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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 April 10, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on April 10, 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

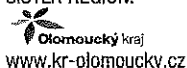
DAVIESS COUNTY:	Al Mattingly, Jr., Henrietta Harris, Helen Mountjoy, Robert Howard, Nate Pagan, Patsy Mayfield
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Johnny Roberts, Barbara Spencer, Franklin Powers
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Brad Schneider, William Markwell, David Sellers, Steve Austin, Thomas Platt
McLEAN COUNTY:	Michael Burden, Vicki Hughes
OHIO COUNTY:	David Johnston, Paul Sandefur
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
Green River Regional Health Council – Blaine Pieper

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	All present
HANCOCK COUNTY:	All present
HENDERSON COUNTY:	All present
McLEAN COUNTY:	*Betty Howard
OHIO COUNTY:	Dean Minton
UNION COUNTY:	All present
WEBSTER COUNTY:	All present

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Amelia Wilson, Congressman James Comer's Office
Jason Hasert, Senator Rand Paul's Office
Tim Gilliam, Senator Mitch McConnell's Office
Rebecca Rittenhouse, Department for Local Government
DJ Johnson, Governor Matt Bevin's Office
Mayor George Chinn, City of Hartford
Mark Welch, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Deneatra Henderson, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Mayor George Chinn, City of Hartford
Doug Taylor, HWN
Will McDowell, Kentucky Utilities
Summer Crick, Webster County Economic Development
Jodi Ashby, Ohio County Economic Development
Jiten Shah, Executive Director, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Aging & Social Services, GRADD
Joanna Shake, Associate Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Jodi Rafferty, Associate Director for Workforce Development, GRADD
Debra James, Associate Director of Finance & Administration, GRADD
Tom Massie, IT Manager, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant/Communications Manager, GRADD
Jeanette Woodward, Program Coordinator, GRADD
Amber Gebhard, ADRC Coordinator, GRADD
Kristy Clark, CCC/Family Engagement Coordinator, GRADD
Brad Alley, AmeriCorps Program Manager, GRADD
Jessica Burk, Case Manager, GRADD
Jessica Sexton, Service Advisor, GRADD
Jill Gray, Workforce Development Administrator, GRADD
Michelle Drake, Workforce Training and Business Administrator, GRADD
Paula Snyder, Workforce Development Manager, GRADD
Cheryl Peters, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Skyler Stewart, Senior Infrastructure Planner, GRADD

*Excused Absence

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Tom Lovett, Community Development Planner, GRADD
Jennifer Marks, Public Administration Specialist, GRADD
Jessie Howard, Local Government Analyst, GRADD
Cyndi Isbill, Support Services Technician, GRADD
Donna Conley, Receptionist, GRADD
Lee Ann Edmonson, Program Assistant, GRADD
Carolynn Kelley, AmeriCorps Program Assistant, GRADD
Ken Lawson, NCOA Outreach Specialist, GRADD
Lana Galloway, Service Advisor, GRADD
Kelsey Taylor, Intern, GRADD
Peace Anene, Intern, GRADD
Hannah Colvin, Intern, GRADD

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. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Secretary Al Mattingly, Jr., presented the minutes of the February 13, 2019, GRADD Board of Directors and the March 13, 2019, GRADD Executive Committee meetings for approval.

A motion was made by Karen Cecil and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019, GRADD Board of Directors and the March 13, 2019, GRADD Executive Committee meetings. 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, 2018 – January 31, 2019, and July 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Adam O'Nan to approve the treasurer's report for the periods of July 1, 2018 – January 31, 2019, and July 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019, which are subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Chairman Johnston introduced Representative Suzanne Miles. Representative Miles reported on several bills that were passed during the 2019 legislative session.

Representative Miles also reported on future legislation which could include tighter regulations on telemarketers, road funding (gas tax), and school safety.

Chairman Johnston introduced Senator Robby Mills. Senator Mills reported that HB 358 was vetoed by Governor Matt Bevin. This bill would have allowed postsecondary education institutions and other agencies to cease participation in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System. Senator Mills also reported that four pro-life bills were introduced and all passed, as well as the Foster Care Bill of Rights.

B. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Jiten Shah called on Suzanne Miles for an update from Congressman Brett Guthrie's office. Ms. Miles reported Congressman Guthrie is leading the way to lower the cost of pharmaceuticals and he will be back in Daviess and Hancock Counties. Once those dates have been determined, Ms. Miles will pass the information on to the group.

