

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 August 10, 2022.

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on August 10, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the Owensboro Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum, 311 West 2nd Street, Owensboro, KY. A quorum was present with members in attendance as listed below.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Nate Pagan, Henrietta Harris, Lauren Osowicz
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Johnny Roberts
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Brad Schneider, Mayor David Sellers, Mayor Steve Austin, Bill Markwell
McLEAN COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Curtis Dame, Mayor Jesse Johnson
OHIO COUNTY:	Judge/Executive David Johnston, Mayor Paul Sandefur
UNION COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan, Mayor Randy Greenwell, Melissa Coker
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Steve Henry, Mayor Pat Clark

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT

Green River Transportation Committee – (Judge/Executive Steve Henry)
Green River Workforce Development Board – Mickey Dunbar
Green River Area Council on Aging – (Henrietta Harris)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	*Judge/Executive Al Mattingly, *Robert Howard, *Mayor Patsy Mayfield
HANCOCK COUNTY:	*Mayor Chad Gregory, Franklin Powers
HENDERSON COUNTY:	*Janeth Nicolas
McLEAN COUNTY:	*Mayor Betty Howard
OHIO COUNTY:	Dean Minton
UNION COUNTY:	All present
WEBSTER COUNTY:	*Ryan Hammack

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

Green River Economic Development Corporation – *Tammy Belt
GRADD Water Management Council – Pete Conrad

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Representative DJ Johnson, Kentucky Representative
Gilbert Mischel, Senator Mitch McConnell's Office
Corey Elder, Congressman James Comer's Office
Alex Caudill, Department for Local Government
Dr. Jason Warren, Henderson Community College
Charlotte Whittaker, AARP
Scott Wegenast, AARP
George Chinn, City of Hartford
Cathy Chinn, City of Hartford
Brad Davis, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Director for Aging and Social Services, GRADD
Jodi Rafferty, Director for Workforce Development, GRADD
Blake Edge, Director of Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Sarah Duncan, Waiver Director, GRADD
Michelle Drake, Workforce Training and Business Administrator, GRADD
Charity DeHart, Waiver Finance Manager, GRADD
Leslie Wilson, Community Services Manager, GRADD
Sarah Clark, Lead MP Case Manager, GRADD
Kristy James, CCC/Family Engagement Coordinator, GRADD
Britney Ammon, Waiver Payroll Coordinator, GRADD
Katelynn Buckman, Waiver Finance Assistant, GRADD
Andrew Law, Waiver Case Manager, GRADD
Melissa DeLeon, CCC Coordinator/PEM Facilitator, GRADD
Glenda Wedding, Aging Case Manager, GRADD
Maria Velazquez, Waiver Case Manager, GRADD
Therese McGinnis, Waiver Case Manager, GRADD
Jessie Howard, Special Projects Coordinator, GRADD
Tom Massie, IT Manager, GRADD
Andrew Rudkosky, Network Administrator, GRADD
Gina Boaz, Economic Development Specialist, GRADD
Tom Lovett, MPO Coordinator, GRADD
Sarah Dowell, Fiscal Contracts Coordinator, GRADD
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Cheryl Peters, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Reenee Fogle, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant, GRADD
Lee Ann Edmonson, SHIP Counselor, GRADD
Nancy Williams, ADRC Counselor, GRADD
Ruth Brown, Medicaid Waiver Liaison, GRADD

*Excused absence

Donna Behl, ADRC Counselor, GRADD
Marissa Haight, Waiver Finance Intern, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chris Joslin, Executive Director of the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum opened the meeting with an instrumental version of the *National Anthem*.

Chairman Brad Schneider called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He thanked Chris Joslin and his staff for the accommodations for the meeting today.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the May 11, 2022, GRADD Executive Committee meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by David Johnson to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2022, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the June 15, 2022, GRADD Board of Directors meeting approval.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2022, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Adam O'Nan presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022.

