

## **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 October 12, 2022.

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on October 12, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the GRADD Office, 300 GRADD Way, Owensboro, KY. It was determined a quorum was not present and business would be ratified at the next meeting. Members in attendance are listed below.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Al Mattingly, Henrietta Harris
HANCOCK COUNTY:	None present
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Brad Schneider, Mayor Steve Austin
McLEAN COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Curtis Dame, Mayor Betty Howard
OHIO COUNTY:	Judge/Executive David Johnston
UNION COUNTY:	Mayor Randy Greenwell, Melissa Coker
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Steve Henry, Mayor Pat Clark, Ryan Hammack

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT

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

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	*Nate Pagan, *Lauren Osowicz, *Robert Howard Mayor Patsy Mayfield
HANCOCK COUNTY:	*Judge/Executive Johnny Roberts, Mayor Chad Gregory, Franklin Powers
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Janeth Nicolas, *Mayor David Sellers, Bill Markwell
McLEAN COUNTY:	Mayor Jesse Johnson

\*Excused absence

OHIO COUNTY: \*Mayor Paul Sandefur, Dean Minton  
UNION COUNTY: \*Judge/Executive Adam O’Nan  
WEBSTER COUNTY: All present

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

All present

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Representative DJ Johnson, Kentucky Representative  
Representative Suzanne Miles, Kentucky Representative  
Dr. Scott Williams, Owensboro Community & Technical College  
Brad Davis, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation  
Christina Carpenter, Ohio County Fiscal Court  
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD  
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance, GRADD  
Jennifer Williams, Director for Aging and Social Services, GRADD  
Blake Edge, Director of Community & Economic Development, GRADD  
Michelle Drake, Workforce Training and Business Administrator, GRADD  
Kristy James, CCC/Family Engagement Coordinator, GRADD  
Jessie Howard, Special Projects Coordinator, GRADD  
Tom Massie, IT Manager, GRADD  
Andrew Rudkosky, Network Administrator, GRADD  
Gina Boaz, Economic Development Specialist, GRADD  
Sarah Dowell, Fiscal Contracts Coordinator, GRADD  
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD  
Reenee Fogle, Accounting Assistant, GRADD  
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant, GRADD  
Bailey Wiggins, Intern, GRADD

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. He then welcomed all guests.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary’s Report

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the August 10, 2022 GRADD Board of Directors meeting approval.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded  
by Al Mattingly to approve the minutes of the  
August 10, 2022, GRADD Board of Directors meeting.  
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the September 14, 2022 GRADD Executive Committee meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Steve Austin to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022 GRADD Executive Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report

Mayor Steve Austin presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

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

Mayor Steve Austin presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022.

A motion was made by Steve Austin and seconded by David Johnston to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022 which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Chairman Brad Schneider introduced Secretary Jeff Noel with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

Secretary Jeff Noel provided an overview of his vision for the Cabinet. He stressed his dedications to working collaboratively with a variety of partners to ensure improved quality of life for Kentuckians.

B. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Jessie Howard presented a draft of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Ms. Howard explained the document will be updated each year to show progress toward goals and to include new information about factors impacting the economy. The CEDS is required for designation by the Economic Development Authority (EDA) as an Economic Development District and must be updated at least every five years to qualify for EDA assistance and to receive funds from the Joint Funding Administration (JFA). There were six goals that have been identified. They include:

- grow and cultivate the region's workforce,
- strengthen broadband and cell availability,
- expand access to adequate housing,
- attract new industries to the region,
- upgrade infrastructure systems, and
- improve the quality of life for residents.

C. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Resolution

This item was tabled.

D. Kitchen Equipment Update

Jennifer Williams reminded the committee that the decision was made several months ago to discontinue the provision of a central kitchen for the senior meal program. The equipment has begun to deteriorate and many items are in need of repair or replacement, which has become quite costly. GRADD has met with Five Star Food Services, contracted caterer for the senior meals program, who has agreed to purchase the equipment for \$45,000, just under the appraised value of \$48,821. The Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) has approved this amount and has stated that the proceeds from the sale must remain in the senior meals program. The staff and the Green River Area Council on Aging are recommending approval to sell the equipment to Five Star Food Services for \$45,000 and to divide the proceeds evenly among the seven meal delivery providers to be used for meal delivery supplies or equipment.

E. Committee Reports

1. Green River Workforce Development Board

Chairman Mickey Dunbar presented the minutes of the May 4, 2022, Green River Workforce Development Board.

A motion was made by Mickey Dunbar and seconded by Ryan Hammack to approve the May 4, 2022, minutes of the Green River Workforce Development Board. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

2. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee

Chairman Steve Henry presented the minutes of the May 31, 2022, GRADD Regional Transportation Committee.

Chairman Henry reported at this meeting, there was a membership update report which included welcoming Larry Tellman from Dixon as the new citizen's representative. The human services position is still vacant. Adam Kirk from the University of Kentucky Transportation Center presented about the Safe Streets for All grant that GRADD will be submitting. Jessie Howard provided an update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and asked for input from the members. Staff presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Regional Goals & Objectives, as well as the bylaws, Plan for Committee Activities and a nominating committee was appointed to nominate officers for the upcoming year. Representative Jim Gooch provided an update on the special session that was recently held.

3. Green River Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Chairperson Tammy Belt presented the minutes of the June 1, 2022, Green River Economic Development Corporation.

Chairperson Belt reported the Green River EDC met on September 15, 2022. At this meeting, three CARES Act loans that are in default were discussed along with two CARES Act loans and one traditional loan that are delinquent. Jessie Howard provided an update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and asked for input on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) she had gleaned from the various GRADD Committees. GRADD staff reported that all \$3.310 million of the EDA CARES Act funds were distributed in 52 loans by the July 23, 2022, deadline.