Jiten Shah called on Tim Gilliam for an update from Senator Mitch McConnell's office. Mr. Gilliam reported Senator McConnell will be in Owensboro on April 22, 2019, for a luncheon at the Owensboro Riverport.

Jiten Shah called on Jason Hasert for an update from Senator Rand Paul's office. Mr. Hasert reported Senator Paul introduced amendments to the Natural Resources Management Act, a bill that covers issues affecting federal lands. These amendments would allow for access of waterways feeding into Lake Cumberland for the purpose of installing docks, boat slips, and marinas. Mr. Hasert also reported that if cities or counties were having difficulties with FEMA, with regard to the recent flooding in Kentucky, those affected should call Senator Paul's office for assistance to move those funds along.

Jiten Shah called on Amelia Wilson for an update from Congressman James Comer's office. Ms. Wilson reported Congressman Comer announced that the Marshall County Board of Education has been selected to receive \$460,064 in funding through the Project School Emergency Response to Violence (SERV) Program, to help with school violence recovery efforts. Under the Project SERV Program, funds are allocated to local school districts and institutions of higher education to help them recover from a violent or traumatic event in which the learning environment has been disrupted.

Jiten Shah called on Rebecca Rittenhouse for an update from the Department for Local Government. Ms. Rittenhouse reported there will be a foster care event in McCracken County on May 2, 2019. More information on the event can be found at www.weareky1.com.

Jiten Shah called on DJ Johnson for an update from Governor Matt Bevin's office. Mr. Johnson commended the legislators in attendance for their willingness to work together during the legislative session. He also suggested that if he could be of any assistance to the GRADD region he would be more than happy to assist.

Jiten Shah called on Deneatra Henderson for an update from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 2. Ms. Henderson reported applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) are being accepted through May 3, 2019. These funds provide funding for surface transportation projects such as on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation, and safe routes to school projects.

Jiten Shah called on Will McDowell with Kentucky Utilities. Mr. McDowell introduced himself as he has filled Deborah Gray's position at Kentucky Utilities since her retirement.

Jiten Shah called on Kristy Clark for an update on the upcoming STAND Against Child Abuse. Ms. Clark reported the STAND would take place on Friday, April 12, 2019, on the front lawn of Kentucky Wesleyan College. There will be several vendors, bounce house; and a balloon release in memory of those children that have lost their lives to abuse. Ms. Clark invited everyone to attend.

C. National Service Day Proclamation

Madison Silvert, with the Serve Kentucky Commission presented a National Service Recognition Day Proclamation proclaiming April 10, 2019, as National Service Recognition Day. Mr. Silvert went on to say that in program year 2018, local AmeriCorps members offered 64,623 hours of service, while Senior Corps members provided 209,880 hours of service in the Green River Area in a vast variety of community nonprofit organizations, while demonstrating dedication and patriotism that remains with them in future endeavors.

A motion was made by Randy Greenwell and seconded by Helen Mountjoy to approve the National Service Day Proclamation. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Scope of Work – Fiscal Year 2020

Jiten Shah presented the Fiscal Year 2020 Scope of Work, which is a compilation of all programs and services administered at GRADD in the Social Services, Community & Economic Development, and Workforce Development departments. It is being submitted for review and approval.

A motion was made by Helen Mountjoy and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Scope of Work. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. The Tradewater, LLC Loan Review

Tammy Belt reviewed the Tradewater, LLC loan summary. Amanda Deibler is requesting \$150,000 to be used for building acquisition, building improvement, and equipment purchase for a café in Morganfield.

A motion was made by Adam O’Nan and seconded by Michael Burden to approve the Tradewater, LLC loan in the amount of \$150,000. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

F. Staff Service Award

Tabled for the June meeting.

G. Know Your Board Member/Staff Spotlight

Jiten Shah gave a PowerPoint presentation on GRADD Board of Directors member Judge/Executive Johnny Roberts and GRADD staff Jessica Bullington.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Skyler Stewart presented the following Regional EOs:

Canoe Creek/Elam Ditch Overflow Project
City of Henderson KY201903280270

Ohio County Parks Improvement Project
Ohio County Fiscal Court KY201903060190

Sturgis Golf Course Equipment
Union County Fiscal Court KY201903220254

A motion was made by Randy Greenwell and seconded by Tammy Belt 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:

- The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) will hold its annual conference June 9 – 12, 2019, in Omaha, Nebraska. Any board member wanting to attend will need to confirm by April 22, 2019.

