



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 February 9, 2022.

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on February 9, 2022, 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 as listed below.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Al Mattingly, Nate Pagan, Henrietta Harris, Lauren Osowicz
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Johnny Roberts, Franklin Powers
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Brad Schneider, Bill Markwell, David Sellers, Steve Austin, Janeth Nicolas
McLEAN COUNTY:	Curtis Dame, Betty Howard, Jesse Johnson
OHIO COUNTY:	David Johnston
UNION COUNTY:	Adam O'Nan, Randy Greenwell, Melissa Coker
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Pat Clark

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVISS COUNTY: Patsy Mayfield, *Robert Howard
HANCOCK COUNTY: *Chad Gregory
HENDERSON COUNTY: All present
McLEAN COUNTY: All present
OHIO COUNTY: *Paul Sandefur, Dean Minton
UNION COUNTY: All present
WEBSTER COUNTY: *Steve Henry, *Ryan Hammack

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

All present

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Corey Elder, Congressman James Comer's Office
Jason Hasert, Senator Rand Paul's Office
Gilbert Mischel, Senator Mitch McConnell's Office
Dr. Scott Williams, Owensboro Community and Technical College
Dr. Jason Warren, Henderson Community College
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Blake Edge, Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Director for Aging and Social Services, GRADD
Jessie Howard, Special Projects Coordinator, GRADD
Tom Massie, IT Manager, GRADD
Michelle Drake, Workforce Training and Business Administrator, GRADD
Gina Boaz, Economic Development Specialist, GRADD
Sarah Duncan, Waiver Director, GRADD
Kristy James, CCC/Family Engagement Coordinator, GRADD
NataLee Chinn, Aging Case Manager, GRADD
Megan Wood, Waiver Case Manager, GRADD
Kristen Murphy, Waiver Case Manager, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant, 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 introduced new board members Mickey Dunbar serving as the Chairman of the Green River Workforce Development Board and City of Livermore Mayor, Jesse Johnson serving as the Citizen's Representative for McLean County.

City of Lewisport Mayor Chad Gregory is serving as the Mayor's Representative for Hancock County but was unable to attend the meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Chairman Brad Schneider presented the minutes of the December 8, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Brad Schneider presented the minutes of the January 12, 2022, GRADD Executive Committee meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022, 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 period of July 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021.

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

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

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Area Aging Plan Approval

Henrietta Harris reviewed the Green River Regional Aging Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-2025. This three-year plan is required under the Older American's Act and will be submitted to the Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) for final approval. Ms. Harris explained an Aging Needs Assessment Survey was conducted. The top three service needs facing our communities are information and assistance, home delivered meals, and mental health services. The Green River Area Council on Aging approved the Plan at its February 1, 2022, meeting and are submitting the Plan to the GRADD Board of Directors for approval.

A motion was made by Henrietta Harris and seconded by David Johnston to approve the Green River Regional Aging Plan for Fiscal Years 2023-2025. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Medicaid Billing Contract

Treasurer Adam O'Nan reported the Finance Committee had met on January 31, 2022, to discuss the current GRADD Medicaid Waiver billing system. This system is very slow and its causing stress to the employees that use it; so much so the Social Services Department has seen a decline in staff retention due to the amount of stress and work it takes to use the State run system. A Request for Proposals was dispersed and the only responding company was Mains'l Financial Management Services, Inc. Several Area Development District's (ADD) are currently using Mains'l for Medicaid billing and are very happy with the partnership. Mains'l will charge \$45.00 per person per month to utilize its billing system. There are currently 450 clients in the system. The Finance Committee is presenting and recommending the Mains'l proposal for Medicaid Waiver billing for approval.

A motion was made by Adam O'Nan and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the Mains'l Financial Management Services proposal for Medicaid Waiver billing. A vote was taken and the motion carried with one opposing.

C. 2nd Quarter Revised Budget – Fiscal Year 2022

Treasurer Adam O'Nan presented the 2nd Quarter Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2022. He noted the \$4.8 million in total revenue is a direct result of the audit and recommendations that all program money be included in the budget. Ultimately 98-percent of the money shown in this budget is program services that now need to be accounted for on the budget. The Finance Committee met on January 19, 2022 to review and is recommending the 2nd Quarter Revised Budget to the GRADD Board of Directors for final approval.

A motion was made by Adam O'Nan and seconded by Pete Conrad to approve the 2nd Quarter Revised Budget

for Fiscal Year 2022. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Audit Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2022

Joanna Shake explained each December GRADD must send a letter to the State Auditor's Office to request the annual audit. The Auditor's Office has the right of first refusal to conduct the annual audit. The State Auditors Office has declined so in turn GRADD has secured Kemper CPA Group to conduct GRADD's 2022 audit.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve Kemper CPA Group to conduct GRADDs Audit for 2022. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. Committee Reports

1. Green River Area Council on Aging

Chairperson Henrietta Harris presented the October 5, 2021, and the December 7, 2021, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Henrietta Harris and seconded by Al Mattingly to approve the October 5, 2021, and the December 7, 2021, 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 February 1, 2022. At this meeting, Jennifer Craig, Coordinator of the Kentucky Office of Dementia Services, presented information regarding dementia and Alzheimer's Disease and activities that the new Office of Dementia Services are currently involved in and how they hope to expand in the months to come. Provider reports and program updates were presented. Jennifer Williams presented the Area Aging Plan for Fiscal Years 2023 – 2025 and it was approved.