A motion was made by Adam O'Nan and seconded by David Johnson to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Treasurer Adam O'Nan presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

A motion was made by Adam O'Nan and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AARP Check Presentation

Charlotte Whittaker, AARP Kentucky State President, presented Mayor Paul Sandefur and the City of Beaver Dam with a check in the amount of \$12,000 from the AARP Community Challenge Grant. Funds will be used to advance the next historical legacy project which includes turning old wooden doors into artwork depicting the city's history.

B. Brownfield Assessment Resolution

Blake Edge presented the Brownfield Assessment Resolution to the board for review and approval. This resolution authorizes GRADD to apply for a Brownfield Assessment Grant through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the amount of \$500,000 in federal funding.

A motion was made by Adam O'Nan and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the Brownfield Assessment Resolution. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Medicaid Waiver Overview

Sarah Duncan gave an overview of the Medicaid Waiver Program which provides in-home and community support for individuals with physical, intellectual or developmental disabilities. The program provides funding for caregivers so the individuals can remain safe and supported in their own home and in the community. Mrs. Duncan also provided a by-the-numbers for each county that included the number of recipients and how much in employee wages the program pays.

D. Safe Streets for All Resolution

Tom Lovett presented the Safe Streets for All Resolution to the board for review and approval. This resolution authorizes GRADD to apply for the Safe Streets for All Planning Grant through the United States Department of Transportation in the amount of \$250,000 to develop a comprehensive transportation safety action plan.

A motion was made by Steve Austin and seconded by Adam O'Nan to approve the Safe Streets for All Resolution. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. Impact Report

Joanna Shake presented the GRADD County Partnership Impact Report which illustrates what cities, counties and communities have accomplished in the last year and half in the areas of economic development, social services, transportation and workforce development, by collaborating with GRADD.

F. Committee Reports

1. Green River Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Brad Davis reported the Green River EDC met on June 1, 2022. At this meeting, the Corporation approved a traditional loan request for Grand Stable, LLC in Daviess County. GRADD staff gave an update on loans that have been closed since May 2022. They are:

- Art Lab of Owensboro (Daviess)
- 54 Cosmetics (Daviess)
- 2.0 Barber (Daviess)
- Edelen Chiropractic (Daviess)
- Conrad's Sawmill (McLean)
- Building Blocks Therapy Clinic (Daviess)
- Kim's Diner (Daviess)
- Truly Gifted (Hancock)

Mr. Davis reported all of GRADD's \$3,310,000 COVID-19 funding has been allocated. The 50 loans resulted in 367 jobs over two years retained or created and loans were made in all GRADD's seven counties. Of the 50 loans:

- 14-percent are minority owned businesses
- 60-percent are women owned businesses
- 74-percent of the loans total minority and women owned businesses

2. Green River Area Council on Aging

Chairperson Henrietta Harris presented the June 7, 2022, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Henrietta Harris and seconded by Johnny Roberts to approve the June 7, 2022, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairperson Henrietta Harris reported the Green River Area Council on Aging met on August 2, 2022. At this meeting, provider and program reports were presented. GRADD's Jessie Howard provided a brief overview of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document and provided an opportunity for input regarding strengths and weaknesses of GRADD's communities in the areas of older persons and individuals with disabilities. Jennifer Williams shared a description of three aging council subcommittees that are being convened to address the top three needs identified by the most recent regional needs assessment. They are outreach to diverse populations, food insecurity, and mental health. Each group has been asked to work together to develop and implement an action plan to address their area of concern over the next year. Ms. Williams introduced new staff and provided department updates.

The Green River Senior Nutrition Program has been allocated an additional \$1.2 million to serve those on the current waiting list and to expand the meals program. Staff and providers will be working together to accomplish this in the coming months. Also, it was announced the Department for Aging & Independent Living (DAIL) will be absorbing the Personal Care Attendant Program (PCAP) at the state level, effective January 1, 2023. GRADD staff will work with DAIL to ensure a smooth transition.

