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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 August 12, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on August 12, 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, Robert Howard

HANCOCK COUNTY: Lora Basham

HENDERSON COUNTY: Brad Schneider, William Markwell, David Sellers, Steve Austin, Janeth Nicolas

McLEAN COUNTY: Curtis Dame, Vicki Hughes

OHIO COUNTY: David Johnston, Paul Sandefur

UNION COUNTY: Adam O'Nan, Randy Greenwell, Melissa Coker

WEBSTER COUNTY: Steve Henry, Pat Clark, Ryan Hammack

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)
Green River Regional Health Council – Blaine Pieper

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVISS COUNTY: *Helen Mountjoy, Patsy Mayfield
HANCOCK COUNTY: *Johnny Roberts, Franklin Powers
HENDERSON COUNTY: All present
McLEAN COUNTY: Betty Howard
OHIO COUNTY: Dean Minton
UNION COUNTY: All present
WEBSTER COUNTY: All present

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

Green River Workforce Development Board – *Karen Cecil

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Secretary Michael Adams, Secretary of State
Representative Suzanne Miles, Kentucky State Representative
Amelia Wilson, Congressman James Comer's Office
Corey Elder, Congressman James Comer's Office
Jason Hasert, Senator Rand Paul's Office
Alex Caudill, Department for Local Government
Doug Taylor, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Deneatra Henderson, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Mayor Doug Rodgers, City of Sturgis
Mayor George Chinn, City of Hartford
Kim Humphrey, Riverview Coal
Dr. Jason Warren, Henderson Community College
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Trey Pedley, Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Jodi Rafferty, Director for Workforce Development, GRADD
Debra James, Director of Finance & Administration, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, 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
Skyler Stewart, Senior Infrastructure Planner, GRADD
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Reenee Fogle, Payroll Coordinator, GRADD
Cheryl Peters, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Lisa Flahardy, Aging Contracts Specialist, GRADD
Kristy James, CCC/Family Engagement Coordinator, GRADD
Brad Alley, AmeriCorps Program Director, 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

Secretary Al Mattingly, Jr, presented the minutes of the June 10, 2020, GRADD Board of Directors meeting and the July 8, 2020, GRADD Executive Committee meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr. and seconded by Adam O’Nan to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2020, GRADD Board of Directors meeting and the July 8, 2020, GRADD Executive Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Henry presented the treasurer’s report for the periods of July 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020, and July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the treasurer’s report for the periods of July 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020 and July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Vice Chairman Brad Schneider introduced Secretary of State Michael Adams. Secretary Adams gave an update on preparations being made for the upcoming November general election. He reported a Poll Worker Volunteer Portal has been established at www.govoteky.com. The portal forwards an application on to the volunteer’s county clerk, who will then contact the volunteer. The number of poll workers in Kentucky is critically low and the availability of poll workers will dictate the number of polling locations available on election day.

Secretary Adams also reported on the plan that was approved by Governor Andy Beshear on how the November election will be conducted. Major parts of the plan include voters of any age or health condition who believe they are at risk from COVID-19, may vote by absentee ballot. Early in-person voting will begin on October 13, 2020 and will include Saturday voting. Also, a photo identification will be required; however, absentee voters who have a photo identification but are not able to provide a copy of it, will still be able to vote.

B. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Jason Hasert gave an update from Senator Rand Paul's office. Mr. Hasert reported Senator Paul wants to see the United States economy reopen as much as possible and get people back to work. Senator Paul participated in a Zoom meeting with superintendents of schools to discuss their concerns with reopening schools. He also has proposed legislation that would freeze the increase in spending for two years, which would save \$2 trillion.

Doug Taylor gave an update from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Rural and Municipal Aid. Mr. Taylor reported budgets for next year are currently being drafted. He also stated that if anyone has specific projects to discuss, please contact him.

Suzanne Miles gave an update from Congressman Brett Guthrie's office. Ms. Miles reported Congressman Guthrie was in Daviess County on August 11, 2020, for a meeting with Judge/Executive Al Mattingly, Jr., Mayor Tom Watson, and Mayor Patsy Mayfield.

