



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 August 9, 2023.

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on August 9, 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

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Charlie Castlen, Nate Pagan,
	Mayor Patsy Mayfield, Lauren Osowicz, Henrietta Harris
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Johnny Roberts, Mayor Chad Gregory,
	Franklin Powers
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Brad Schneider, Mayor Brad Staton,
	Bill Markwell
McLEAN COUNTY:	Mayor Betty Howard, Vicki Hughes
OHIO COUNTY:	Judge/Executive David Johnston, Mayor Beau Wright,
	Mayor Paul Sandefur
UNION COUNTY:	Mayor Randy Greenwell
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Steve Henry, Mayor Pat Clark

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT

Green River Economic Development Corporation - Tammy Belt
GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council - Jeremy Moore
Green River Area Council on Aging - (Henrietta Harris)
GRADD Water Management Council – (Judge/Executive Johnny Roberts)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	*Robert Howard
HANCOCK COUNTY:	All present
HENDERSON COUNTY:	*Mayor David Sellers, Janeth Nicolas

*Excused absence: ~~Chairman~~ | Adam O'Nan, Vice Chairman | Johnny "Chic" Roberts, Secretary | Curtis Darné, Treasurer | Joanna Shake, Executive Director



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McLEAN COUNTY: *Judge/Executive Curtis Dame
OHIO COUNTY: All present
UNION COUNTY: *Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan, *Melissa Coker
WEBSTER COUNTY: *Ryan Hammack

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

Green River Transportation Committee - (*Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan)
Green River Workforce Development Board - *Mickey Dunbar

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Congressman Brett Guthrie, United States House of Representatives
Senator Robby Mills, Kentucky – 4th District
Senator Gary Boswell, Kentucky – 8th District
Representative Suzanne Miles, - Kentucky – 7th District
Representative DJ Johnson, Kentucky – 13th District
Gilbert Mischel, Senator Mitch McConnell's Office
Mark Lord, Congressman Brett Guthrie's Office
Alex Caudill, Department for Local Government
Dr. Jason Warren, Henderson Community & Technical College
Dr. Scott Williams, Owensboro Community & Technical College
Kim Humphrey, River View Coal
Brad Davis, Great Owensboro Economic Development Corporation
April Schroader, City of Fordsville
Sonny Renfrow, McLean County Regional Water Commission
Amanda Rhoads, City of Morganfield
Joanne Nelson, AmeriCorps
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance & Human Resources, GRADD
Blake Edge, Director of Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Michelle Drake, Director of Workforce Development, GRADD
Leslie Wilson, Interim Director of Aging & Social Services, GRADD
Andrew Rudkosky, Network Administrator, GRADD
Jessie Howard, Special Projects Coordinator, GRADD
Cheryl Peters, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Reenee Fogle, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Marissa Haight, Fiscal Contracts Coordinator, GRADD
Amber Gebhard, ADRC Coordinator, GRADD
Lisa Flahardy, Aging Contract Specialist, GRADD
Brad Alley, AmeriCorps Program Director, GRADD
Tiffany Lindsey, Benefits Enrollment Specialist, GRADD
Maria Shyver, CCC Coordinator/PEM Facilitator, GRADD
Lauren Wellman, Aging Case Manager, GRADD
Mary Poirier, Aging Case Manager, GRADD
Bailey Simone, Aging Case Manager, GRADD
Charity DeHart, Waiver Finance Manager, GRADD
Britney Ammon, Waiver Payroll Coordinator, GRADD
Katelynn Buckman, Waiver Finance Assistant, GRADD
Tom Lovett, MPO Coordinator, GRADD
Libby Watson, Social Services Administrative Assistant, GRADD

Kim Wells, Executive Assistant, GRADD
Donna Behl, ADRC Counselor, 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 June 21, 2023, GRADD Board of Directors meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Johnny Roberts and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Reports

Lauren Osowicz presented the Treasurer's Report for the periods of July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023 and July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Lauren Osowicz and seconded by Johnny Roberts to approve the Treasurer's Report for the periods July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023 and July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Chairman Steve Henry introduced United States Congressman Brett Guthrie who serves the 2nd District of Kentucky.

Congressman Guthrie spoke concerning the Energy and Commerce Committee, of which he is a member. The committee is the oldest standing legislative committee in the House with broad jurisdiction over energy, health care, telecommunications and consumer product safety. He is also the chair of the Healthcare Subcommittee. The committee is currently studying the upcoming "baby boomer" retirement era, which could be detrimental to the Medicare system. The Healthcare Subcommittee continues to monitor prescription medication costs. Substance abuse continues to be a "hot topic," as well.

B. Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review

Tammy Belt presented the loan summary for Mine System Solutions.

Bill Beaven is requesting \$250,000 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). This loan will add 10 additional jobs by the end of 2023 and be used to purchase a Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machine that will allow the business to offer additional services to his clients.

