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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 Directors' General Membership Meeting of June 10, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on June 10, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom, teleconference, and on Facebook Live. A quorum was present with members in attendance as listed below.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Al Mattingly, Jr., Nate Pagan, Henrietta Harris, Helen Mountjoy, Patsy Mayfield
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Johnny Roberts,
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Brad Schneider, William Markwell, David Sellers, Steve Austin
McLEAN COUNTY:	Betty Howard, Vicki Hughes
OHIO COUNTY:	David Johnston, Paul Sandefur, Dean Minton
UNION COUNTY:	Adam O'Nan, Randy Greenwell, Melissa Coker
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Steve Henry, Pat Clark

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT

Green River Area Council on Aging – (Henrietta Harris)
GRADD Water Management Council – Pete Conrad
Green River Economic Development Corporation – Tammy Belt

Green River Transportation Committee – (Steve Henry)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	*Robert Howard
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Lora Basham, *Franklin Powers
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Janeth Nicolas
McLEAN COUNTY:	*Curtis Dame
OHIO COUNTY:	All present
UNION COUNTY:	All present
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Ryan Hammack

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

Green River Regional Health Council – Blaine Pieper
Green River Workforce Development Board – Karen Cecil

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Congressman Brett Guthrie, United States House of Representatives
Representative Suzanne Miles, Kentucky State Representative
Timothy Gilliam, Senator Mitch McConnell's Office
Amelia Wilson, Congressman James Comer's Office
Mark Lord, Congressman Brett Guthrie's Office
Jason Hasert, Senator Rand Paul's Office
Alex Caudill, Department for Local Government
Commissioner Dennis Keene, Department for Local Government
Billie Johnson, Department for Local Government
Jennifer Peters, Department for Local Government
Mark Williams, Department for Local Government
Mayor George Chinn, City of Hartford
Lona Murphy, Hancock County Senior Center
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Trey Pedley, Associate Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Jodi Rafferty, Associate Director for Workforce Development, GRADD
Debra James, Associate Director of Finance & Administration, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Aging and Social Services, GRADD
Tom Massie, IT Manager, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant/Communications Manager, GRADD
Gina Boaz, Regional Transportation Planner, GRADD
Blake Edge, Community Development Planner, 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 welcomed those viewing the meeting via Zoom and those who are watching via Facebook Live.

Chairman Johnston called on Kim Wells to conduct roll call.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Chairman Johnston presented the minutes of the May 13, 2020, GRADD Executive Committee meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr. and seconded by Brad Schneider to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2020, GRADD Executive Committee meeting. 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, 2019 – January 31, 2020, July 1, 2019 – February 29, 2020, July 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020, and July 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Steve Austin to approve the treasurer's report for the periods of July 1, 2019 – January 31, 2020, July 1, 2019 – February 29, 2020, July 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020, and July 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Chairman Johnston introduced Billie Johnson, Department for Local Government. Ms. Johnson gave an overview of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. Kentucky has received approximately \$3 million to disburse to its cities and counties for their COVID-19 expenditures. A specific amount has been set aside depending on each city/county based on their population. Requests for eligible expenses run from March 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020. Application may be found at <http://kydlgweb.ky.gov>.

Chairman Johnston introduced Congressman Brett Guthrie. Congressman Guthrie reported in response to recent events that have occurred in Minneapolis and Louisville, the House is focusing on justice reform. He also suggested that if any elected officials have ideas that might assist them in making decisions on how to move forward to please contact him.

Congressman Guthrie also spoke on loss of revenue due to COVID-19 and that it is more than first expected.

B. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Joanna Shake called on Alex Caudill for an update from Governor Andy Beshear's office. Mr. Caudill reported that incentives for meeting credits have been extended through 2021 for elected officials. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet should be announcing a new field representative soon, and Governor Andy Beshear has been working hard to reopen Kentucky.

Joanna Shake called on Amelia Wilson for an update from Congressman James Comer's office. Ms. Wilson reported Congressman Comer has continued to be accessible and engaged via telephone town halls with constituents, during these uncertain times.

Joanna Shake called on Timothy Gilliam for an update from Senator Mitch McConnell's office. Mr. Gilliam reported Senator McConnell has been traveling the state and recently made a stop in Owensboro to thank healthcare workers. Senator McConnell and other elected officials are looking at the next steps for COVID-19 relief. Also, other legislation in the works is the Great American Outdoors Act which will bring much-needed resources to the long-deferred maintenance and upkeep in parks and other public lands and will secure permanent support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Joanna Shake called on Jason Hasert for an update from Senator Rand Paul's office. Mr. Hasert reported Senator Paul has had several town hall meetings and one was held recently in Owensboro. He is also concerned with the agriculture economy, a specific concern being dairy cattle farmers. Coal continues to remain a focus and Mr. Hasert noted Judge/Executive Steve Henry's charge in reclaiming coal funds and bringing them back to Western Kentucky.