2. Green River Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Chairperson Tammy Belt presented the November 3, 2021 minutes of the Green River Economic Development Corporation for approval.

A motion was made by Adam O'Nan and seconded by Johnny Roberts to approve the November 3, 2021, minutes of the Green River Economic Development Corporation. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairperson Tammy Belt also reported there have been thirty-eight loans approved from the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and

Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. Those loans totaling \$2,960,725 were 18-percent minority owned businesses and 50-percent have been women owned. GRADD has \$349,275 remaining of the \$3,310,000 EDA CARES Act funding.

3. GRADD Water Management Council

Chairman Pete Conrad reported the GRADD Water Management Council met on February 9, 2021. At this meeting, 28 projects were submitted to the Fiscal Year 2023 Call for Projects. The Council approved the following officers for 2022: Pete Conrad, Chairman; Gary Scheffer, Vice Chairman; and Eric Hickman, Secretary. The Fiscal Year 2022 Regional Rankings were approved and 14 Water/Wastewater projects were approved. Water system visits are also under way for 2022.

4. Green River Workforce Development Board

Chairman Mickey Dunbar reported the Green River Workforce Development Board met on February 2, 2022. At this meeting, Jamie Link, Secretary of the Education and Labor Cabinet, addressed the Board regarding the merging of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and the Labor Cabinet, along with the appointment of new staff members within the Cabinet. He discussed the need to assist employers in filling the many open positions due to the labor force shortage. He also emphasized the importance of educating “from cradle to career.” Quarterly partner updates were provided by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Career Development Office and Equus Workforce Solutions. The Employer Outreach Committee gave an update on their work and presented videos targeted to employers regarding services offered through the Kentucky Career Center.

F. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Corey Elder gave an update from Congressman James Comer’s office. Mr. Elder reported Congressman Comer, Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, was glad to see the Postal Service Reform Act, which he sponsored, passed. This bill will provide key oversight tools to enhance transparency and ensure the six-day delivery of mail and packages for all Americans. Congressman Comer continues to speak out to hold President Joe Biden accountable for inflation issues and for not holding China accountable for the global pandemic.

Gilbert Mischel gave an update from Senator Mitch McConnell’s office. Mr. Mischel reported Senator McConnell has made several visits to tornado-stricken counties and continues to monitor the recovery efforts. Another topic Senator McConnell is watching included the potential government shutdown, though he is hopeful that both sides are willing to work together. There has also been much talk of research and investing in the development of chip manufacturing in the United States.

Jason Hasert gave an update from Senator Rand Paul’s office. Mr. Hasert

reported Senator Paul has been focused on tornado recovery. His staff has set up mobile offices in the affected areas to help victims replace social security cards, passports, veterans' medals, etc. Senator Paul also made visits to Ohio County and Webster County where he thanked the linemen from 5 Star who were vital in restoring the power after the tornadoes.

Dr. Jason Warren, Henderson Community College reported the Kentucky Community and Technical Colleges statewide have brought together a healthcare task force to increase the talent pipeline in the region. Dr. Warren thanked Matt Bartlett and his team at the Kentucky Career Center for their assistance in channeling potential students to the technical college system.

Dr. Scott Williams reported Owensboro Community & Technical College (OCTC) enrollment continues to be very robust with over 450 more students than the school had last Spring.

Michelle Drake reported beginning in March the Career Center will offer life skill classes to individuals who have been recently released from incarceration. For more information, please contact Ms. Drake at the Career Center.

G. Service Awards

Chairman Brad Schneider presented Michelle Drake with a twenty-year award. He thanked Ms. Drake for her continued dedicated service to GRADD.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Jessie Howard presented the following Regional Executive Orders:

Owensboro Grain Bank Stabilization Project

City of Owensboro KY2021-1203-1615

Whitesville Wastewater Treatment Plant UV System

City of Whitesville KY2021-1203-1611

Boston Laffoon Tie In

City of Whitesville KY2021-1203-1612

Centertown Meter Replacement Project

City of Centertown KY2021-1203-1614

Centertown City Center Waterline Replacement

City of Centertown KY2022-0121-0066

Lewisport/EDCWA Emergency Interconnect

City of Lewisport KY2022-0121-0067

A motion was made by Pete Conrad and seconded by

Randy Greenwell to approve the above-stated Regional EO's.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chairman Brad Schneider reported the City of Corydon was awarded a grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grants Program for \$82,450 to install backup generators at three wastewater pump stations and the City of Clay was awarded a grant through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grants Program for \$49,307 to relocate a high-pressure natural gas line that is currently exposed in a waterway along Hwy 109.

Joanna Shake welcomed new staff NataLee Chinn, Aging Case Manager; Kristen Murphy, Waiver Case Manager; and Megan Wood, Waiver Case Manager. Ms. Shake informed the group the Area Development Districts will make an Economic Development Initiative Presentation to Governor Andy Beshear on February 28, 2022, at the Kentucky History Museum. This presentation will focus on industrial sites in Kentucky for future economic development.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Betty Howard asked the group to keep retired Mayor Charlie Strole in their prayers as his health is declining. There will be a benefit for him on March 5, 2022.

Jennifer Williams reported the Stand Against Child Abuse will take place on April 22, 2022, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro. Feed Seniors Now will kick-off sometime in March but there is not a set date yet. Delivery of groceries will be May 4, 2022.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Steve Henry, Secretary

Brad Schneider, Chairman

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