



## **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 11, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on August 11, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom and Facebook Live. A quorum was present with members in attendance as listed below.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<b>DAVIESS COUNTY:</b>	Al Mattingly (Rep. by David Smith), Lauren Osowicz, Nate Pagan, Robert Howard
<b>HANCOCK COUNTY:</b>	None present
<b>HENDERSON COUNTY:</b>	Brad Schneider, David Sellers, Steve Austin, Janeth Nicolas
<b>McLEAN COUNTY:</b>	Curtis Dame, Vicki Hughes, Bill Markwell
<b>OHIO COUNTY:</b>	David Johnston
<b>UNION COUNTY:</b>	Melissa Coker, Randy Greenwell
<b>WEBSTER COUNTY:</b>	Steve Henry, Pat Clark

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT**

GRADD Water Management Council – Pete Conrad  
 Green River Economic Development Corporation – Tammy Belt  
 Green River Transportation Committee – (Steve Henry)  
 Green River Workforce Development Board – Karen Cecil

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT**

<b>DAVIESS COUNTY:</b>	*Henrietta Harris, Patsy Mayfield
<b>HANCOCK COUNTY:</b>	*Johnny Roberts, Franklin Powers, Lora Basham
<b>HENDERSON COUNTY:</b>	All present
<b>McLEAN COUNTY:</b>	*Betty Howard

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OHIO COUNTY:                   \*Paul Sandefur, Dean Minton  
UNION COUNTY:                \*Adam O’Nan  
WEBSTER COUNTY:            \*Ryan Hammack

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

Green River Area Council on Aging – (\*Henrietta Harris)

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Representative Scott Lewis, Kentucky Representative  
Jason Hasert, Senator Rand Paul’s Office  
Corey Elder, Congressman James Comer’s Office  
Gilbert Mischel, Senator Mitch McConnell’s Office  
Alex Caudill, Department for Local Government  
Mayor George Chinn, City of Hartford  
Brad Davis, GO-EDC  
Doug Rodgers, Union County Chamber of Commerce  
Chris Wooldridge, Murray State University  
Doug Taylor, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet  
Jodi Ashby, Ohio County Economic Development Alliance  
Keirsten Jagers, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet  
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  
Jodi Rafferty, Director for Workforce Development, GRADD  
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance, GRADD  
Jennifer Williams, Director for Aging and Social Services, GRADD  
Jessie Howard, Public Administration Specialist, GRADD  
Gina Boaz, Economic Development Specialist, GRADD  
Michelle Drake, Workforce Training and Business Administrator, GRADD  
Leslie Wilson, Community Services Manager, GRADD  
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant/Communications Manager, 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 welcomed all guests and asked Kim Wells to conduct roll call.

II.    OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the June 9, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Steve Austin to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the July 14, 2021, GRADD Executive Committee meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021, GRADD Executive Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report

Chairman Brad Schneider presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021.

A motion was made by Curtis Dame and seconded by Steve Austin to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Brad Schneider presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

A motion was made by Pat Clark and seconded by David Sellers to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Chairman Brad Schneider introduced Bertha Partin with the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Ms. Partin gave an overview of EDA and explained how the agency supports

local and regional economies. She went on to report on EDA's American Rescue Plan Grant Programs which will invest money for projects that are economic development focused, in turn creating good-paying jobs, helping workers to develop in-demand skills, building economic resilience and accelerating the economic recovery. Ms. Partin also ensured EDA's commitment to coal communities to help with recovery from the COVID pandemic and gave the group resources to apply for funds and applicant support tools.

Joanna Shake reminded the group Hunter Phillips at GRADD is available to assist the communities with questions or guidance through the application process.

B. Conflict of Interest

Joanna Shake explained the Conflict of Interest is done annually. This form discloses any potential conflicts board members may have with GRADD's partners and agencies. Please returned the signed forms back to GRADD by August 31, 2021.

