



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 April 13, 2022.

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on April 13, 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

DAVISS COUNTY:	Al Mattingly, Nate Pagan, Lauren Osowicz
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Johnny Roberts, Chad Gregory, Franklin Powers
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Brad Schneider, David Sellers, Steve Austin
McLEAN COUNTY:	Curtis Dame, Betty Howard, Jesse Johnson
OHIO COUNTY:	David Johnston, Paul Sandefur
UNION COUNTY:	Adam O’Nan, Melissa Coker
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Steve Henry, Pat Clark, Ryan Hammack

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVISS COUNTY:	*Henrietta Harris, Patsy Mayfield, *Robert Howard
HANCOCK COUNTY:	All present
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Bill Markwell, Janeth Nicolas
McLEAN COUNTY:	All present
OHIO COUNTY:	Dean Minton

UNION COUNTY: Randy Greenwell
WEBSTER COUNTY: All present

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

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

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Jason Hasert, Senator Rand Paul's Office
Alex Caudill, Department for Local Government
Dr. Scott Williams, Owensboro Community and Technical College
T.J. Hanna, Federal Bureau of Investigation-Lexington
William Kurtz, Federal Bureau of Investigation-Bowling Green
Maleah Boisture, Calumet Trace Senior Living
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
Jessie Howard, Special Projects Coordinator, GRADD
Tom Massie, IT Manager, GRADD
Teresa Skimmerhorn, Aging Case Manager, GRADD
Gina Boaz, Economic Development Specialist, GRADD
Taylor Burchett, Community Development Planner, GRADD
Sarah Dowell, Fiscal Contracts Coordinator, GRADD
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Cheryl Peters, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Reenee Fogle, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
LeeAnn Edmonson, SHIP Program Assistant, 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 member Mayor Chad Gregory, City of Lewisport. Mayor Gregory will be serving as the Mayor's Representative for Hancock County.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the February 9, 2022, GRADD Board of Directors meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Adam O'Nan to approve the minutes of the February 9, 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 – January 31, 2022.

A motion was made by Adam O'Nan and seconded by Al Mattingly to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2021 – January 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 – February 28, 2022.

A motion was made by Adam O'Nan and seconded by Al Mattingly to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Colin Glover Cybersecurity Adviser/Cybersecurity State Coordinator for Kentucky introduced T.J. Hanna and William Kurtz with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Both spoke on their roles in the agency and their charge to help organize and coordinate trainings in the State regarding election fraud, threats made on poll workers and polling spots and civil rights crimes.

Colin Glover gave an overview of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. He explained the program funds will be used to assist local governments with the development and implementation of cybersecurity infrastructure.

B. Leisure Hut of Owensboro, LLC

Tammy Belt, on behalf of the Green River Economic Development Corporation presented the Leisure Hut of Owensboro, LLC loan for approval.

Casey and Anthony Hamby are requesting \$136,653 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding to purchase a new and more efficient embroidery machine and screen press to replace the current ones which are over 25 years old.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by Adam O’Nan to approve the Leisure Hut of Owensboro, LLC loan in the amount of \$136,653. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. BBRC Operations, LLC dba Shammy’s Auto Wash

Tammy Belt, on behalf of the Green River Economic Development Corporation presented the BBRC Operations, LLC dba Shammy’s Auto Wash loan for approval.

Steven Burch is requesting \$85,000 in Revolving Loan Funds to purchase equipment for a new auto wash operation in Owensboro.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the BBRC Operations, LLC dba Shammy’s Auto Wash loan in the amount of \$85,000. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Ombudsman Conflict of Interest

Jennifer Williams referenced the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Conflict of Interest form which each committee member was asked to review, fill-out and sign. The Conflict of Interest assures no potential bias is risked in actions, judgment, and/or decision-making as a member of the GRADD Board of Directors.

E. Rockport Bridge - National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) and Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects Program (INFRA)

Judge/Executive David Johnston explained GRADD has been in contact with the Paducah & Louisville (P&L) Railway regarding the rehabilitation of the Rockport Bridge in Ohio County. The Rockport Bridge is a full-service 280-mile railroad that operates between Paducah and Louisville. P&L is requesting that GRADD sponsor an application for grant funding through the Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) on their behalf.

Judge Johnston presented a resolution that if approved would show the GRADD Board of Directors support to P&L and the Rockport Bridge Project by sponsoring the application.

