larry Koerber, Henderson County EMA
Greg Noel, Union County EMA

Jeremy Moore, Webster County EMA
Greg Beyke, City of Whitesville
Ted Self, City of Corydon

GUESTS PRESENT

Dirk Dooper, City of Owensboro
Alex VanPelt, Kentucky Department of Water
Jeff Rascoe, Green River District Health
Geni Jo Brawner, Kentucky EMA
Jennifer Marks, GRADD

William Andrews, UK Geological Survey
Jessica Austin, Green River District Health
Nick Grinstead, UK Hazard Mitigation
Jiten Shah, GRADD
Tom Lovett, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jeremy Moore called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 27, 2016, meeting of the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council were presented for approval.

Jack McCaslin, *Chairman* ■ Steve Austin, *Vice Chairman* ■ Kelly Thurman, *Secretary* ■ David Johnston, *Treasurer* ■ Jiten Shah, *Executive Director*

A motion was made by Greg Noel and seconded by Buzzy Newman to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016, meeting of the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Rating System Participation

Alex VanPelt of the Kentucky Department of Water addressed the council about the Community Rating System and encouraged communities to participate. As he explained, communities earn points for flood mitigation efforts. As the communities gain points, they receive a rating (10 being the lowest, one being the highest). For each increase in a community's rating, residents receive a discount on flood insurance. Mr. VanPelt stressed that just complying with state and federal regulations a community should earn a nine rating, which knocks five percent off insurance rates. He stressed the program was an easy way to help communities increase their flood preparedness, while saving residents and businesses some money.

B. Funding Opportunities & Overview of 2021 FEMA PDM Application

Nick Grinstead from the UK Hazard Mitigation Grant Program updated the council about where it stood in relation to grant applications with FEMA and some things the council could do pre-emptively. He pointed out that while GRADD's Hazard Mitigation Plan will not expire until 2021, the region was ahead of the ball by already having applied for funding to pay for the production of the next plan. He reminded the council that regular meetings, such as the one being held on that day, was one of the criteria keeping the region eligible for grant money from FEMA. He explained changes that FEMA would be requiring in the next hazard mitigation plan.

After these two presentations, there was discussion among those present about the CRS program. The general consensus was that it was a pretty quick and easy way to improve their communities and save residents some money.

C. Nominating Committee

The council moved to formalize the selection of Jeremy Moore as chairman and Buzzy Newman as vice chairman. After a brief discussion, it was decided to nominate the two separately.

A motion was made by Buzzy Newman and seconded by Ted Self to approve the nomination of Jeremy Moore as chairman. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Ted Self and seconded by Larry Koerber to approve the nomination of Buzzy Newman as vice chairman. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

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