



Green River Area Development District

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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 March 8, 2023.

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on March 8, 2023, 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 listed below.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVISS COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Charlie Castlen, Mayor Patsy Mayfield, Nate Pagan, Lauren Osowicz, Henrietta Harris
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Johnny Roberts, Mayor Chad Gregory
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Brad Schneider, Mayor Brad Staton, Janeth Nicolas, Bill Markwell
McLEAN COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Curtis Dame, Mayor Betty Howard
OHIO COUNTY:	Judge/Executive David Johnston, Mayor Paul Sandefur, Mayor Beau Wright
UNION COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan, Mayor Randy Greenwell
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Steve Henry, Ryan Hammack

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT

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
Green River Transportation Committee – (Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVISS COUNTY: *Robert Howard

*Excused absence

Steve Henry, Chairman | Adam O'Nan, Vice Chairman | Johnny "Chic" Roberts, Secretary | Curtis Dame, Treasurer | Joanna Shake, Executive Director



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HANCOCK COUNTY: Franklin Powers
HENDERSON COUNTY: *Mayor David Sellers
McLEAN COUNTY: *Vicki Hughes
OHIO COUNTY: All present
UNION COUNTY: Melissa Coker
WEBSTER COUNTY: *Mayor Pat Clark

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

All present

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Mayor Cris Payne, City of Waverly
Mayor Jeff Fuqua, City of Fordsville
Mayor LaDonna Tapp, City of Uniontown
Gilbert Mischel, Senator Mitch McConnell's Office
Alex Caudill, Department for Local Government
Doug Taylor, Kentucky Transportation Department
Dr. Scott Williams, Owensboro Community & Technical College
Jason Burden, Ohio County Road Department
Brian Humphrey, City of Morganfield
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Director of Aging & Social Services, GRADD
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance, GRADD
Blake Edge, Director of Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Michelle Drake, Director of Workforce Development, GRADD
Sarah Duncan, Director of Waiver Services, GRADD
Andrew Rudkosky, Network Administrator, GRADD
Jessie Howard, Special Projects Coordinator, GRADD
Cheryl Peters, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Reenee Fogle, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Sarah Dowell, Fiscal Contracts Coordinator, GRADD
Marissa Haight, Waiver Finance Intern, GRADD
Cheyton Pendley, Infrastructure Planner, GRADD
Leslie Wilson, Community Services Manager, GRADD
Heather Mullican, District Long Term Care Ombudsman, GRADD
Andrew Law, Waiver Case Manager, GRADD
Tiffany Lindsey, Benefits Enrollment Specialist, GRADD
Maria Shyver, CCC Coordinator/PEM Facilitator, GRADD
Bailey Wiggins, Waiver Case Manager, GRADD
Daniel Long, Aging Case Manager, GRADD
Libby Watson, Social Services Administrative Assistant, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Henry called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., led with the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Henry then welcomed all guests.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Secretary Johnny Roberts presented the minutes of the February 8, 2023, GRADD Board of Directors meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Johnny Roberts and seconded by Curtis Dame to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2023, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Curtis Dame presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023.

A motion was made by David Johnson and seconded by Betty Howard to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period July 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Treasurer Curtis Dame reported the Finance Committee met on March 1, 2023 to discuss GRADD's current fiscal year budget. This provided an opportunity to review the possibility to disburse Homecare and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The Finance Committee agreed to a provider unit rate increase of \$2 per hour for Comfort Keepers, GRADD's in-home services provider. Additionally, the Finance Committee approved the purchase of MySeniorCenter, which will assist senior centers with digital tracking and inventory.

Chairman Dame also reported, the Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) has approved a contract increase for the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) contract. This increase provides \$24,000 over Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ombudsman Program

Heather Mullican, District Long Term Care Ombudsman gave an overview of the Ombudsman Program. The Older Americans Act provides residents in long-term care facilities access to advocacy to ensure quality of care and quality of life. Mrs. Mullican explained the program assists the 2,645 residents in 35 nursing homes, personal care homes and assisted living facilities in Kentucky by offering "friendly visits" to residents, resolving problems or complaints made by or on behalf of residents, and providing education to individuals and families. Mrs. Mullican also highlighted the Silver Bells Project which collects donations for residents in personal care homes. In 2022, 250 gift bags were filled and delivered.

B. Ombudsman Conflict of Interest

Henrietta Harris explained, as reported earlier, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program interfaces with a number of facilities in the GRADD region.

