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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 June 21, 2023.

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on June 21, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the GRADD Office, 300 GRADD Way, Owensboro, KY. A quorum was present with members in attendance listed below.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVISS COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Charlie Castlen, Nate Pagan
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Johnny Roberts, Mayor Chad Gregory, Franklin Powers
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Brad Schneider, Mayor Brad Staton, Mayor David Sellers, Bill Markwell, Janeth Nicolas
McLEAN COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Curtis Dame, Mayor Betty Howard, Vicki Hughes
OHIO COUNTY:	Judge/Executive David Johnston
UNION COUNTY:	Melissa Coker
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Steve Henry, Mayor Pat Clark, Ryan Hammack

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT

Green River Workforce Development Board - Mickey Dunbar
Green River Economic Development Corporation - Tammy Belt
GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council - Jeremy Moore

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVISS COUNTY:	Mayor Patsy Mayfield, *Lauren Osowicz, *Henrietta Harris *Robert Howard
HANCOCK COUNTY:	All present
HENDERSON COUNTY:	All present
McLEAN COUNTY:	All present

*Excused absence: Chairman | Adam O'Nan, Vice Chairman | Johnny "Chic" Roberts, Secretary | Curtis Dame, Treasurer | Joanna Shake, Executive Director



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OHIO COUNTY: *Mayor Beau Wright, *Mayor Paul Sandefur
UNION COUNTY: *Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan, *Mayor Randy Greenwell
WEBSTER COUNTY: All present

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

Green River Area Council on Aging - (*Henrietta Harris)
GRADD Water Management Council - *Pete Conrad
Green River Transportation Committee - (*Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan)

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Mayor Jeff Fuqua, City of Fordsville
Corey Elder, Congressman James Comer's Office
Alex Caudill, Department for Local Government
Dr. Jason Warren, Henderson Community & Technical College
Brad Davis, Great Owensboro Economic Development Corporation
April Schroader, City of Fordsville
Jim Askins, Fuller Physical Therapy
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Director of Aging & Social Services, GRADD
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance, GRADD
Blake Edge, Director of Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Michelle Drake, Director of Workforce Development
Leslie Wilson, Interim Director of Aging & Social Services, GRADD
Jill Gray, Assistant Director of Workforce Development, GRADD
Andrew Rudkosky, Network Administrator, GRADD
Jessie Howard, Special Projects Coordinator, GRADD
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Cheryl Peters, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Reenee Fogle, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Amber Gebhard, ADRC Coordinator, GRADD
Lisa Flahardy, Aging Contract Specialist, GRADD
Bobbie Wood, Case Management PDS Supervisor, GRADD
Maria Shyver, CCC Coordinator/PEM Facilitator, GRADD
Bailey Wright, Waiver Case Manager, GRADD
Megan Wood, Waiver Case Manager, GRADD
Emiley Fallaway, Waiver Case Manager, GRADD
Jules Somers, Waiver Case Manager, GRADD
Tom Lovett, MPO Coordinator, GRADD
Libby Watson, Social Services Administrative Assistant
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant, GRADD
Donna Behl, ADRC Counselor, GRADD
Nancy Williams, ADRC Counselor, GRADD
Kirsten Poole, IT Intern, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Henry called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., led with the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Henry then welcomed all guests.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Secretary Johnny Roberts presented the minutes of the May 10, 2023, GRADD Board of Directors meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Johnny Roberts and seconded by Bill Markwell to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Curtis Dame presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Curtis Dame and seconded by David Johnston to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period July 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

LaDonna Koebel, Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Senior Protection, gave an overview of the Office, which assists victims of scam or fraud. Since the pandemic began, Kentucky seniors have reported losing nearly \$30 million. The top scams of 2022 have shown to be investments, real estate/rentals, identity theft, romance/networking and sweepstakes/lottery. The Office of Senior Protection has several initiatives working with community agencies and partnering with the Department of Justice to aid victims and to educate about scams involving seniors. For further information or to report scams, individuals may call 888.432.9257 or visit ag.ky.gov/scams.

B. Scope of Work – Fiscal Year 2024

Joanna Shake reviewed the Fiscal Year 2024 Scope of Work. Mrs. Shake explained it is a comprehensive list of programs and initiatives, but it is not inclusive as new projects are added throughout the year. New to the Scope of Work are descriptions of the IT Manager and Public Information Officer duties.

