



## **GRADD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**TO:** Members and Associates of the Green River Area Development District Board of Directors

**FROM:** Office of the District

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Board of Directors' General Membership Meeting of April 14, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on April 14, 2021, 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**

<b>DAVIESS COUNTY:</b>	Al Mattingly, Nate Pagan, Robert Howard, Henrietta Harris, Lauren Osowicz
<b>HANCOCK COUNTY:</b>	Johnny Roberts
<b>HENDERSON COUNTY:</b>	Brad Schneider, David Sellers
<b>McLEAN COUNTY:</b>	Curtis Dame, Vicki Hughes, Betty Howard
<b>OHIO COUNTY:</b>	David Johnston, Paul Sandefur
<b>UNION COUNTY:</b>	Adam O'Nan, Randy Greenwell
<b>WEBSTER COUNTY:</b>	Steve Henry, Ryan Hammack, Pat Clark

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT**

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

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT**

<b>DAVIESS COUNTY:</b>	Patsy Mayfield
<b>HANCOCK COUNTY:</b>	Franklin Powers, Lora Basham
<b>HENDERSON COUNTY:</b>	Steve Austin, William Markwell, Janeth Nicolas

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McLEAN COUNTY: All present  
OHIO COUNTY: Dean Minton  
UNION COUNTY: Melissa Coker  
WEBSTER COUNTY: All present

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

Green River Workforce Development Board – \*Karen Cecil

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Representative Jonathon Dixon, Kentucky State Representative  
Representative DJ Johnson, Kentucky State Representative  
Jason Hasert, Senator Rand Paul's Office  
Corey Elder, Congressman James Comer's Office  
Brad Davis, GO-EDC  
Kirsten Jaggers, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet  
Dr. Jason Warren, Henderson Community College  
Chris Wooldridge, Murray State University  
Joe Berry, Malcom Bryant Corporation  
Shawn Miller, HMB Professional Engineers, Inc.  
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD  
Blake Edge, Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD  
Jodi Rafferty, Director for Workforce Development, GRADD  
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance, GRADD  
Jennifer Williams, Director for Aging and Social Services, GRADD  
Jessie Howard, Public Administration Specialist, GRADD  
Skyler Stewart, Senior Infrastructure Planner, GRADD  
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant/Communications Manager, GRADD

\*Excused Absence

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Chairman Schneider called on Kim Wells to conduct roll call.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the February 10, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by

Pat Clark to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the March 10, 2021, GRADD Executive Committee meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Tammy Belt to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021, GRADD Executive Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Adam O'Nan presented the Treasurer's Report for the periods of July 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021 and July 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the Treasurer's Report for the periods of July 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021 and July 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. National Day of Service Proclamation

Chairman Brad Schneider called on Joe Berry with the Serve Kentucky Commission to deliver the National Day of Service Proclamation. Joe Berry explained that the Serve Kentucky Commission is a statewide, bipartisan group of 25 members, appointed by the Governor, each offering a diverse service and volunteerism background. Serve Kentucky's mission is to engage Kentuckians in volunteerism and service to positively impact our communities. Mr. Berry reported during the 2020 program year, local AmeriCorps members offered 39,523 hours of service, Senior Corps provided 206,619 hours of service and VISTA members provided 3,593 hours of service. He then read the National Day of Service Proclamation which recognizes April 6, 2021, as National Service Recognition Day.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Paul Sandefur to approve the National Day of Service Proclamation. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Scope of Work

Chairman Schneider called on Joanna Shake to review the Scope of Work for Fiscal Year 2022.

Joanna Shake explained the Scope of Work is constantly evolving as new

programs and funding sources continue to be added. Ms. Shake noted the Scope of Work captures projects that are currently under development and includes the influx of CARES Act funding. She reviewed programs and projects from GRADD's Community and Economic Development, Social Services and Workforce Development Departments.

A motion was made by Curtis Dame and seconded by Henrietta Harris to approve the Scope of Work for Fiscal Year 2022. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Committee Reports

1. Green River Workforce Development Board

Jodi Rafferty presented the November 4, 2020, minutes of the Green River Workforce Development Board.

A motion was made by Betty Howard and seconded by Vicki Hughes to approve the November 4, 2020, minutes of the Green River Workforce Development Board. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Jodi Rafferty reported the Green River Workforce Development Board had met on February 3, 2021. An oral report was given at the February 10, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Rafferty provided information on the Request for Proposal for the One Stop Operator and Direct Service Provider at the Kentucky Career Center. The Workforce Development Board Executive Committee will meet later in April to review the proposals and make a full report to the Workforce Development Board at the May 5, 2021, meeting. The Kentucky Career Center will open on April 15, 2021, for in-person unemployment insurance assistance. These meetings will be by appointment only and the Career Center is anticipating a full day of meetings. Individual county assistance may be considered in the future but for now the Owensboro Career Center will field all meetings. A regional planning meeting was held on April 8, 2021 to discuss the local and regional plan that must be submitted based on WIOA law.

2. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee

Chairman Steve Henry presented the November 25, 2020, minutes of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee for approval.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Adam O'Nan to approve the November 25, 2020, minutes of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Henry also reported the next meeting of the Regional

Transportation Committee will take place on April 28, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the GRADD office. This will be a hybrid meeting with attendees meeting in person and via Zoom.

