



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 15, 2022.

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on June 15, 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, Henrietta Harris, Patsy Mayfield, Lauren Osowicz

HANCOCK COUNTY: Johnny Roberts, Chad Gregory, Franklin Powers

HENDERSON COUNTY: Brad Schneider, David Sellers, Steve Austin, Bill Markwell, Janeth Nicolas

McLEAN COUNTY: Curtis Dame, Betty Howard

OHIO COUNTY: None present

UNION COUNTY: Adam O’Nan, Randy Greenwell, 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
Green River Area Council on Aging – (Henrietta Harris)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVISS COUNTY: *Robert Howard

HANCOCK COUNTY: All present

HENDERSON COUNTY: All present

McLEAN COUNTY: *Jesse Johnson

OHIO COUNTY: David Johnston, Paul Sandefur, Dean Minton
UNION COUNTY: All present
WEBSTER COUNTY: All present

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

All present

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
Austin Wetherington, Congressman James Comer's Office
Bill Nichols, Congressman James Comer's Office
Dr. Scott Williams, Owensboro Community and Technical College
Dr. Jason Warren, Henderson Community College
Steve Jones, Berea College
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
Sarah Duncan, Waiver Director, 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
Tom Lovett, MPO Coordinator, GRADD
Luke Reid, Economic Resiliency Planner, GRADD
Sarah Dowell, Fiscal Contracts Coordinator, GRADD
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Kristy James, CCC/Family Engagement Coordinator, GRADD
Reenee Fogle, Accounting Clerk, 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.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the April 13, 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 April 13, 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 – March 31, 2022.

A motion was made by Adam O’Nan and seconded by Steve Henry to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the period of July 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022, 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 Pat Clark to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the period of July 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Chairman Brad Schneider introduced Steve Jones, Program Director at Berea College. Mr. Jones presented information on racial equity and cultural humility which included personal experience, as well as information from the Groundwater Approach. This study is based on several key observations about racial inequity and disparities throughout the United States and how it persists in every system across the country.

B. Governor Andy Beshear Acclamation

Chairman Brad Schneider shared an acclamation from Governor Andy Beshear paying tribute to the Area Development Districts for their 50 years of effort, investment and much needed services to make the Commonwealth better.

C. Draft Budget – Fiscal Year 2023

Treasurer Adam O’Nan presented the Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

The budget includes a six-percent salary increase for staff, three-percent increase for employees recently hired and the addition of seven vacant/replacement positions to be filled in Fiscal Year 2023. Treasurer O’Nan cited several programs do not have their allocations for the new fiscal year due to contract reviews. These will require revisions and approval in the future.

A motion was made by Adam O’Nan and seconded by Steve Henry to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Draft Budget. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Scope of Work

Joanna Shake showcased the Scope of Work highlighting the Fiscal Year 2023 programs and projects. She thanked Jessie Howard for the document’s improved redesign and noted some changes to the report. Among them, the inclusion of the Finance Department’s work scope and the addition of the newly created Waiver Department.

E. Grand Stable, LLC Loan Review

Tammy Belt, on behalf of the Green River Economic Development Corporation, presented the Grand Stable, LLC loan for approval.

Amy Hildebrandt is requesting \$80,000 in Revolving Loan Funds to purchase equipment and working capital. The total project cost is \$960,000.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by Janeth Nicolas to approve the Grand Stable, LLC loan in the amount of \$80,000. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

F. Title VI Plan Approval

Tom Lovett, MPO Coordinator presented the Title VI Plan for approval. Mr. Lovett explained the Plan outlines implementation and requirements GRADD and the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Commission will take to assure its programs, services and activities will be free from discrimination.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Steve Austin to approve the Title VI Plan. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

G. Committee Reports

1. Green River Workforce Development Board

Chairman Mickey Dunbar presented the February 2, 2022, minutes of the Green River Workforce Development Board.

A motion was made by Mickey Dunbar and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the February 2, 2022, minutes of the Green River Workforce Development Board. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Mickey Dunbar reported the Green River Workforce Development Board met on May 4, 2022. At this meeting, the certification of all Kentucky Career Center locations in the local area, were considered and approved. They include Comprehensive Center in Daviess County and Access Points in Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster Counties. An amendment to the Partnership Agreement was considered and approved. This amendment designates GRADD as the Local Grant Subrecipient and Administrative Entity for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity funds and programs. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Career Development Office also provided quarterly partner updates.

2. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee

Chairman Steve Henry presented the March 23, 2022, minutes of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the March 23, 2022, 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 May 31, 2022. At this meeting, the Committee was joined by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Policy Committee of the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and heard an overview by Justin Harrod with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet on types of electric vehicles (EV) available and the barriers to EV infrastructure deployment. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) prioritized EV charging corridors on interstates. The stations must be every fifty miles and one mile from the corridor.

3. Green River Area Council on Aging

Chairperson Henrietta Harris presented the April 5, 2022, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Henrietta Harris and seconded by Steve Austin to approve the April 5, 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 June 7, 2022. At this meeting, guest speaker David Farley, Managing Attorney of the Owensboro Kentucky Legal Aid office presented information regarding advanced directives and legal services offered by Kentucky Legal Aid. Provider program reports were given and each member was asked to complete the Ombudsman Program Conflict of Interest form. Ms. Harris reminded everyone that today, June 15, 2022, is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and encouraged them to make a report to Adult Protective Services if they suspect abuse, neglect or exploitation of an older adult.