4. GRADD Water Management Council

Chairman Pete Conrad presented the June 16, 2022 minutes of the GRADD Water Management Council.

Chairman Conrad reported the GRADD Water Management Council met on September 16, 2022. At this meeting, Jessie Howard spoke to the group about the CEDS document. Twenty drinking water and seven wastewater projects were approved. Blake Edge introduced new project ranking criteria for the group which align with how the Division of Water ranks projects. Chairman Conrad also congratulated the Daviess County Water District on receiving the Wooden Bucket Award. The award is the highest honor given by the Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA).

5. Green River Area Council on Aging

Chairperson Henrietta Harris presented the August 2, 2022, minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging.

Chairperson Henrietta Harris reported the Green River Area Council on Aging met on October 4, 2022. At this meeting, guest speaker Maleah Boisture, Community Service Representative for Calumet Trace Senior Living, spoke on options for long-term care, including assisted living. She provided valuable information regarding how to determine the best level of care for a senior loved one. The senior center providers informed the group about activities and services offered by centers in each of the seven counties. The sub-committees, which include Outreach, Food Insecurity, and Mental Health, used a portion of the meeting time to meet in their small groups and then reported on their progress. GRADD SHIP Counselor, Lee Ann Edmonson, spoke with the group about open enrollment for Medicare Part D, which will be held October 15, 2022, through December 7, 2022. Jennifer Williams presented a plan for disposing of the central kitchen equipment, which was approved to sell the equipment to Five Star Food Service for \$45,000 and split the proceeds among the seven meal delivery providers to be used for meal delivery supplies and equipment. A Nominating Committee was appointed to recommend officers for 2023. The officers are Amy Lilly, Diann Crask, Jim Toler, and Helen Ritterskamp.

F. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Chairman Brad Schneider made the following comments for Alex Caudill as he could not attend the meeting today.

- Governor Andy Beshear will be attending the Habitat for Humanity Homes Ribbon Cutting on October 20, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in Hartford and the Passport Health Plan by Molina Healthcare Ribbon Cutting on November 2, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., place is still to be determined.

- Lieutenant Governor Jacqueline Coleman will be attending the Oasis luncheon at Miller House on October 27, 2022, in Owensboro.
- Congressman James Comer will be speaking to a joint meeting of the Henderson Rotary and Lions Club on October 19, 2022, at 11:15 a.m. at Community Baptist Church.

Representative DJ Johnson reported committees are currently evaluating how funding was distributed across the state, as well as discussing preparations for the upcoming legislative session.

Dr. Scott Williams with Owensboro Community & Technical College reported final touches are being made on the Commonwealth Healthcare Workforce Innovation Center. To provide a sound foundation for the unique initiative. The NSF Dislocated Worker Project has 45 individuals that are being trained for their entrance back into the manufacturing industry. The Reentry Program has its first graduating class and is working on the second. The Healthcare Patient Technician Program will kick off very soon and the CDL Program which is conducted at the Owensboro Riverport has had 50 graduates. Dr. Williams expressed his excitement as the College continues to see increased enrollment.

#### IV. CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chairman Brad Schneider thanked all who were able to attend the GRADD Annual Celebration on September 29, 2022. He thanked the Annual Celebration Committee for its assistance and guidance. At the event the following were presented with awards:

- The Charles Reid Regional Citizenship Award was awarded to David Ross.
- The Texal Brooks Regional Leadership Award was awarded to Buzzy Newman.
- The Wendell H. Ford Regional Legislative Leadership Award was presented to Representative Suzanne Miles.
- The Community of Year Award was presented to the Daviess County Fiscal Court for its Horse Fork Creek Playground Project.
- Jiten Shah was presented a Life of Service Award. It was also announced the GRADD Boardroom will be named the Jiten S. Shah Boardroom.

Chairman Brad Schneider made the following announcements:

- Governor Andy Beshear was recently in Ohio County to make the following funding announcements:
  - \$1,000,000 from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the rebuild of the Ohio County Water District's raw water intake facility.
  - \$700,000 from CDBG funding to extend water and sewer lines as well as an access road needed for the Kentucky Whiskey Company, a new industry locating in the Bluegrass Crossings Business Centre in Ohio County.
  - \$200,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to Hancock County Fiscal Court to construct a splash pad and bathroom at Vastwood Park.
  - Congratulations to Webster County on the ribbon cutting of the Lisman Workforce Complex. This collaboration with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) will enable more students in the region to receive utility lineman, CDL certification and diesel mechanic training.

- The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is asking for the public to review and make comments on the Draft 2022 – 2045 Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan. It can be found at <http://GetThereTogetherKY.org>.
- An Expungement Fair will be held on October 20, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Henderson County Housing Authority, Boswell Room, Henderson.

Chairman Brad Schneider made the following appointments to the GRADD Board of Directors Nominating Committee to make nominations for the 2023 Board of Directors: Vice Chairman Al Mattingly, Mayor Betty Howard, and Tammy Belt.

Joanna Shake made the following comments:

- The AmeriCorps Launch for the 2022-2023 Service Year will be held in Richmond on October 26 & 27, 2022.
- Kentucky Virtual Senior Hunger Summit will be held on November 2, 2022.
- The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program will be visiting and assisting residents in Assisted Living Facilities in Kentucky, effective October 1, 2022.
- Welcome to GRADD Bailey Wiggins, Aging and Social Services Intern.
- Tom Massie, IT Manager will be retiring October 31, 2022. Mrs. Shake thanked Mr. Massie for his 24 years of dedicated service to GRADD.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Brad Schneider closed the meeting with a quote from Mike Tyson, “everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth.” He explained as leaders it’s great to have a plan but sometimes leaders need to be flexible and “roll with the punches.”

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