3. GRADD Water Management Council

Blake Edge reported the Green River Area Development District Water Management Council met on June 16, 2022. At this meeting, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update was given. A total of six projects were presented for approval, five drinking water and one wastewater. All six projects were approved. Cheyton Pendley shared an update on the Lead & Copper Rule. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) has allocated \$46 million for Fiscal Year 2022 and this amount will be available for the next five years for Lead Service Line Replacements and will have principal forgiveness. Cheyton Pendley will send a copy of the DRAFT Priority System Guidance for Lead Service Line Replacements. This guidance covers what projects are eligible for these funds, the methodology they will use and the ranking criteria. As a reminder, a draft guidance will be distributed but it may be subject to change, as the final guidelines are decided. Cheyton Pendley gave an update concerning the Senate Bill 36/Cleaner Water Grant Program and announced a second round of Senate Bill 36 funds that will follow the same process as the first round. The first round allocated \$150 million; the second round will allocate \$250 million across the state.

Members of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Kentucky Emergency Management, & Department of Homeland Security (DHS) presented the kickoff for the CISA Infrastructure Resiliency Pilot Project. GRADD is working to develop a comprehensive plan for water infrastructure resiliency in the GRADD region and surrounding areas with the assistance of CISA, KYEM, DHS.

4. Green River Workforce Development Board

Chairman Mickey Dunbar reported the Green River Workforce Development Board met on August 3, 2022. At this meeting, Bart Darrell, Vice President of the Commonwealth West Healthcare Workforce Innovation Center, provided information regarding the overall initiative. He stated the Innovation Center will offer classes and programs in a wide range of healthcare career fields. The facility will provide exciting, hands-on learning experiences and simulate “real world” healthcare environments. Quarterly partner updates were provided by Equus Workforce Solutions, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Career Development Office.

G. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Alex Caudill gave an update from the Department of Local Government (DLG). Mr. Caudill reported Governor Andy Beshear would be in Spottsville for the Spottsville Bridge Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on August 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Governor Beshear will also be in Ohio County on August 17, 2022 to make grant announcements. The Governor’s Local Issues Conference will take place August 17 – 19, 2022, at the Galt House in Louisville. Mr. Caudill noted the Needs Survey can be found on the DLG’s website. Results from this survey will assist in grant funding needs across the Commonwealth.

Corey Elder gave an update from Congressman James Comer's office. Mr. Elder reported he recently did a ride along with a Webster County Meals on Wheels driver as Congressman Comer is a big supporter of the program. Congressman Comer recently spoke on behalf of the agriculture industry against burdensome regulations threatening farmers and spoke on behalf of the Veterans Record Act which will allow veterans more timely approval for benefits.

Gilbert Mischel gave an update from Senator Mitch McConnell's office. Mr. Mischel reported Senator McConnell has been touring Eastern Kentucky after the devastating floods that resulted in 37 deaths and two who are still missing. Mr. Mischel hopes to bring Senator McConnell to Western Kentucky before the end of August.

Representative DJ Johnson requested if anyone had issues or questions to please contact him.

Dr. Jason Warren with Henderson Community College (HCC) reported there has been an increase in capacity in the advanced manufacturing program. October is Manufacturing Month and the college is preparing an open house to celebrate. HCC has received a workforce development trust fund grant in the amount of \$154,000. Funds will be used to support the welding and nursing programs.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Jessie Howard presented the following Regional Executive Orders:

City of Slaughters Park Revitalization

City of Slaughters KY2022-0503-0440

Vastwood Recreational Trail Lights

Hancock County Fiscal Court KY2022-0503-0437

Vastwood Playground Revitalization

Hancock County Fiscal Court KY2022-0503-0444

Moffit Lake Recreation Area Upgrades

Union County Fiscal Court KY2022-0506-0478

Providence Water Tank Security Fencing

City of Providence KY2022-0524-0628

Webster County Park Development

Webster County Fiscal Court KY2022-0525-0659

Webster County Courthouse Security

Webster County Fiscal Court KY2022-0518-0574

Ohio County Hospital Expansion & Renovation

Ohio County Hospital KY2022-0606-0773

Project Otter – Bluegrass Crossings Water Line Extension

Ohio County Fiscal Court KY2022-0613-0822

Project Otter – Bluegrass Crossings Sewer Line Extension
Ohio County Fiscal Court KY2022-0613-0823