Jennifer Williams noted that as of last week, the Kentucky Family Caregiver Grant is newly added to the Scope of Work. This state funded program assists grandparents raising grandchildren.

A motion was made by Pat Clark and seconded by Curtis Dame to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Scope of Work. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Title VI Plan Resolution

Tom Lovett presented the Title VI Plan Resolution. This document would adopt the Title VI Plan and its provisions that GRADD and the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) assure all programs, services and activities will be free from discrimination, whether federally funded or not.

A motion was made by Nate Pagen and seconded by
Charlie Castlen to approve the Title VI Plan Resolution.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review

Tammy Belt presented the loan summary for the Party Space Place. Allyson and Marshall Sanders are requesting \$25,000. The business recently expanded and needs equipment, inventory and working capital to outfit the new space. This investment will also add one part-time employee and convert a part-time employee to full-time in year two. Total projected cost is \$87,500.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by
Brad Schneider to approve the Party Space Place
Revolving Loan Fund loan in the amount of \$25,000.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Tammy Belt presented the loan summary for Farmer & Frenchman. Hubert & Katy Mussat are requesting \$100,000. This investment will add three full-time and six part-time/seasonal employees over the next two years and assist in increasing wine production and event venue capacity. The total projected cost is \$315,395.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by
Curtis Dame to approve the Farmer & Frenchman
Revolving Loan Fund loan in the amount of \$100,000.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. Service Award

Chairman Steve Henry presented Bobbie Wood with a five-year service award. Joanna Shake praised Mrs. Wood's compassion for her clients and thanked her for her continued dedication to GRADD.

F. Committee Reports

1. Green River Workforce Development Board

Chairman Mickey Dunbar presented the minutes of the February 1, 2023, meeting of the Green River Workforce Development Board.

A motion was made by Mickey Dunbar and seconded by
Ryan Hammack to approve the February 1, 2023, minutes
of the Green River Workforce Development Board.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

2. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee

Treasurer Curtis Dame presented the minutes of the March 27, 2023, GRADD Regional Transportation Committee.

A motion was made by Curtis Dame and seconded by Charlie Castlen to approve the March 27, 2023, minutes of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Treasurer Curtis Dame reported the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee met on May 22, 2023. At this meeting, a draft of the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) Prioritization Plan was reviewed, as well as Kentucky's electric vehicle website. This site offers information about the basics of electric vehicles, the Kentucky electric vehicle plan, and economic development information related to electric vehicles. Representative Jim Gooch and Representative Suzanne Miles were in attendance and provided Frankfort updates.

3. Green River Area Council on Aging

Franklin Powers presented the minutes of the March 28, 2023, meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Franklin Powers and seconded by Curtis Dame to approve the March 28, 2023, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Franklin Powers reported the Green River Area Council on Aging met on June 6, 2023. At this meeting, Haley Morris and Debbie Middleton from Adult Protective Services (APS) presented information about elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. A report was given by each Senior Center Director/County Coordinator and an overview of activities was provided for Older Americans Month, which took place in May. Andrew Law, GRADD Long Term Care Ombudsman, reported Independence Bank will provide a presentation about financial security at Fern Terra. Amber Phelps, GRADD In-Home Services Manager, gave an update on Honor My Decisions and IN2L projects. Amber Phelps encouraged members to pick up a Trualta postcard and check out the website.

4. Green River Economic Development Corporation

Chairperson Tammy Belt presented the minutes of the March 30, 2023, meeting of the Green River Economic Development Corporation.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by Ryan Hammack to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2023, Green River Economic Development Corporation. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairperson Tammy Belt presented the May 3, 2023, minutes of the Green River Economic Development Corporation.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the minutes May 3, 2023, Green River Economic Development Corporation. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairperson Tammy Belt reported the Green River Economic Development Corporation met on June 7, 2023. At this meeting, RLF loans for Party Space Place and Farmer & Frenchmen were reviewed and approved. Chairperson Tammy Belt also noted GRADD staff will participate in the Women in Business Empowerment Expo that is being held on June 22, 2023, in Owensboro. Colie Smith continues to work with clients, however no RLF applications were submitted for the July meeting cycle.

