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GRADD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

TO:

Members, Representatives, and Associates of the Board of

Directors of the Green River Area Development District

FROM:

Office of the District

SUBJECT:

Minutes of the Board of Director's General Membership Meeting of

February 13, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on February 13, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the GRADD office, in Owensboro. A quorum was present with members in attendance as listed below.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVIESS COUNTY:

Robert Howard, Nate Pagan, Patsy Mayfield

HANCOCK COUNTY:

Johnny Roberts, Barbara Spencer, Franklin Powers

HENDERSON COUNTY:

Steve Austin, Thomas Platt

McLEAN COUNTY:

Michael Burden, Betty Howard

OHIO COUNTY:

David Johnston, Dean Minton

UNION COUNTY:

Adam O'Nan, Melissa Coker, Randy Greenwell

WEBSTER COUNTY:

Steve Henry, Pat Clark, Ryan Hammack

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT

Green River Area Council on Aging – Susan Howard
Green River Transportation Committee – (Steve Henry)
Green River Workforce Development Board – Karen Cecil
GRADD Water Management Council – Pete Conrad
Green River Economic Development Corporation – Tammy Belt

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:

*Al Mattingly, Jr., *Henrietta Harris, *Helen Mountjoy

HANCOCK COUNTY:

All present

HENDERSON COUNTY:

*Brad Schneider, *William Markwell, *David Sellers

McLEAN COUNTY:

All present

David Johnston Chairman Brad Schneider, Vice Chairman Al, Mattingly, Jr., Secretary Steve Henry, Treasurer Jiten Shah, Executive Director







UNION COUNTY:

All present

WEBSTER COUNTY:

All present

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

Green River Regional Health Council - *Blaine Pieper

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Amelia Wilson, Congressman James Comer's Office

Rebecca Rittenhouse, Department for Local Government

Jason Ward, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Nick Hall, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Mark Welch, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Deneatra Henderson, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

R.J. Palmer, Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC

Jodi Ashby, Ohio County Economic Development Association

Chase Vincent, Ohio County Economic Development Association

Lois Decker, Murray State Small Business Development Center

Shawn Miller, DLZ

Beau Wright, Ohio County

Mike Burgess, Ohio County

Mayor George Chinn, City of Hartford

Jiten Shah, Executive Director, GRADD

Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Aging & Social Services, GRADD

Joanna Shake, Associate Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD

Tom Massie, IT Manager, GRADD

Kim Wells, Executive Assistant/Communications Manager, GRADD

Jeanette Woodward, Program Coordinator, GRADD

Kristy Clark, CCC/Family Engagement Coordinator, GRADD

Lisa Flahardy, Aging Contract Specialist, GRADD

Brad Alley, AmeriCorps Program Manager, GRADD

Jill Gray, Workforce Development Administrator, GRADD

Mariah Myres, Fiscal Manager, GRADD

Cheryl Peters, Accounting Clerk, GRADD

Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD

Gina Boaz, Regional Transportation Planner, GRADD

Skyler Stewart, Senior Infrastructure Planner, GRADD

Tom Lovett, Community Development Planner, GRADD

Jennifer Marks, Public Administration Specialist, GRADD

Madison Haycraft, Community Development Planner, GRADD

Cyndi Isbill, Support Services Technician, GRADD

Libby Watson, Support Services Technician, GRADD

Donna Conley, Receptionist, GRADD

Lee Ann Edmonson, Program Assistant, GRADD

^{*}Excused Absence

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Johnston called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Johnston called on Jiten Shah to make guest introductions.

II. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

A. Secretary's Report

Chairman Johnston presented the minutes of the December 11, 2018, GRADD Board of Directors and the January 9, 2019, GRADD Executive Committee meetings for approval.

A motion was made by Karen Cecil and seconded by Susan Howard to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018, GRADD Board of Directors and the January 9, 2019, GRADD Executive Committee meetings. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Reports

Treasurer Steve Henry presented the treasurer's report for the periods of July 1, 2018 – November 30, 2018, and July 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Tammy Belt to approve the treasurer's report for the periods of July 1, 2018 – November 30, 2018, and July 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018, which are subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Chairman Johnston introduced R.J. Palmer, Senior Vice President of Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC.

Mr. Palmer gave an overview of Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC ("Compass"), which is an independent municipal advisory firm located in Lexington, Kentucky. Its team of advisors has been a leader in Kentucky and South Carolina municipal finance for over 30 years and brings a wealth of industry knowledge and market expertise to every transaction.

He went on to report on the Kentucky Area Development Districts Financing Program, which, since 1996, has offered more than \$250 million in funding programs for small to medium-sized municipal projects.

He went on to say the primary benefits of the Program is that it provides credit enhancement, debt structure flexibility, and ease and convenience for its clients.

B. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Jiten Shah called on Amelia Wilson for an update from Congressman James Comer's office. Ms. Wilson reported Congressman Comer has been keeping a close eye on the Paradise Unit 3 Plant in Muhlenberg County, which is set to have a vote on closing the plant on Thursday, February 14, 2019. Congressman Comer is also holding Community Office hours in his 35 counties.

Jiten Shah called on Rebecca Rittenhouse for an update from the Department for Local Government. Ms. Rittenhouse reported that First Lady Glenna Bevin joined with the Governor's Office of Faith and Community Based Initiatives, Orphan Care Alliance, and 16 local organizations in Hardin County to launch "Uniting the Community." This new initiative engages the faith community, local government, and nonprofit organizations to empower Kentucky families to support foster care and adoption. Also, Governor Matt Bevin will be in Ohio County on February 15, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.

