

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVISS COUNTY: *Nate Pagan
HANCOCK COUNTY: All present
HENDERSON COUNTY: *William Markwell, *David Sellers, *Steve Austin
McLEAN COUNTY: Curtis Dame
OHIO COUNTY: *Paul Sandefur, Dean Minton
UNION COUNTY: All present
WEBSTER COUNTY: All present

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

Green River Regional Health Council – Blaine Pieper

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Timothy Gilliam, Senator Mitch McConnell's Office
Amelia Wilson, Congressman James Comer's Office
Rachel McCubbin, Senator Rand Paul's Office
Corey Elder, Congressman James Comer's Office
Alex Caudill, Department for Local Government
Troy Eblen, Kemper CPA Group
Debbie Hammers, USDA – Rural Development
Mayor George Chinn, City of Hartford
Mayor Jesse Johnson, City of Livermore
Dr. Scott Williams, Owensboro Community & Technical College
John Renfrow, City of Livermore
Denney Quisenberry, City of Fordsville
Kristie May, City of Fordsville
Miranda Funk, Ohio County Fiscal Court
Jodi Ashby, Ohio County Economic Development Alliance
Meredith Steiner, Webster County
Deneatra Henderson, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, District 2
Keirsten Jagers, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, District 2
Marissa Haight, Brescia University
Jacob Mulliken, *Messenger-Inquirer*
Jiten Shah, Executive Director, 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
Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Aging and Social Services, GRADD
Tom Massie, IT Manager, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant/Communications Manager, GRADD
Rita Gazell, Data Services Manager, GRADD

*Excused Absence

Lisa Flahardy, Aging Contract Specialist, GRADD
Amber Gebhard, ADRC Coordinator, GRADD
Heather Mullican, District LTC Ombudsman, GRADD
Kristy James, CCC/ Family Engagement Coordinator, GRADD
Sarah Duncan, Participant Directed Services Manager, GRADD
Ursula Mabrey, Services Coordinator, GRADD
Michelle Drake, Workforce Training and Business Administrator, GRADD
Jill Gray, Workforce Development Administrator, GRADD
Mariah Myres, Grants & Contracts Fiscal Coordinator, GRADD
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Cheryl Peters, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Reenee Fogle, Payroll Coordinator, GRADD
Charity DeHart, CDO Financial Manager, GRADD
Sarah Dowell, CDO Finance Assistant, GRADD
Britney Ammon, CDO Finance Assistant, GRADD
Gina Boaz, Regional Transportation Planner, GRADD
Jennifer Alvey, GIS Analyst, GRADD
Jessie Howard, Local Government Analyst, GRADD
Blake Edge, Community Development Planner, GRADD
Skyler Stewart, Senior Infrastructure Planner, GRADD
Jennifer Marks, Public Administration Specialist, GRADD
Tom Lovett, MPO Coordinator, GRADD
Cyndi Isbill, Support Services Technician, GRADD
Libby Watson, Support Services Technician, GRADD
Donna Conley, Receptionist, GRADD
Carolynn Kelley, AmeriCorps Program Assistant, GRADD
Lee Ann Edmonson, Program Assistant, GRADD
Donna Behl, ADRC Counselor, GRADD
Logan Hart, CED 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 also welcomed new board member Lora Basham. Ms. Basham will be serving as the mayor's representative for Hancock County.

Chairman Johnston called on Jiten Shah to make guest introductions.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Chairman Johnston presented the minutes of the December 11, 2019, GRADD Board of Directors meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Adam O’Nan and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2019, GRADD Board of Directors 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 – November 30, 2019, and July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019.

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 – November 30, 2019, and July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Vice Chairman Brad Schneider introduced Troy Eblen, Kemper CPA Group. Mr. Eblen reported on the many services offered at Kemper CPA Group. He also reviewed the highlights of changes for 2019 tax filings.

B. Ohio County Spotlight

Judge/Executive David Johnston gave a presentation on Ohio County, which included its Bluegrass roots, industrial and manufacturing businesses, and tourism in the county.

C. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Jiten Shah called on Timothy Gilliam for an update from Senator Mitch McConnell’s office. Mr. Gilliam reported on key legislation that Senator McConnell was able to secure. Those included, \$410 million to begin construction on the VA Hospital in Louisville, \$25 million to assist with the Asian Carp problem at Kentucky Lake, secured funding for the American Miners Act of 2019, which secures funding for the 1974 miner pension plan and also gives them protection should a mine close down, and secured funding to continue the name change signage for the Western Kentucky Parkway.

Jiten Shah called on Amelia Wilson for an update from Congressman James Comer’s office. Ms. Wilson reported there are USDA grants available for broadband and if anyone should need a letter of support, to please contact Congressman Comer’s office.

Jiten Shah called on Rachel McCubbin for an update from Senator Rand Paul’s office. Ms. McCubbin reported Senator Paul’s office will hold an Academy Fair on April 21, 2020, in Bowling Green to discuss what is required to gain an appointment to military school.

Jiten Shah called on Alex Caudill for an update from Governor Andy Beshear's office. Mr. Caudill introduced himself as he is the new field representative for the GRADD region. He also reminded the group that the Kentucky Association of Counties will be at GRADD on February 27, 2020, for a budget and insurance workshop.

D. Title VI Plan Resolution

Tom Lovett reported that, if approved, the Title VI Resolution will assure GRADD and the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Commission programs, services, and activities will be free from discrimination. This is an annual requirement for agencies that receive federal financial assistance from the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Randy Greenwell and seconded by Betty Howard to approve the Title VI Plan Resolution.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Services

Jiten Shah reported GRADD has received its Audit Engagement Letter from Kemper CPA Group for Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Services. This engagement is the third year of the current five-year proposal. The State Auditor's Office has declined to perform GRADD's audit for FY 2020.