Since the GRADD Board of Directors provides oversight of this program, the Administration For Community Living and the Kentucky Department of Aging & Independent Living (DAIL) require GRADD to show that neither the agency nor the individual members of the GRADD Board of Directors has any relationship with any of these facilities that would result in a conflict of interest. Mrs. Harris asked each member to complete the Ombudsman Conflict of Interest provided. If a conflict of interest is identified, the solution will be to have staff work with the individual to ensure an acceptable remedy is established, which most often is simply asking the member to abstain from voting on any matters regarding the Ombudsman program.

C. Audit Request for Qualifications Recommendation

Treasurer Curtis Dame reminded the Board that at the February meeting the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was discussed. The first request did not solicit suitable applications, so the Finance Committee recommended that another RFQ be submitted back to GRADD with a February 28, 2023 due date. The Finance Committee met on March 1, 2023, to review proposals. It was determined by staff reviews and bid tabulation that Tichenor & Associates, LLP who provided a five-year quote of \$29,972.07 per year, would be awarded the contract.

A motion was made by Curtis Dame and seconded by Adam O'Nan to approve Tichenor & Associates, LLP provide audit services. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Legislative Update

Chairman Steve Henry reported on several bills currently being reviewed that could have an impact on the region.

- HB 9 would enable the Department for Local Government (DLG) to enter a partnership with the Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts (KCADD) to create and administer the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program, which will create grants for specific areas with a high concentration of direct coal sector jobs in East and West Kentucky.
- HB 522 would amend KRS 424.260 by increasing the local government contract advertisement of bids from the required \$30,000 to \$40,000.
- SB 54 would allow students to use Kentucky Educational Excellent Scholarship (KEES) funds for enrollment into post-secondary education programs in the field of agriculture or one of the five of Kentucky's high demand work sectors. Additionally, KEES money could be used for workforce solutions training program offered by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System or at an eligible college of art and design.
- SB263 would encourage regionalization merger and consolidation of water and wastewater systems by prioritizing funding projects that are regional in nature.
- HB 4 relates to solar and wind renewable energy ordinances, making city and county ordinances supersede state law. It was suggested that if cities and counties do not have an ordinance on file as of yet, it should be addressed.

- HB 71 would allow local governments to advertise using alternative procedures such as Internet.
- HB 215 will remove the population requirement and the one percent occupational license fee rate limitation and allow the crediting of city and county occupational license fees by agreement only and would amend KRS 67.793 to conform and repeal KRS 68.199, relating to credit against occupational license fees in a county that attains a population of 30,000.
- HB 255 allows any city and county to levy a restaurant tax not to exceed three percent of retail sales.
- SB 101 would extend contracts subject to reimbursement for training costs to five years for police officers employed by cities and counties.
- HB 5 would amend KRS 132.140 to allow an exemption of the property tax on distilled spirits stored or aging in barrels located in a bonded warehouse or premises, which is a reduction in tax for local communities.

Vice Chairman Adam O'Nan further explained HB 5 could influence the amount of coal severance funding to eligible counties and expressed the need to contact local legislators to discuss the legislation.

Chairman Steve Henry also reported the possibility of appropriating funds from the State Aid Funding for Emergencies (SAFE) to be used for the replacement of renovations or expansion of certain police, fire and ambulance stations.

E. Committee Reports

1. Green River Workforce Development Board

Chairman Mickey Dunbar presented the minutes of the August 3, 2022 meeting of the Green River Workforce Development Board.

A motion was made by Mickey Dunbar and seconded by David Johnston to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2022 meeting of the Green River Workforce Development Board
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Mickey Dunbar reported the Skills to Succeed program continues to see growth. The H2O Program has had four operators who have acquired certification and additional water and wastewater apprentices will be taking the certification test in the coming weeks.

2. Green River Area Council on Aging

Chairperson Henrietta Harris presented the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Henrietta Harris and seconded by Curtis Dame to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairperson Henrietta Harris reported the Area Aging Plan Update will be presented in April. The annual Feed Seniors Now event will kick off on March 15, 2023 and groceries will be delivered to low-income seniors on April 19, 2023. Any donations to help purchase shelf stable foods are greatly appreciated. The Aging and Waiver Case Managers are continuing to assess and add clients with hopes to clear the waiting list over the next few months. The Aging & Disability Resource Center assisted 508 callers during the month of February.

3. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)

Chairman Adam O'Nan reported meetings were conducted to discuss Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) priority sponsorship projects. GRADD staff attended a kickoff meeting of the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant to begin work on the action plan for the region.

4. GRADD Water Management Council

Chairman Pete Conrad reported Cheyton Pendley, Infrastructure Planner with GRADD has completed 29 of the 56 system visits and hopes to complete all visits by April 2023. The Clean Water Program currently has 70 open projects and the Kentucky Infrastructure call for projects was held at the December 2022 meeting. GRADD has submitted 15 sewer and 33 drinking water projects.