Deneatra Henderson gave an update from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Ms. Henderson reported the Cabinet had anticipated a \$160 million shortfall, which turned out to be only a \$56 million shortfall. Also, they are waiting on new quarterly reports before making decisions on projects.

Corey Elder gave an update from Congressman James Comer's office. Mr. Elder reported Congressman Comer continues to assist constituents with navigating issues with stimulus check and paycheck protection loans. Congressman Guthrie is now the top Republican for the Oversight and Reform Committee, which reviews transparency in government and keeps an eye on wasteful spending.

Alex Caudill gave an update from Governor Andy Beshear's office. Mr. Caudill reported over 200 applications have been received for CARES Act Reimbursements. Announcements will be forthcoming for Henderson, Morganfield, Clay, and Uniontown. He noted almost \$16 million will be distributed in Western Kentucky. Lastly, he reported several questions have been asked about utility disconnects as the moratorium is still in place, but more information will be coming soon.

C. West Kentucky Coalition Update

Vice Chairman Brad Schneider gave an update on the recently assembled West Kentucky Coalition.

Vice Chairman Schneider explained the purpose of the Coalition is to provide a platform for which the western counties in Kentucky can come together to share and promote a common and coordinated level of support on issues that affect our region at the local, state, and federal levels. He went on illustrate the annual dues structure, which is based on population of the cities and counties. A meeting of those interested in the coalition is scheduled for September 23, 2020, in Madisonville. Once more information about this meeting is confirmed, it will be distributed to interested parties.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Blake Edge presented the following Regional EOs:

National Guard Armory Community Center of Henderson
City of Henderson KY202006290852

Ravine Sewer Upgrade
Regional Water Resource Agency KY202007170928

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr., and seconded by Bill Markwell 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 comment:

- GRADD Regional Awards will launch in January 2021. Chairman Johnston appointed Judge/Executive Brad Schneider, Judge/Executive Steve Henry, Nate Pagan, and Tammy Belt to a committee to review the application and selection process.

B. Executive Director Comments

Joanna Shake made the following comments:

- GRADD has several personnel updates. Debra James, Finance Director has announced her retirement, effective October 1, 2020; Mariah Myres has been named Interim Finance Director effective July 1, 2020; Trey Pedley has announced his resignation effective September 11, 2020; Blake Edge has been named Interim CED Director effective August 1, 2020; and Hunter Phillips will be coming on board full-time in CED as the Community Development Planner August 17, 2020; and
- A meeting with the telephone system consultants is scheduled for

August 19, 2020. A report will be available at the next meeting.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Green River Workforce Development Board

Jodi Rafferty presented the minutes of the February 5, 2020, Green River Workforce Development Board for approval.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by Henrietta Harris to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2020, Green River Workforce Development Board. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Jodi Rafferty reported the Green River Workforce Development Board also met on August 5, 2020. At this meeting, guest speakers from Thomas P. Miller and Associates provided an update on strategic planning efforts. A planning retreat for the Workforce Development Board members is scheduled for September 1 & 2, 2020. The budget for Fiscal Year 2021 was also presented and approved.

B. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee

Chairman Steve Henry presented the minutes of the February 26, 2020, GRADD Regional Transportation Committee for adoption.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Adam O’Nan to adopt the minutes of the February 26, 2020, GRADD Regional Transportation Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. GRADD Water Management Council

Chairman Pete Conrad presented the minutes of the April 23, 2020, GRADD Water Management Council for approval.

A motion was made by Pete Conrad and seconded by Steve Austin to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2020, GRADD Water Management Council. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Pete Conrad reported the GRADD Water Management Council also met on June 18, 2020. At this meeting Heather Stevenson gave an overview of the Kentucky Rural Water Association Apprenticeship Program. Edith Helen also gave an update on the Kentucky Intended Use Plan.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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



Al Mattingly, Jr., Secretary

David Johnston, Chairman

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