4. Green River Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Chairperson Tammy Belt presented the April 6, 2022, minutes of the Green River Economic Development Corporation for approval.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the April 6, 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 June 1, 2022. At this meeting, a loan request for Grand Stable, LLC in Daviess County was presented for review and approved. Since April 8, 2022, the following COVID-19 loans were closed:

- Over-Armour Awning & Patio (Hancock)
- SolGood Holistic Wellness (Daviess)
- Leisure Hut of Owensboro (Daviess)
- Art Lab of Owensboro (Daviess)
- 54 Cosmetics (Daviess)
- 2.0 Barber (Daviess)
- Edelen Chiropractic (Daviess)
- Conrad's Sawmill (McLean)

Ms. Belt reported all of GRADD's COVID-19 funding, \$3,310,000 million has been allocated. The fifty loans have resulted in 367 jobs over two years being retained or created and were made in all GRADDs seven counties. These loans represent 14-percent minority owned and 60-percent women owned businesses.

G. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Representative DJ Johnson gave an update from Frankfort. He reported the Interim Committees have begun to meet preparing for the next session in January. Representative Johnson asked if anyone had issues to please contact him.

Chairman Brad Schneider stated that area leaders would like to see faster action on broadband funds as they are doing all they can locally but there are still many hurdles to stream-line the process.

Alex Caudill gave an update from the Department of Local Government (DLG). Mr. Caudill reported the Henderson I69 groundbreaking ceremony will be held on June 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. on Kimsey Lane in Henderson. Also, the Governor's Local Issues Conference will take place August 17 – 19, 2022, at the Galt House in Louisville. He reminded the group that DLG is requesting gift baskets be donated with items from the region. These baskets will be given away at the conference.

Corey Elder gave an update from Congressman James Comer's office. Mr. Elder introduced new field representative Austin Wetherington. Mr. Wetherington is based out of Paducah. Also present is summer intern Bill Nichols. Mr. Elder reported Congressman Comer is a dedicated supporter of the 2nd Amendment but is a leading advocate to find solutions to secure schools and protect the most vulnerable. Congressman Comer is also leading the effort to investigate the Department of Energy's plan to combat rising gas prices. Congressman Comer and other members of the House Ways and Means Committee recently introduced the Chase COVID Unemployment Fraud Act of 2022, which would fight pandemic unemployment fraud.

Gilbert Mischel gave an update from Senator Mitch McConnell's office. Mr. Mischel reported several local leaders including Candance Brake with the Owensboro Chamber and Missy Vanderpool with the Henderson Economic Development have made visits to Senator McConnell's office advocating for the region. He also noted the Bridge Investment Grants Program is now accepting applications.

Dr. Jason Warren with Henderson County Community College reported a two-day job fair is wrapping up and enrollment is also up by three percent. Dr. Warren thanked those in the room who have assisted with expanding the Advanced Manufacturing Center.

Dr. Scott Williams with the Owensboro Community & Technical College reported groups are working on an agreement for the Commonwealth West Innovation Center and working on the plans for the work simulators. Dr. Williams also announced the Re-entry Success Program will begin the week of June 20, 2022. This program will provide inmates the opportunity to earn both the Enhanced Operator I and Workforce Readiness Certificates through the Owensboro Community & Technical College.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Jessie Howard presented the following Regional Executive Orders:

Project Otter

Ohio County Fiscal Court KY2022-0520-0597

Webster County Senior Center Improvements

Webster County Fiscal Court KY2022-0525-0660

Kentucky Boating/Fishing Access and Maintenance 2022-2023

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources KY2022-0511-0507

A motion was made by Randy Greenwell and seconded by Pat Clark to endorse the above-stated Regional EO's.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chairman Brad Schneider reported:

- Congratulations to Judge/Executive Steve Henry for receiving the Legislative Champ Award. This award was presented by the Area Development District's.
- GRADD has held several loan closings since April: Over Armour, Sol Good, 2.0 Barber, Edelen Chiropractic, Conrad's Sawmill, Art Lab, 54 Cosmetics, and Leisure Hut.
- GRADD Participated in health fairs hosted by Park Regency, Owensboro Housing Authority, and Ohio County.
- Webster County recognized its veterans at their Pins and Pizza event.
- Ohio County celebrated 50 years of the senior nutrition program with Congressman Brett Guthrie and Congressman James Comer.
- GRADD thanked all its volunteers at a volunteer luncheon in April.
- Today is World Elder Abuse Day.
- The Mental Health & Aging Coalition will host a QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Gatekeeper Training on July 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
- Congratulations Ryan Hammack on being elected to the Kenergy Board of Directors representing District 3.
- Save the Date - 53rd Annual Event, Thursday, September 29, 2022 at the RiverPark Center in Owensboro

Joanna Shake welcomed new staff Luke Reid, Economic Resiliency Planner; Danielle Street, Waiver Case Manager; Therese McGinnis, Waiver Case Manager; Skyler Stewart, Summer Associate and Alli Johnson, Summer Associate.

Mrs. Shake expressed thanks to Representative DJ Johnson and especially to Secretary Steve Henry on being a huge supporter and voice for House Bill 482, which requires the

Department for Local Government allocate funds to the Area Development Districts (ADDs).

Secretary Steve Henry explained that allocations to the ADDs had not been increased since 1997 and it was well past the time to take action.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Brad Schneider closed with a quote from Oliver Wendell Holmes "*One Flag.*"

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Steve Henry, Secretary

Brad Schneider, Chairman