5. Green River Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Chairperson Tammy Belt reported the Green River EDC will meet on March 30, 2023 at the GRADD office.

F. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Alex Caudill gave an update from the Department for Local Government. Mr. Caudill congratulated Union and Webster Counties on their Land & Water Conservation Funding announcements. Governor Andy Beshear will be at the Union County Courthouse today at 3:30 p.m. and at 5:30 p.m. at Gallery 101 in Henderson.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Jessie Howard presented the following Regional Executive Orders:

Daviess County Masonville Fire Department #1 Generator Application
Daviess County Fiscal Court KY202302060161

Ground Mount Solar Array Construction
Prestige Tool & Die, LLC KY2023-0216-0210

Buck Creek Farm, LLC: Ground Mount Solar Array
Buck Creek Farm, LLC KY2023-0221-0230

Sand Lane Booster Station & Mains
Henderson Water Utility KY2023-0222-0240

US 60 Sidewalk Project
City of Morganfield KY2023-0227-0263

A motion was made by Nate Pagan and seconded by Betty Howard to approve the above-stated Regional Executive Orders. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chairman Steve Henry made the following comments:

- Chairman Steve Henry, Vice Chair Adam O'Nan along with Barren River Area Development District (ADD) Executive Director Eric Sexton and Pennyriple ADD Executive Director, Jason Vincent, testified in front of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government on February 9, 2023 on the impact of federal and state grant programs to communities.
- The Office of Broadband Development held a Listening Tour at the GRADD office on February 21, 2023. The Kentucky Office of Broadband Development and its Director, Meghan Sandfoss, are engaging in a community listening tour as part of the community engagement process for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. This program, funded under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), is working to ensure all Kentuckians have access to broadband.
- The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security along with the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency held a training at GRADD on March 7, 2023. The purpose of this tour is to discuss Cybersecurity basics, learn how to apply for FEMA's 2023 cybersecurity grant and to take advantage of the free cybersecurity resources available in Kentucky.
- The City of Hawesville was awarded \$747,735 from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to renovate and update their storm water pump facilities.
- The City of Morganfield was awarded \$144,625 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to develop an accessible splash park in downtown Morganfield.
- Union County Fiscal Court was awarded \$100,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to help repave the roads at Moffit Lake Recreation Area.
- Webster County Fiscal Court was awarded \$128,867 from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to develop a new park, Canaan Ridge, by constructing a playground and bathroom.

Joanna Shake made the following comments:

- Congratulations to Chairman Steve Henry on being appointed to the Building Resilient Economies in Coal Communities (BRECC) Commitment Coalition. Chairman Henry is one of 20 coal community leaders across the United States selected to serve.
- GRADD Newly Elected Officials trainings were recently held in Hancock County on February 22, 2023, Daviess County on March 2, 2023 and Henderson County on March 6, 2023.

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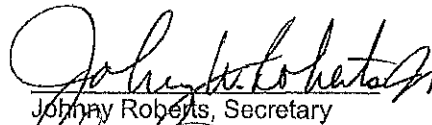
- Upcoming Newly Elected Officials Trainings in Webster County on March 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Webster County Senior Center.
- The STAND Against Child Abuse will take place on April 14, 2023 beginning at 4:30 p.m. on the front lawn of Kentucky Wesleyan College. The event is free and open to the public. There will also be a tree planting ceremony at 4:45 p.m. in remembrance of children in Kentucky who died as result of child abuse.
- Welcome to GRADD: Bailey Wiggins, Waiver Case Manager; Tiffany Lindsey, Benefits Enrollment Specialist; Maria Shyver, Community Collaborations for Children/Parent Engagement Meeting Facilitator; and Daniel Long, Aging Case Manager.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

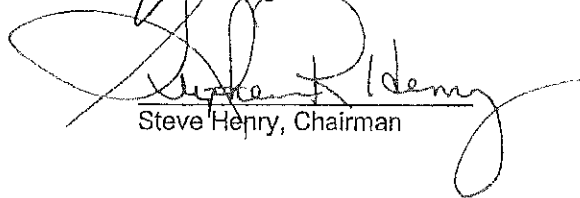
Judge/Executive Brad Schneider reported the Henderson Economic Development in conjunction with 4 Star Industrial Park has been awarded a \$700,000 grant to create a 1 million square feet pad, which will be the largest built ready pad in Kentucky.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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



Johnny Roberts, Secretary



Steve Henry, Chairman