B. Executive Director Comments

Jiten Shah made the following comments:

- Governor Matt Bevin held a town hall meeting in Ohio County on February 15, 2019;
- The Ohio County Health Fair took place on March 12, 2019;
- The I-165 Signing Ceremony took place in Bowling Green on March 26, 2019;
- Owensboro held a Veterans Fair on March 28, 2019;
- The Daviess County Fiscal Court proclaimed April as Child Abuse Awareness Month at their April 4, 2019, meeting;
- The STAND Against Child Abuse will take place on April 12, 2019, on the front lawn of Kentucky Wesleyan College. All are welcome to attend;
- A GRADD Board of Directors Training will be held at GRADD on April 16, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This training is mandatory for all GRADD board members;
- Congratulations to Webster County on receiving \$30,596 for the Soil Maps for the Seismic Hazard Planning Project;
- Congratulations to the City of Sebree on receiving \$910,827 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for their Sanitary Sewer Replacement project;
- Congratulations to the City of Calhoun on being awarded a \$1million in CDBG funds to upgrade the current wastewater treatment plant;
- Welcome to GRADD Peace Anene, Intern, Social Services; Lana Galloway, Service Advisor, Social Services; Jessica Sexton, Service Advisor, Social Services; Maria Whitney, ADRC Counselor, Social Services; and Jessie Howard, Local Government Analyst, CED.

Jiten Shah also unveiled GRADD's new website along with its new tag line: Enriching Communities. Empowering People.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GRADD Water Management Council

Chairman Pete Conrad presented the minutes of the January 22, 2019, GRADD Water Management Council meeting.

A motion was made by Pete Conrad and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019, meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Conrad also reported the GRADD Water Management Council met on March 21, 2019. At this meeting, Sonny Renfrow and Lance Wilson of McLean County Regional Water Commission spoke on the newly operational water plant and made recommendations on regionalization.

The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2019. Dustin Horn, Don Schierer, and Julie Bickers from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) will be the guest speakers.

B. Green River Area Council on Aging

Chairperson Susan Howard presented the minutes of the February 12, 2019, Green River Area Council on Aging meeting.

A motion was made by Susan Howard and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019, 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 on April 2, 2019. Guest speaker Alysia Adams, Director of Trauma Services at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital, reported that the number one trauma presented at OHRH is falls; and the vast majority of those fall victims are seniors. Ms. Adams provided information about how to reduce risks for falls, and encouraged the council to join the hospital in starting a "Safe Aging Coalition." This coalition will consist of community partners, as well as council members, and will report to the Aging Council as a new subcommittee. Provider reports and program updates were presented. Staff reported the success of the Mental Health First Aid Training held in March. It was announced that Senior Day Out has been scheduled for September 26, 2019, and the Feed Seniors Now program has been rescheduled for the Fall. Jennifer Williams invited the council members to the GRADD Volunteer Luncheon to be held on April 25, 2019. In addition, Ms. Williams announced that April 16, 2019, is National Healthcare Decisions Day and the month of May is Older Americans Month. The senior centers in each county will have special programming around these events.

C. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee

Chairman Steve Henry presented the minutes of the February 27, 2019, GRADD Regional Transportation Committee meeting.

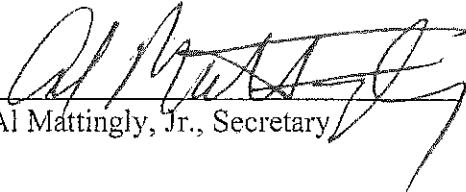
A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Michael Burden to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2019, GRADD Regional Transportation Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Green River Economic Development Corporation

Chairperson Tammy Belt reported the Green River Economic Development Corporation met on April 3, 2019. The Corporation reviewed the Revolving Loan Fund portfolio; all loans are current; there is approximately \$1.4 million available to lend; and there is \$129,000 available in USDA loan funds. The Corporation also discussed Opportunity Zones and the potential for investments within the region. Also reviewed and approved was a loan request for funding from Tradewater Café totaling \$150,000.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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


Al Mattingly, Jr., Secretary

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