5. GRADD Water Management Council

Judge/Executive David Johnston reported the GRADD Water Management Council met on June 15, 2023. At this meeting, seven Drinking Water Projects were presented for approval, one was withdrawn and the remaining six were approved. Three Wastewater Projects were presented for approval, one project was withdrawn and the remaining two projects were approved. Elizabeth Dowling and Jackie Logsdon from the Kentucky Division of Water presented the Lead and Copper Rules Revisions and the Proposed Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Drinking Water Rule.

6. GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council

Chairman Jeremy Moore reported Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding is currently available due to severe storms occurring between March 3 & 4, 2023. Any community wishing to apply for mitigation funding should contact GRADD by June 23, 2023.

GRADD continues to develop projects for the annual Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) program. The application window opens at the end of September. Officials are encouraged to notify GRADD of potential Fiscal Year 2023 BRIC projects by July 1, 2023.

E. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Corey Elder gave an update from Congressman James Comer's office. Mr. Elder reported Congressman Comer recently delivered remarks to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability regarding the rising costs of prescriptions and accountability of the Pharmacy Benefit Managers.

Alex Caudill gave an update from the Department for Local Government. Mr. Caudill reported the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) cycle is open through September 1, 2023. This includes the CDBG Disaster Recovery grant cycle. The Governor's Local Issues Conference will be held August 16 – 18, 2023 at the Galt House in Louisville.

Dr. Jason Warren gave an update on the Commonwealth West Healthcare Innovation Center. Dr. Warren also noted the Aqueous National Watercolor Show will be on display at Preston Arts Center beginning July 27, 2023. Graduate Equivalency Degree (GED) graduation will be held on June 22, 2023.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Jessie Howard presented the following Regional Executive Orders:

Anthony Brooks Park Project
City of Henderson KY2023-0515-0877

Centertown City Park Improvements Project
City of Centertown KY 2023-0519-0919

Waverly City Park Project
City of Waverly KY2023-0522-0924

Ellis Park Improvement Project
City of Hartford KY2023-0522-0926

Vastwood Playground Equipment
Hancock County Fiscal Court KY2023-0522-0927

Canaan Ridge Park Project
Webster County Fiscal Court KY2023-0522-0931

Moffitt Lake Phase II
Union County Fiscal Court KY2023-0524-0951

Hawesville Independence Park
City of Hawesville KY 2023-0526-0961

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by Curtis Dame to approve the above-stated Regional Executive Orders. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chairman Steve Henry made the following comments:

- GRADD received a Delta Workforce Grant in the amount of \$450,000 to continue the Hire to Operate, or H2O, program. The H2O program provides funding to train individuals to operate the region's water and wastewater treatment facilities through the Kentucky Rural Water Association's Registered Apprenticeship Program. The program spans across four counties in western Kentucky including Henderson, McLean, Union and Webster.
- GRADD was selected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to receive \$500,000 in Brownfields and Land Revitalization funding to inventory, conduct environmental assessments, develop site cleanup plans and support community outreach activities. The target areas for this grant are the cities of Providence and Sebree.

Joanna Shake made the following comments:

- Congratulations to GRADD's two teams who competed in the Walk for World Elder Abuse. Both finished in the top ten in the nationwide walking competition.
- Welcome to GRADD: Emiley Fallaway and Jules Somers, Waiver Case Managers and Kirsten Poole, IT Intern.

Brad Alley AmeriCorps Program Director reported that AmeriCorps Senior Connections Program recruitment is underway for the next service year to begin September 1, 2023. A recruitment meeting will be held on June 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the GRADD office.

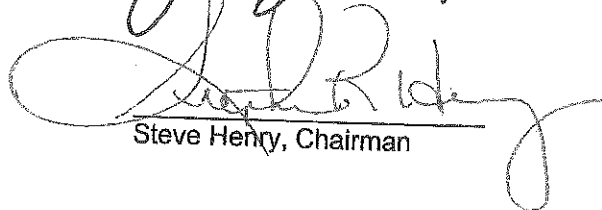
VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Steve Henry noted the GRADD Executive Committee and the GRADD Board of Directors meetings scheduled for July 12, 2023 have been cancelled.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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


Johnny Roberts, Secretary


Steve Henry, Chairman