Owensboro Greenbelt Extension
Daviess County Fiscal Court KY2022-0513-0525

Henderson Station I
Warbuck Development Company KY2022-0701-0922

A motion was made by Henrietta Harris and seconded by Johnny Roberts to endorse the above-stated Regional EO's. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chairman Brad Schneider explained GRADD is grateful and excited to partner with the following communities on their recent grant awards:

- City of Beaver Dam Backup Generator - \$22,000 from Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- City of Slaughters Backup Generator - \$43,000 from Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Webster County Senior Center Renovations - \$380,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Program.
- Ohio County Fiscal Court Distillery - \$700,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Program.
- Ohio County Fiscal Court Unserved Waterline - \$850,000 from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.
- City of Henderson Pratt Paper Gas Line - \$3,000,000 from the Economic Development Administration.
- City of Sebree for receiving \$1,000,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Program COVID funds to assist with replacing their sanitary sewer.
- City of Henderson received \$200,000 from the Land & Water Conservation Fund to help construct a new outdoor sports complex.
- Henderson County Fiscal Court received \$200,000 from the Land & Water Conservation Fund to help construct a new ADA-accessible restroom at Sandy Lee Watkins Park.

Chairman Schneider also made the following comments:

- Governor Andy Beshear was in Henderson June 22, 2022, for the groundbreaking of the I-69 Ohio River Bridge.
- Loan closings for July included: Building Blocks Therapy Clinic LLC located in Daviess County, Truly Gifted located in Hancock County, Kim's Diner located in Daviess County and Grand Stable located in Daviess County.

Joanna Shake welcomed new staff Glenda Wedding, Aging Case Manager, Andrew Rudkosky, Network Administrator and Melissa DeLeon, CCC Coordinator/PEM Facilitator. Mrs. Shake announced Jodi Rafferty was retiring after 29 years of dedicated service in the areas of Workforce Development and Economic Development in the region. Michelle Drake has been promoted to Director of Workforce Development and Jill Gray will become the Assistant Director for Workforce Development.

Joanna Shake reported the following:

- Hancock County Job Fair for Century Aluminum employees was held on July 28 & 29, 2022, at the Hancock County Career Center. There were 33 employers registered to attend.
- On August 23, 2022, Representative Suzanne Miles will host a community event at the Daviess County Detention Center, where local partners share resources and information regarding training, education, reentry services and reemployment strategies to help residents that are justice involved.
- AmeriCorps is recruiting members for the upcoming service year which begins on September 1st. Visit www.gradd.com for more details.
- Senior Day Out will take place on September 22, 2022, at the Owensboro Sports Center from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- The Child Care Assistance Program can help eligible Kentucky families pay for childcare. Applications can be submitted by phone at 855.306.8959 or on-line at kynect.ky.gov.
- The Green River Area Parent Engagement Program is expanding to serve Ohio County School District and Union County School District in the upcoming school year.
- The KY Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) will have a Non-Technical Cyber training in the GRADD Board Room on September 21, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This training is for mayors, judges, first responders or IT staff. If you're interested in creating or strengthening your cyber security policies, this will be a good training session. Please contact Andrew Rudkosky or Tom Massie at GRADD for the registration link.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Brad Schneider announced the GRADD Annual Celebration will take place on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at the RiverPark Center in Owensboro. Invitations should be mailed later this month. New this year, guests will be able to scan a QR code on the invitation to register.

The Bluegrass in the Park Festival in Henderson will take place August 12 & 13, 2022. Chairman Schneider invited all to attend.

Chairman Schneider closed with a quote from Bill Monroe, "Bluegrass has brought more people together and made more friends than any music in the world."

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Steve Henry, Secretary

Brad Schneider, Chairman