Joanna Shake called on Representative Suzanne Miles for an update from Frankfort. Representative Miles reported interim meetings have begun and most are working on legislation for 2021.

C. Daviess County Spotlight

Judge/Executive Al Mattingly, Jr. gave an update on Daviess County. He noted that the county has had a decent budget year but it is difficult to predict revenue at this time. Judge Mattingly also announced that the ROMP Festival, which takes place at Yellow Creek Park, has been postponed to 2021. Also, new to the county is the Daviess County Gun Club, which has shooters coming from several states to the sporting clay and skeet shooting complex.

There is also a new spray park in the works at Horse Fork Creek Park.

D. Fiscal Year 2021 Draft Budget

Treasurer Steve Henry reported the Finance Committee met on May 28, 2020, to discuss the Fiscal Year 2021 Draft Budget and are submitting for final approval. Treasurer Henry went on to review the revenues and the expenditures which include a \$500 salary increase. He also explained potential revenue sources for the coming fiscal year.

Bill Markwell questioned the Sister Region elimination from the budget. Chairman Johnston explained he has asked Vice Chairman Brad Schneider to put together a committee to review the sustainability of the exchanges.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by
Randy Greenwell to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Draft Budget.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Blake Edge presented the following Regional EOs:

Webster County Courthouse Security Project
Webster County Fiscal Court KY20200403-0446

Sandy Lee Watkins Park Walking Trail
Henderson County Fiscal Court KY20200420-0547

McLean County Digital Works
McLean County Fiscal Court KY20200415-0520

Hancock County School System Radio Repeaters
Hancock County Fiscal Court KY20200323-0355

Dunbar Park Walking Trail
City of Morganfield KY20200423-0566

A motion was made by Bill Markwell and seconded by
Randy Greenwell to recommend endorsement of the above-stated
Regional EOs. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairman Comments

Chairman Johnston made the following comments:

- An Annual Dinner 2020 Committee was selected. Members include: Judge/Executive Johnny Roberts, Mayor Paul Sandefur and GRADD staff Kim Wells, Skyler Stewart, and Donna Conley;
- A Sister Region Evaluation Committee was selected to review the continuation of the exchanges. Members include: Judge/Executive Brad Schneider, Bill Markwell, and Kim Wells;
- The GRADD Executive Committee will meet on July 8, 2020, at the GRADD office;
- The GRADD Board of Directors will meet on August 12, 2020, at the GRADD office if the boardroom can accommodate current social distancing guidelines. J.C. Young, Executive Director, Kentucky Magistrates & Commissioners Association will be the guest speaker; and
- Trey Pedley has joined the GRADD as the Associate Director for the Community & Economic Development Department.

B. Executive Director Comments

Joanna Shake reported she will send an update and comments to the board via email.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee

Chairman Steve Henry reported the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee met on February 26, 2020. At this meeting, J.T. Jones with the Webster County Road Department presented information concerning a project Webster County is undertaking to create an inventory of their road assets using GPS. The group was also informed that a letter was sent, on their behalf, to Secretary Elaine Chao, US Department of Transportation, supporting the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application, which is seeking funding for Phase One of the I-69 Ohio River Crossing. Also reviewed was the 2020 GRADD Regional Transportation Committee Guide, KYTC Fiscal Year 2020-2026 Recommended Six-Year Highway Plan, and Fiscal Year 2020 Major Freight Users/Major Traffic Generators Update.

B. GRADD Water Management Council

Chairman Pete Conrad reported the GRADD Water Management Council met on April 23, 2020, via Zoom. Linda Bridwell gave an update on the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) and Clay Horton from the Green River District Health Department gave an update on COVID-19. The following four water projects were approved:

- Lewisport County Booster Pump Station;
- Henderson Clearwell Improvement Project;
- Henderson Raw Water Intake Project; and
- Henderson Main Street Water Project (REVISION).

Also approved were the following three sewer projects:

- Corydon Sewer Generator Project;
- Corydon Pump Station Rehab Project; and
- Atkinson Park Sewershed Project (Henderson).

Chairman Conrad also reported the next meeting will be held on June 18, 2020. Heather Stevenson with the Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA) will discuss the Apprenticeship Program offered by KRWA. Edith Halblieb, Executive Director of KIA, will also be giving an update on the Intended Use Plan

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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



Al Mattingly, Jr., Secretary