3. Green River Economic Development Corporation

Chairperson Tammy Belt reported the Green River Economic Development Corporation met on February 3, 2021. At this meeting, the Riverview Restaurant in Hancock County and Izzy's Italian Restaurant in Union County were reviewed and approved. The moratorium request for Planters Coffee House and the defederalization of the traditional Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) award were discussed. Chairperson Belt announced that GRADD has received 95 application requests for CARES Act funding. Of those, 26 applications were submitted totaling \$1.49 million, 13 loans have been approved totaling \$627,500 and 219 jobs have been retained or created.

4. GRADD Water Management Council

Chairman Pete Conrad reported the GRADD Water Management Council had met on March 18, 2021. At this meeting, Sandy William, new deputy director for the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, was the guest speaker. Skyler Stewart continues to conduct system visits; ninety percent have been completed. Hunter Phillips continues to work on Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the Green River area.

5. Green River Area Council on Aging

Chairperson Henrietta Harris also reported the Green River Area Council on Aging met on April 6, 2021. At this meeting, Kay Ewing, Community Educator for Injury Prevention, at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital spoke about "Exercise for Older Adults After COVID-19." She shared some practical advice about how to get started with a regular exercise regimen, some precautions to take and the overall benefits of keeping the body moving. Provider reports and program updates were presented. In-Home Services Manager, Amber Phelps, announced the Feed Seniors Now initiative has kicked off and groceries will be delivered to low-income seniors on May 12, 2021. Jennifer Williams shared that the Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) has announced that senior centers can begin reopening July 2021. National Health Care Decision Day will be held on April 16, 2021. April is also National Volunteer Appreciation Month, and May is Older Americans Month. The 2021 theme for Older Americans Month is "Communities of Strength."

D. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Corey Elder gave an update from Congressman James Comer's office. Mr. Elder reported Congressman Comer remains concerned with border control and how the administration is handling the crisis. There have been discussions about an infrastructure package which Congressman Comer believes should be used on roads, bridges, and rural broadband.

Jason Hasert gave an update from Senator Rand Paul's office. Mr. Hasert reported Senator Paul has been making in person visits and was recently in Russellville and plans

to be in the GRADD region in June. Senator Paul's virtual Military Service Academy Information Fair will take place on April 20, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. CT.

Mr. Hasert also reported on the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant, which provides assistance for eligible venues affected by COVID-19. More information on this grant will be sent to the board.

Representative Jonathon Dixon gave an update from Frankfort. Representative Dixon reported that prior to the closing session of the legislature 90 positions had been added to assist with unemployment insurance and \$10 million had been earmarked for unemployment insurance, to assist with issues that have arose during the pandemic.

Chris Wooldridge gave an update from Murray State University. He reported students will begin finals the first week in May and administration hopes to welcome back students in person in the fall. Murray State has also created a partnership with the Kentucky League of Cities and hopes to foster the same type of partnership with the Kentucky Association of Counties.

Dr. Jason Warren gave an update from Henderson County Community College (HCC). Dr. Warren reported summer and fall enrollment continues with both in-person and virtual classes being offered. HCC will honor its graduates on May 6 & 7, 2021. Also Dr. Warren reported HCC is proud to offer a new minority scholarship.

#### IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW

Jessie Howard presented the following Regional EO's:

**Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program**  
Federal Transit Administration KY2021-0301-0300

**Airline Road Sports Complex Project Development Phase II**  
City of Henderson KY2021-0309-0370

**Ohio County North Park Playground**  
Ohio County Fiscal Court KY2021-0316-0426

**DR 4540 City of Slaughters Office Building Generator**  
City of Slaughters KY2021-0318-0435  
**DR 4540 Hancock County Back-Up Generator Project**  
Hancock County Fiscal Court KY2021-0317-0433

**DR 4540 City of Sacramento Fire Department Generator**  
City of Sacramento KY2021-0317-0432

**DR 4540 Daviess County Emergency Operations Center Generator**  
Daviess County Fiscal Court KY2021-0317-0430

**DR 4540 City of Beaver Dam Generator**  
City of Beaver Dam KY2021-0318-0436

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by  
Curtis Dame to approve the above-stated Regional EO's.  
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Joanna Shake reported GRADD has closed on four loans since the February meeting. Those include Riverview Restaurant in Hancock County, Izzy's Italian Restaurant in Union County, Apothecary and Hot Mess Momma Boutique both in Daviess County. Ms. Shake noted there is still approximately \$2.3 million in funding available. The Feed Seniors Now food drive is underway. Items may be donated until April 30, 2021 and delivery day to seniors is May 12, 2021. Ms. Shake was excited to announce that GRADD had received a \$500 donation from Owensboro Health to assist with the drive. The STAND Against Child Abuse will take place on April 16, 2021, in the parking lot of Towne Square Mall in Owensboro from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Brad Schneider asked for volunteers to participate on the Annual Dinner Committee. Anyone who is interested may contact Kim Wells.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Steve Henry, Secretary

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Brad Schneider, Chairman

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