Jiten Shah called on Deneatra Henderson for an update from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 2. Ms. Henderson reported KYTC is the process of prioritizing projects that will be submitted to the legislature in early 2020.

C. Aging Area Plan/Providers Approval

Chairman Johnston called on Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Aging and Social Services. Ms. Williams reported that in December she brought to the Board the providers that made bids to provide GRADD services. They were approved and staff was asked to enter into non-competitive negotiations with those providers. Ms. Williams presented the following providers for approval as all negotiations have been finalized.

- Senior Community Center of Owensboro Daviess-County;
- Hancock County Fiscal Court
- The Gathering Place
- McLean County Fiscal Court
- Ohio County Fiscal Court
- Union County Fiscal Court
- Webster County Fiscal Court
- Canteen (Congregate Meals and Home-Delivered Meals)

A motion was made by Susan Howard and seconded by Tammy Belt to approve the above-stated providers. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Williams went on to review the Regional Aging Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2020, which tells what services GRADD will be providing and who will provide them.

The Green River Area Council on Aging approved the Plan on February 12, 2019, and are submitting to the GRADD Board of Directors for final approval.

A motion was made by Susan Howard and seconded by Nate Pagan to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Regional Plan Update. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. <u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS</u>

Skyler Stewart presented the following Regional and Statewide EOs:

Mark French Farms

Community Ventures KY201812041169

Owensboro-Daviess County Airport Fuel Tank Relocation
Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport KY201812191209

Marine Sewage Pumpout Facility Construction and Maintenance in KY Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources KY201812201211

I-69 Ohio River Crossing

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet KY201901040014

A motion was made by Michael Burden and seconded by Barbara Spencer to recommend endorsement of the above-stated Regional and Statewide EOs. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

A. <u>Chairman Comments</u>

Chairman Thurman made the following comments:

- The Kentucky Council of Area Development District's (KCADD) Legislative Breakfast & Board meeting will take place on February 14, 2019, in Frankfort. The Breakfast will be at the Capitol Annex cafeteria beginning at 7:00 a.m., and the KCADD Board meeting will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the Capitol Education Center; and
- Two conferences remain in Fiscal Year 2019; they are the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Washington Policy Conference, March 18 20, 2019, in Washington, DC, and the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) 53rd Annual Conference, June 9 12, 2019, in Omaha, NE.

B. Executive Director Comments

Jiten Shah made the following comments:

- The following have been nominated to the following positions: Mayor Patsy Mayfield as the Daviess County Mayor's Representative; Mayor Betty Howard as the McLean County Mayor's Representative; and Mayor Randy Greenwell as the Union County Mayor's Representative;
- GRADD held a Newly Elected Officials Orientation on January 9, 2019;
- GRADD also held a Legislative Breakfast on February 2, 2019;
- GRADD received several grant notifications:
 - o A grant in the amount of \$1,350 from the Kentucky Mental Health and Aging Coalition to host a training for "Mental Health First Aid";
 - GRADD received a grant from Eastern Kentucky University in the amount of \$25,000 to provide Educational Neglect Prevention and Family Engagement services to identified families in the Owensboro and Daviess County School Systems; and
 - o GRADD received a sustainability grant in the amount of \$70,000 from the National Council on Aging, to continue operating a Benefits Enrollment Center for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019; and
- GRADD held the Mark French Farms check presentation on February 6, 2019.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Green River Workforce Development Board

Chairperson Karen Cecil presented the minutes of the November 8, 2018, Green River Workforce Development Board meeting.

A motion was made by Karen Cecil and seconded by Susan Howard to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2018, Green River Workforce Development Board meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairperson Cecil also reported the Green River Workforce Development Board met on February 6, 2019. Beth Davisson, Executive Director of the Kentucky Chamber Workforce Center, made a presentation on Talent Pipeline Management. A Memorandum of Understanding with the Kentucky Career Center Certification and the Industry Certification List was approved and will be submitted to the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board. Matt Bartlett, Project Director, ResCare Workforce Services presented information regarding the progress and activities made to date.

B. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee

Chairman Steve Henry reported the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee met on November 28, 2018.

The committee elected officers for 2019 and passed a resolution in support of the modernization of Kentucky's transportation funding mechanisms.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2018, GRADD Regional Transportation Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Green River Area Council on Aging

Chairperson Susan Howard presented the minutes of the December 4, 2018, Green River Area Council on Aging meeting.

A motion was made by Susan Howard and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018, Green River Area Council on Aging meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairperson Howard also reported the Green River Area Council on Aging met February 12, 2019. At this meeting, Leah Jacobs, Patient Navigator with the Green River District Health Department spoke on heart health. Provider reports and program updates were presented, as well as, details regarding a successful Silver Bells project during December. A report was also provided regarding the successful Senior Advocacy Day held at the Capitol Annex in Frankfort on February 5, 2019. The Area Aging Plan Update was presented and approved.

D. GRADD Water Management Council

Chairman Pete Conrad reported the GRADD Water Management Council met on January 22, 2019. At this meeting, Jennifer Peters from the Department for Local Government discussed possible public facility project funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Spring Lane Sewer Extension Project was also presented and approved.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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