C. Committee Reports

1. Green River Area Council on Aging

Jennifer Williams presented the February 2, 2021, and April 6, 2021, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Pat Clark and seconded by Steve Austin to approve the February 2, 2021, and April 6, 2021, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Jennifer Williams reported the Green River Area Council on Aging met via Zoom on August 3, 2021. Clayton Horton, Public Health Director at the Green River District Health Department spoke about the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and the importance of taking the vaccine. He stated more than 90% of the new cases of the virus have been those who have not been vaccinated. He encouraged everyone to spread the word that the vaccination is available and recommended. Provider reports and program updates were presented. Jennifer Williams shared that most counties opened senior centers during the month of July; however, some of those have discontinued group gatherings and have resumed pick up meals while their respective county is in the red due to high numbers of COVID cases. The senior nutrition program continues to provide approximately 1,200 meals per day. An update from the council's Central Kitchen Equipment Subcommittee included a review of the current provision of meal preparation equipment for the central kitchen, which is used for the senior nutrition program. Due to the cost and impracticality, the subcommittee recommended the program discontinue the provision, upkeep, and repair of equipment for a central kitchen for the nutrition services. The Council agreed this practice is no longer reasonable. The caterer for the meals will be asked to provide their own central kitchen and equipment going forward.

Ms. Williams reviewed the end of the year services report, current

allocations, upcoming procurement, needs assessment, and area plan schedule. The next meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging will be October 5, 2021.

2. Green River Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Chairperson Tammy Belt presented the June 2, 2021, minutes of the Green River Economic Development Corporation for approval.

A motion was made by Curtis Dame and seconded by Karen Cecil to approve the June 2, 2021, minutes of the Green River Economic Development Corporation. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairperson Tammy Belt reported the Green River EDC met on July 7, 2021. At this meeting, four loans were approved. They are:

- Carrico Therapy Services (Daviess)
- The Skin Therapist (Daviess)
- O'Bryan's Bar & Grill (Daviess)
- Integrated Therapy Solutions (Daviess)

As of July 1, 2021, GRADD has funded 27 Economic Development Administration (EDA) COVID-19 loans totaling \$2,258,325; resulting in 264 jobs retained or created. Remaining funds are \$1,041,675. The next meeting of the Green River Economic Development Corporation will be September 1, 2021.

3. Green River Workforce Development Board

Chairperson Karen Cecil reported the Green River Workforce Development Board met on August 4, 2021. At this meeting, Congressman Brett Guthrie addressed the group on unemployment insurance and current hiring needs of employers. He also expressed that most of the congressional body believes it is time to pull back on emergency funding. Quarterly partner updates were provided, as well as an update from the Job Seeker and Employer Outreach Committee. The Workforce Development Board has been certified for another two years and Michael Johnson also addressed the group on the importance of youth employment programs for inner-city youth.

4. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Alex Caudill gave an update from the Department of Local Government. Mr. Caudill reported Governor Andy Beshear visited Henderson recently to welcome Pratt Industries to the county. This is the largest economic development investment in Western Kentucky in twenty-five years. Mr. Caudill also reminded the committee, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are due September 1, 2021.

The Governors Local Issues Conference will take place

August 25 – 27, 2021, at the Galt House in Louisville. The event will have mask requirements and social distancing is recommended.

Corey Elder gave an update from Congressman James Comer's office. Mr. Elder asked the group to keep Amelia Wilson's family in their thoughts and prayers. Ms. Wilson passed away on June 25, 2021. Congressman Comer is currently on recess and will be making visits in the region in the coming months. Once those are scheduled Mr. Elder will inform the group. Mr. Elder announced congress just passed the bi-partisan Infrastructure Bill, though it is a long way from becoming law. Congressman Comer wants to make sure funds will be used on more roads, bridges, and broadband.

Gilbert Mischel gave an update from Senator Mitch McConnell's office. Mr. Mischel reported on the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Bill. Senator McConnell is pleased that both sides continue to work together on a bill that will assist people across the country. The bill, as it stands now, would bring \$5.1 billion to Kentucky in the coming years. Mr. Mischel thanked GRADD and Board for making the hard decisions when it comes to COVID and choosing to hold the meeting via Zoom. Since the Senate will be going into recess, there are plans for Senator McConnell to make some visits in Kentucky.

Jason Hasert gave an update from Senator Rand Paul's office. Mr. Hasert reported though Senator Paul is very much in favor of infrastructure, he is disappointed in the Infrastructure Bill as it will add more debt to the already \$29 trillion deficit. Senator Paul has reintroduced legislation to define navigational waters in the United States as it greatly affects farmland and loans for farmland.

Doug Taylor from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet reported County Road Aid (CRA) funds should have been received and Municipal Road Aid (MRA) funds should go out later this week. Also, first round drafts for MRA road funding should be arriving by the end of August.