A motion was made by Randy Greenwell and seconded by Karen Cecil to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Audit be performed by Kemper CPA Group. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

F. Fiscal Year 2020 Regional Aging Plan Update

Jennifer Williams gave an overview of the Fiscal Year 2021 Regional Aging Plan Update. The plan outlines the services that will be offered in the GRADD region for the program year.

A motion was made by Karen Cecil and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Regional Aging Plan Update. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

G. I-69 Ohio River Crossing Letter of Support

Vice Chairman Brad Schneider referenced a letter of support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's INFRA grant application, seeking funding for Phase One of the I-69 Ohio River Crossing (ORX).

A motion was made by Pete Conrad and seconded by Johnny Roberts to approve the letter of support for Phase One of the I-69 Ohio River Crossing. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

H. Know Your Board Member/GRADD Staff Spotlight

Jiten Shah gave a PowerPoint presentation on GRADD Board member Lora Basham and GRADD staff Blake Edge.

I. Staff Service Award

Chairman Johnston presented GRADD staff Britney Ammon, Heather Mullican, and Ursula Mabrey with ten-year service awards. He thanked them for their continued dedicated service to GRADD.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Blake Edge presented the following Regional EOs:

City of Clay Natural Gas Line Relocation
City of Clay KY201912111343

Yellow Creek Water Main Replacement
City of Lewisport KY201911221301

Lewisport UV and Headworks Upgrade
City of Lewisport KY201911221302

Morganfield Camp Breckenridge Building Restoration
Union County Fiscal Court KY201912181368

DR4428 Uniontown Levee Pump Station Generators
Union County Fiscal Court KY 202001130010

A motion was made by Adam O’Nan 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:

- The Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts (KCADD) Legislative Breakfast will take place on February 13, 2020, at 7:00 a.m. EST, at the Capitol Annex Café in Frankfort. Following the breakfast there will be a KCADD Board Quarterly meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. EST, in room 154 of the Capitol Annex;
- GRADD will hold its first of two Legislative Breakfasts on Saturday, February 22, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the GRADD office. The other breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2020;
- Congratulations to Union County on receiving \$5,149 from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Protection Program Grant for the purchase of 10 duty weapons and ammunition for the Union County Sheriff's Department; and
- Congratulations to the City of Beaver Dam on receiving \$2,660 from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Law Enforcement Protection Program Grant for the purchase of four body armor vests for the Beaver Dam Police Department.

B. Executive Director Comments

Jiten Shah made the following comments:

- Congratulations to GRADD's newest Certified Grant Administrators for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program: Blake Edge, Jessie Howard, Jennifer Alvey, Gina Boaz, and Tom Lovett;
- Renee King with iTumble & Bounce, LLC is GRADD's latest Revolving Loan Fund client. Ms. King received a loan in the amount of \$120,000 for the purchase of a building on East Second Street in Owensboro to relocate and expand iTumble & Bounce;
- The Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) Day at GRADD will be held on February 27, 2020. KACo will be hosting its annual Local Government Budget Workshop and Insurance Forum. Visit www.kaco.org to register; and
- A Veterans Resource Fair/Stand Down will be held on March 26, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Owensboro National Guard Armory. All veterans, active duty, retired military, national guard, reservists, and military families are invited to attend.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee

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

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Adam O’Nan to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2019, GRADD Regional Transportation Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Green River Area Council on Aging

Chairperson Henrietta Harris presented the minutes of the December 3, 2019, meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Henrietta Harris and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019, Green River Area Council on Aging meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairperson Harris reported the Green River Area Council on Aging also met on February 4, 2020. At this meeting, provider reports and program updates were presented. Staff reported the success of the Silver Bells project during December and shared that there were many seniors who were assisted during open enrollment for Medicare Part D. Green River reported a savings of \$97,530.32. Humana donated funds across the state to assist with meals for seniors. The portion for GRADD was \$3,395, which will provide 340 shelf stable meals for 68 home delivered meal clients. Jennifer Williams presented the Area Aging Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2021 and explained that very few changes have been made.

C. Green River Economic Development Corporation

Chairperson Tammy Belt presented the December 4, 2019, minutes of the Green River Economic Development Corporation.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2019, Green River Economic Development Corporation. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. GRADD Water Management Council

Chairman Pete Conrad presented the minutes of the December 5, 2019, meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council.

A motion was made by Pete Conrad and seconded by Bob Howard to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2019, GRADD Water Management Council. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. Green River Workforce Development Board

Chairperson Karen Cecil reported the Green River Workforce Development Board met on February 5, 2020. Owensboro Community and Technical College and UniFirst Corporation representatives shared information regarding the GO FEMALES project, which is targeting females in manufacturing. The financial report through December 31, 2019, was presented and approved. An update of the Workforce Board's strategic planning efforts was provided, as well as by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Career Development Office, and ResCare Workforce Services.

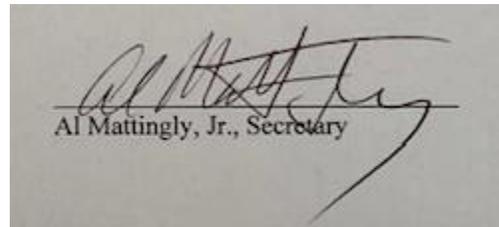
F. Executive Director Search Committee Update

Chairman Brad Schneider stated the Executive Director Search Committee reviewed and interviewed individuals for the position of Executive Director. After careful consideration, the committee is recommending Joanna Shake as the new executive director of GRADD effective May 1, 2020.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Adam O'Nan to appoint Joanna Shake as the new Executive Director effective May 1, 2020. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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



Al Mattingly, Jr., Secretary