A motion was made by Randy Greenwell and seconded by Charlie Castlin to approve the Mine System Solutions CARES RLF loan in the amount of \$250,000. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Safe Streets and Roads for All Resolution

Tom Lovett presented the Safe Streets and Roads for All Resolution. This document enables GRADD to enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Transportation Department and authorizes Joanna Shake to sign all necessary documents relating to the project on behalf of GRADD.

A motion was made by Nate Pagan and seconded by Charlie Castlen to approve the Safe Streets for All Resolution. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Service Awards

Chairman Steve Henry presented the following service awards: Katelynn Buckman, Waiver Finance Assistant five-years, Brad Alley, AmeriCorps Program Director 15-years, Charity DeHart, Waiver Finance Manager 25-years and Michelle Drake, Workforce Development Department Director 30-years. He thanked them all for the service and dedication to GRADD.

E. Committee Reports

1. Green River Area Council on Aging

Chairperson Henrietta Harris presented the minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting of the Green River Area Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Henrietta Harris and seconded by Johnny Roberts to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023 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 August 1, 2023. At this meeting, Valerie Arvin from Caring Choice Therapy gave an overview of services offered for care partners of people living with dementia, to assist them in managing daily challenges more effectively. The following bylaw changes were reviewed and approved:

- All references to chairman or chairperson have been changed to chair to reflect neutral and inclusive language.

- Section 12.02, which refers to the Purpose of the Ombudsman Advisory Council was revised to reference Kentucky Administrative Regulation 910 KAR 1:210; and other minor wording changes were made to coordinate with the bylaws of the Ombudsman Advisory Council to ensure consistency.

The June financial report and Fiscal Year 2024 Allocations were reviewed. Mrs. Harris noted there is a slight decrease in funding due to the loss of the Personal Care Attendant Program. This loss, however, was greatly reduced by the addition of the Kentucky Family Caregiver Program and some slight increases in funding in other program areas. The Kentucky Family Caregiver Program, which provides assistance for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, has been funded and will be implemented as soon as a staff person is hired.

2. Green River Economic Development Corporation

Chairperson Tammy Belt presented the minutes of the June 7, 2023, meeting of Green River Economic Development Corporation.

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by Johnny Roberts to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2023, 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 August 2, 2023. At this meeting, the Corporation reviewed and approved a loan application for Mine System Solutions in the amount of \$250,000 from the CARES RLF. This loan will add 10 additional jobs by the end of 2023 and be used to purchase a CNC machine that will allow the business to offer additional services to their clients. An update was given on the Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and the semi-annual report was submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as of June 30, 2023.

3. GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council

Chairman Jeremy Moore reported the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council met on July 19, 2023. At this meeting, Representatives from the Kentucky Office of Energy Policy and Kentucky Emergency Management attended the meeting to discuss the energy landscape in the GRADD area and to discuss energy resiliency. This meeting served as the launch for the GRADD Community Energy Resilience Survey which will gather information on backup power capabilities and needs for critical facilities across the GRADD region. The data gathered from the energy survey will allow GRADD staff to create reports for the state and local governments that evaluate the current energy resilience and a roadmap for improved energy resilience. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding was available for the GRADD region due to the severe storms occurring between March 3 & 4, 2023. The application window closed on July 10, 2023 and seven projects applied for funding. Projects are being evaluated at the state level and those selected to continue will be announced later this year.

4. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee

Chairman Steve Henry reported end of fiscal year deliverables have been completed and submitted to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) as well as the July 2023 deliverables with an updated list of Major Traffic Generators. GRADD has received SHIFT scores from KYTC and will be choosing nine projects to advance, at the next meeting.

5. GRADD Water Management Council

Chairman Johnny Roberts presented the minutes of the March 16, 2023 GRADD Water Management Council meeting.

A motion was made by Johnny Roberts and seconded by David Johnston to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023 GRADD Water Management Council. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Johnny Roberts reported the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) Call for Projects and Ranking Meetings are nearing. Cheyton Pendley will inform the council when KIA opens the Call for Projects, and he will also be responsible for conducting the ranking meetings in all seven counties. The Cleaner Water Grant program is still ongoing. Cheyton Pendley has continued to coordinate with the grantees and KIA to complete the program requirements to receive these funds. If there are any questions regarding the Cleaner Water Grant Program, please feel free to contact him.

6. Green River Workforce Development Board

Vice Chairperson Kim Humphrey reported the Green River Workforce Development Board met on August 2, 2023. Information regarding the River View Coal expansion was provided. The new portal, which will create 260 new jobs, is set to begin production in late 2024 or early 2025. The Workforce Development Department continues to serve employers and job seekers with the Skills to Succeed (S2S) grant to provide individualized employment recovery activities. Two hundred and fifteen participants have been enrolled with over \$744,000 being obligated of the total \$1.15 million grant. The agreement for the \$450,000 grant award from Delta Regional Authority (DRA) to continue the H2O Project will be signed this week. Six incumbent workers will be the first apprentices registered for the program with eleven additional openings to be filled over the next several months. The project will utilize DRA funds to enable seventeen water and wastewater operators to participate in the Kentucky Rural Water Association's Registered Apprenticeship Program. Grant funds will support both wages and related technical instruction for the apprentices.

E. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Senator Robby Mills began by thanking GRADD for its assistance to its cities and counties. Senator Mills spoke on the Annexation Task Force and hopes for some compromise in the coming months. The Opioid Settlement continues to stay on the legislature's radar to be sure that those dollars are spent how they were intended, which is drug prevention and addiction treatment.

Senator Gary Boswell reported the Appropriations Committee is reviewing what was done in the last session. He noted ARPA funds are starting to draw to a close. The Committee is discussing how to continue funding for agencies and organizations which are utilizing ARPA funds.

Representative DJ Johnson gave a brief overview of how the General Assembly spends its time leading into the legislative calendar, including review of past legislation as well as hearing constituents concerns and taking those into consideration for the upcoming session in January 2024.

Chairman Steve Henry thanked Leader Suzanne Miles for her continued support of the Area Development Districts and coal severance counties.

Gilbert Mischell gave an update from Senator Mitch McConnell's office. Mr. Mischell reported several key personnel members from Senator McConnell's office have made visits to Henderson and Owensboro. Members of the McConnell Scholars Program recently visited Maysville and learned how natural disasters affect a community.

Alex Caudill gave an update from the Department for Local Government. Mr. Caudill reported the Governor's Local Issues Conference will be held August 16 – 18, 2023 at the Galt House in Louisville. Governor Andy Beshear was recently in Owensboro for the Yellow Banks Recovery Center Ribbon Cutting and for the Owensboro Riverport Groundbreaking. Mr. Caudill congratulated Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan and Union County on being named in the top 20 of *Site Selection Magazine's* America's Best Counties by Project Per Capita.

Dr. Scott Williams with Owensboro Community and Technical College reported enrollment is up with over 170 students starting the semester on August 14, 2023.

Dr. Jason Warren with Henderson Community and Technical College reported enrollment is up by 14-percent. Dr. Warren also noted that 15 students are enrolled in the Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME) Program.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Jessie Howard presented the following Regional Executive Orders:

East Daviess County Water Association (EDCWA) Meter Replacement
EDCWA KY2023-0706-1145

East Daviess County Water Association Meter Replacement (Hancock)
EDCWA KY2023-0728-1250

Parrish Avenue & Wing Avenue Pump Station Upgrade
Daviess County Water District KY2023-0714-1170

W-100 Sloughs WMA Water Production Well
Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources KY2023-0710-1152

Expansion of Green River National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area
United States Fish & Wildlife Service KY2023-0721-1217

A motion was made by Randy Greenwell and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the above-stated Regional Executive Orders. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Howard noted the Henderson Station II Intergovernmental Review has been tabled for now.

V. CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chairman Steve Henry made the following comments:

- GRADD Annual Meeting will take place on September 13, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. at McConnell Plaza (Owensboro Riverfront). Invitations will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. RSVP must be received by September 8, 2023.
- Nominations for the Regional Excellence Awards and Community of the Year Award are being accepted. Application can be found at www.gradd.com.
- Governor's Local Issues Conference 2023 will be held August 16 – 18, 2023, at the Galt House in Louisville.
- Daviess County Fiscal Court was awarded a grant through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Program. A backup generator will be purchased for the Masonville Fire Department. The total grant award is \$32,469.
- Henderson Emergency Communications Center was awarded \$126,000 from the Kentucky 911 Services Board to transition to Next Generation 911 Services.
- Ohio County 911 Dispatch was awarded \$13,986 from the Kentucky 911 Services Board to bring GIS to Next Generation 911 standards.
- The City of Dixon was awarded \$21,000 from the Kentucky Energy & Environment Cabinet Crumb Rubber Grant to install poured-in-place playground surfacing at Baker Park.

Joanna Shake made the following comments:

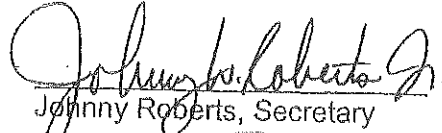
- The Kentucky Career Center held career and resource fairs at Beaver Dam Elementary School and Henderson Housing Authority. A Rapid Response was held to assist those facing layoffs from Daicel.
- GRADD Senior Games will be held September 19, 2023, at Moffit Lake in Union County. Registration forms can be found on the GRADD website.
- Welcome to GRADD Bailey Simone, Lauren Wellman, and Mary Poirier, Aging Case Managers.

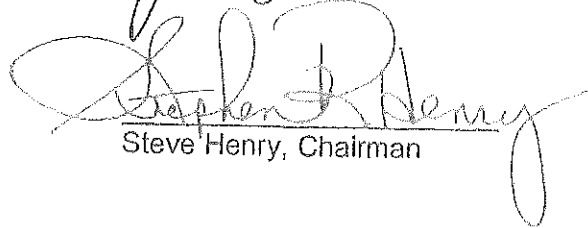
VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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


Johnny Roberts, Secretary


Steve Henry, Chairman