J. Staff Service Awards

Chairman Brad Schneider requested these awards be tabled until staff are present to receive them in person.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Jessie Howard presented the following Regional Executive Orders:

**Clay Waterline Replacement Phase II**

City of Clay KY2021-0701-1109

**Ravine Sewer Upgrade**

Regional Water Resource Agency KY2021-0701-1108

**KY 54 Improvements**

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet KY2021-0707-1136

**Hammers for Kentuckians – Low Income Home Repairs**

Kentucky Habitat for Humanity KY2021-0713-1181

**Sandy Watkins Park Restroom Facilities**

Henderson County Fiscal Court KY2021-0719-1192

**Daviess County Water District Master Meter Installation Project**

Daviess County Water District KY2021-0707-1127

**Wing Avenue – Wimsatt Court Waterline Upgrade**

Daviess County Water District KY2021-0707-1126

**Highway 54 Waterline Relocation**

Daviess County Water District KY2021-0707-1125

**Carter Road Pump Station Upgrade**

Daviess County Water District KY2021-0706-1119

**Reed Road Pump Upgrade**

Daviess County Water District KY2021-0706-1120

**Jack Hinton Road Water Main Project**

East Daviess County Water Association KY2021-0706-1117

**Birkhead Avenue Small Main Replacement**

Owensboro Municipal Utilities KY2021-0707-1128

**Cedar Street Small Main Replacement**

Owensboro Municipal Utilities KY2021-0707-1130

**Jeff Place Small Main Replacement**

Owensboro Municipal Utilities KY2021-0707-1132

**Stonewall Court Small Main Replacement**

Owensboro Municipal Utilities KY2021-0707-1133

**Williamsburg Square Pump Station and Force Main**

Regional Water Resource Agency KY2021-0707-1135

**Ward Road Water Line Upgrade**

Whitesville Water Works KY2021-0707-1134

**County Booster Station Improvement**

City of Lewisport KY2021-0707-1137

**KY 425 Industrial Park – Sewer, Force Main, & Pump Station**

Henderson Water Utility KY2021-0708-1143

**KY 425 Industrial Park – Water Main Construction**

Henderson Water Utility KY2021-0708-1142

**Corydon Pump Station Rehab**

City of Corydon KY-2021-0708-1139

**Spottsville Bridge Crossing Project**

Henderson County Water District KY2021-0708-1140

**Calhoun Water Tank Repair Project**

City of Calhoun KY2021-0708-1146

**Livermore Meter Replacement Project**

City of Livermore KY2021-0708-1147

**MCRWC Rumsey Pressure Reducing Valve**

McLean County Regional Water Commission KY2021-0708-1152

**Beech Grove Meter Replacement**

McLean County Fiscal Court KY2021-0708-1154

**Sacramento Tank Repainting**

City of Sacramento KY 2021-0709-1164

**Knight Valley Subdivision Sewer Extension Construction**

City of Beaver Dam KY2021-0708-1155

**Fordsville Water Tank Rehab Project**

City of Fordsville KY2021-0708-1156

**Hartford Water Tank Reduction Project**

City of Hartford KY2021-0709-1158

**Morganfield Radio Read Meter Project**

City of Morganfield KY2021-0709-1160

**Sturgis Water Meter Upgrade Project**

City of Sturgis KY2021-0709-1161

**Waverly Lift Station #2 Rebuild Project**



City of Waverly KY2021-0709-1163

A motion was made by Bill Markwell and seconded by  
Tammy Belt to approve the above-stated Regional EO's.  
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chairman Brad Schneider congratulated Hancock County on the recent ribbon cutting at the new public library in Lewisport and Webster County Senior Center on being a recipient of one of the five grants awarded in Kentucky through the AARP Community Challenge. Funds will be used to create an outdoor seating area with benches, tables and games. Chairman Schneider also congratulated the Beaver Dam Amphitheater on being awarded \$332,000 from the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant. This grant from the Small Business Administration is to provide relief to performance arts industry businesses that have faced financial difficulties due to the coronavirus pandemic and assist with reopening the Nation's shuttered venues. This money will go towards personnel, consulting, and mortgage costs.

Joanna Shake announced Kristin Rapp, Waiver Case Manager has accepted a position closer to home in Hancock County at Domtar; Jaycie Luna, Waiver Case Manager has accepted a job offer in Nashville working for Tik Tok; and lastly Skyler Stewart, Senior Infrastructure Planner has accepted a teaching position with the Owensboro Public Schools System.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business to report.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Steve Henry, Secretary

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Brad Schneider, Chairman

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