A motion was made by David Johnston and seconded by

Al Mattingly to approve the Rockport Bridge Resolution and support GRADD as the co-filer with P&L on the Rockport Bridge Project application. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

F. Committee Reports

1. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee

Chairman Steve Henry presented the August 18, 2021, minutes of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Adam O’Nan to approve the August 18, 2021, minutes of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Steve Henry reported the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee met on March 23, 2022. At this meeting, the group reviewed the highway plan. On May 31, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. there will be a joint meeting of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee and the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Guest speakers will include Boday Borries, Deputy Division Administrator for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Kentucky office, to discuss the Infrastructure Law. Justin Harrod, planning lead for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), will discuss an electric vehicle plan and the State’s efforts to tap into the federal funds for the project.

2. Green River Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Chairperson Tammy Belt presented the December 1, 2021, minutes of the Green River Economic Development Corporation for approval.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the December 1, 2021, minutes of the 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 March 2, 2022. At this meeting, reviewed and approved was the Leisure Hut of Owensboro loan. Joanna Shake informed the committee the Area Development Districts (ADDs) made a presentation to Governor Andy Beshear’s office and the Department for Local Government (DLG) to update and strengthen the cabinet’s economic development database, ZoomProspector. Since Governor Beshear has earmarked \$250 million to invest in economic development sites, the ADDs were given an audience with him to present information about their most marketable sites.

GRADD presented three potential sites: the Riverport site in Daviess County, the Coleman site in Hancock County and the I-69 Business Park in Webster County.

Gina Boaz reported six loans have closed since January. They are Henderson Brewing, Cairo Country Café, El Burrito Express, A New Leaf Flowers, Gifts & More, Hartley Automotive and RiverTown Market.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by Curtis Dame to approve the March 2, 2022, minutes of the 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 April 6, 2022. At this meeting, BBRC Operations, LLC dba Shammy's Auto Wash in Owensboro loan was reviewed and approved. Jessie Howard gave an update on the Community & Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) rewrite and how the Community & Economic Development Department will be assisting with the process. Gina Boaz gave an update on loans closed in February and March: SolGood, Grime Stoppers, Over-Armour and Conrad's Sawmill. To date, forty-four loans totaling \$3,050,725 have been funded, which have created or retained 353 jobs. Also, of those forty-four loans 16-percent are minority owned, 56-percent are women owned, and 72-percent are minority and women owned. There is \$122,622 remaining in Economic Development Administration (EDA) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds. Staff is working on three additional working capital loans, which if approved, would reduce the funds available to \$57,622. All CARES funds must be expended by June 30, 2022. An early May deadline has been set for loan request submittals.

3. GRADD Water Management Council

Chairman Pete Conrad presented the December 13, 2021, minutes of the GRADD Water Management Council.

A motion was made by Pete Conrad and seconded by Curtis Dame to approve the December 13, 2021, minutes of the GRADD Water Management Council. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Pete Conrad reported the GRADD Water Management Council met on March 17, 2022. At this meeting, Sandy Williams, Executive Director of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) shared an update on the funding opportunities through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for Lead Service Line Replacements through the Lead and Copper Rule. Cheyton Pendley provided an update on the Senate Bill 36 Cleaner Water Grant Program guidelines. The process is similar to the State Revolving Fund process and follows the conditional commitment letter/grant assistance agreement format. Brad Montgomery of CDM Smith reported the Lead in Drinking Water Workgroup will meet on May 9, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. EST.

The following water and sewer projects were presented for approval:
Melba Lane Waterline Extension, City of Whitesville; Deserter Creek Loop, City of Whitesville;

Vehicle Replacement – Electric (Energy Efficient), City of Whitesville; Pratt Tank, Sand Lane Booster Station & Mains, Henderson Water Utility; Oak Street Lift Station Control Panel Replacement, City of Whitesville; Main Lift Station Control Panel Replacement, City of Whitesville; and Doctor's Office Lift Station Control Panel Replacement, City of Whitesville.

4. Green River Area Council on Aging

Vice Chairman Franklin Powers presented the February 1, 2022 minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Franklin Powers and seconded by Adam O’Nan to approve the February 1, 2022, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Vice Chairman Franklin Powers reported the Green River Area Council on Aging met on April 5, 2022. At this meeting, Pamela Pitman, Job Placement Specialist for the Senior Community Employment Service Program at Audubon Area Community Services presented information on the Senior Employment Program, which is available to assist individuals who are over the age of fifty-five and have a low-income to enter the job force to learn or refresh job skills. This program serves Ohio, Henderson, Union, and Webster Counties. Provider and program reports were presented. All council members were asked to complete the Ombudsman Program Conflict of Interest Form.

G. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Alex Caudill gave an update from the Department of Local Government (DLG). Mr. Caudill reported the Area Development Districts (ADDs) were given an opportunity to present to Governor Andy Beshear and the Department for Local Government on February 28, 2022. All seven GRADD counties have had Clean Water Program projects financed. Land & Water Conservation funding has been announced. Hancock, Henderson, and McLean Counties and the City of Henderson and City of Beaver Dam will received approximately \$900,000 in funding. The next round of Land & Water Conservation Fund applications is due May 31, 2022. Recreational Trail Program applications are due May 31, 2022. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications are due September 1, 2022 and Delta Regional Authority (DRA) applications are due June 1, 2022. Governor Andy Beshear will be in Owensboro on April 28, 2022 to address attendees of the Kentucky Association of Economic Development (KAED) Conference. Mr. Caudill also announced the Governors Local Issues Conference will be held August 17 – 19, 2022 at the Galt House in Louisville.

Jason Hasert gave an update from Senator Rand Paul's office. Mr. Hasert reported Senator Paul is visiting Eastern Kentucky today and has plans to be in Western Kentucky in late Spring. Senator Paul has returned \$480,000 to the Federal Treasury.

These are funds that were given to his Senate office to run operations throughout

the year. Senator Paul takes fiscal responsibility very personally and this is one way he can give back. Senator Paul also passed a resolution to end mask mandates. Mr. Hasert asked any transportation grant letters of support needs can be sent to him directly.

Dr. Scott Williams with the Owensboro Community & Technical College thanked the mayors and judge/executives for their support of the Commonwealth West Healthcare Innovation Center.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Jessie Howard presented the following Regional Executive Orders:

Beech Grove Water System Storage Tank Addition
McLean County Fiscal Court KY2022-0201-0112

Providence Cast Iron Pipe Rehab
City of Providence KY2022-0203-0115

DR 4595 Ohio County Weather Sirens Expansion
Ohio County Fiscal Court KY2022-0216-0146

Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport Terminal Apron Panel Replacement
Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport KY2022-0214-0143

Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport Taxiway C Rehab
Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport KY2022-0301-0180

Waverly Main Lift Station Upgrades
City of Waverly KY2022-0324-0259

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by David Johnston 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:

- A Job Fair was held in Ohio County on March 25, 2022. Sixteen employers were present and approximately fifty individuals took advantage of the opportunity to seek a job;
- April is Volunteer Appreciation Month! GRADD volunteers will be honored at a luncheon on April 19, 2022, at the GRADD office;

- National Healthcare Decision Day is April 16, 2022. Everyone is encouraged to ensure they have advanced directives in place and to have conversations with their loved ones about their healthcare desires;
- The STAND Against Child Abuse will be held on April 22, 2022, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the front lawn at Kentucky Wesleyan College;
- Coming Back Stronger: Child Abuse Prevention Training will be held on April 29, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Owensboro Christian Church;
- May is Older Americans Month and the theme is “Age My Way;”
- Feed Seniors Now Delivery Day is May 4, 2022. Any contributions are appreciated. Groceries will be delivered to approximately 550 low-income seniors in Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, and Webster Counties; and
- The Finance Committee will meet on April 26, 2022, 12:00 p.m.

Chairman Brad Schneider reported Secretary Jim Gray, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, spoke at the Henderson Chamber Dinner. Chairman Schneider noted Section 1 of the I69 project will most likely officially break ground in June. Earlier today Chairman Schneider had the opportunity to tour Accuride which manufactures steel wheels for large trucks. He suggested if given the opportunity, everyone should take a plant tour in their respective communities.

Joanna Shake welcomed new staff Teresa Skimmerhorn, Aging Case Manager. Ms. Shake congratulated those cities and counties that received Land & Water Conservation funding and thanked Jessie Howard and former staff Skyler Stewart for working hard to get those funds to the GRADD region. She encouraged communities who may be interested in pursuing funding to contact GRADD staff.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Al Mattingly announced the GRADD Annual Event will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at the RiverPark Center in Owensboro.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Steve Henry, Secretary

Brad Schneider, Chairman