

GRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS 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 Meeting of June 10, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held its monthly meeting June 10, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the Green River Area Development District, 300 GRADD Way, Owensboro, KY. A quorum was present with members in attendance listed below.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Charlie Castlen, Mayor Patsy Mayfield, Henrietta Harris,
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Johnny Roberts, Mayor Chad Gregory, Franklin Powers
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Brad Schneider, Mayor Brad Staton, Mayor Ronda Moore Smith, Bill Markwell, Janeth Nicolas
McLEAN COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Curtis Dame, Mayor Betty Howard, Vicki Hughes
OHIO COUNTY:	Judge/Executive David Johnston, Mayor Jeff Fuqua
UNION COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan, Mayor Randy Greenwell, Melissa Coker
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Judge/Executive Steve Henry, Mayor Pat Clark, Ryan Hammack

COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT

Green River Workforce Development Board - Mickey Dunbar
Green River Transportation Committee - (Judge/Executive Adam O'Nan)
Green River Economic Development Corporation - Brad Davis
Green River Area Council on Aging - (Henrietta Harris)
GRADD Water Management Council - Eric Hickman

*Excused absence

Johnny "Chic" Roberts, Chairman | Adam O'Nan, Vice Chairman | Curtis Dame, Secretary | Charlie Castlen, Treasurer | Kenneth J. Williams, Executive Director

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	*Nate Pagan, *Lauren Osowicz, *Robert Howard
HANCOCK COUNTY:	All present
HENDERSON COUNTY:	All present
McLEAN COUNTY:	All present
OHIO COUNTY	*Mayor Paul Sandefur
UNION COUNTY:	All present
WEBSTER COUNTY:	All present

COMMITTEE CHAIRS ABSENT

GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council - *Jeremy Moore

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Senator Robby Milles, Kentucky State Senator
Representative DJ Johnson, Kentucky State Senator
Mayor Sharon Nell Boyken, City of Livermore
Mayor LaDonna Tapp, City of Uniontown
Hunter Whitaker Senator Mitch McConnell's Office
Alex Caudill, Department for Local Government
Jennifer Richardson, Health Force Kentucky
Kenny Williams, Executive Director, GRADD
Kemp Morgan, Deputy Director, GRADD
Cory Alexander, Director of Finance, GRADD
Leslie Wilson, Director of Aging and Social Services, GRADD
Sarah Duncan, Director of Waiver Services, GRADD
Skyler Stewart, Director of Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Bryan Kennedy, Communications Officer, GRADD
Andrew Rudkosky, IT Director, GRADD
Monte Davenport, Local Government Advisor, GRADD
Leslie Rusher, Public Administration Specialist, GRADD
Bethanne McPherson, Program Assistant, GRADD
Jacob Matson, Infrastructure Planner, GRADD
Amber Gebhard, Community Partners Manager, GRADD
Andrew Law, District Ombudsman, GRADD
Maria Shyver, CCC Program Administrator, GRADD
Kelli King, Family Caregiver Coordinator, GRADD
Tabitha Hooker, Family Caregiver Program Specialist, GRADD
Tiffanye Corsey, Aging Case Manager, GRADD
Keith Piersawl, ADRC/SHP Specialist, GRADD
Alisha Smith, Workforce Development Youth Coordinator, GRADD
Lilly Fitzgerald, Waiver Case Manager, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnny "Chic" Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Mickey Dunbar opened the meeting with prayer. Chair Johnny "Chic" Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed guests to the meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Secretary Curtis Dame presented the May 13, 2026 minutes of the GRADD Board of Directors meeting.

A motion was made by Curtis Dame and seconded by Bill Markwell to approve the May 13, 2026 minutes of the GRADD Board of Directors. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Charlie Castlen presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026.

A motion was made by Charlie Castlen and seconded by David Johnston to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period of July 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026: GRADD Year in Review

GRADD Department Directors presented highlights from Aging & Social Services, Community & Economic Development, Waiver Services and Workforce Development.

Leslie Wilson, Director of Aging & Social Services gave a program services summary as well as highlighted the many events held throughout the year. Congregate Meals, meals served in the senior centers, reached over 1,600 while Home Delivered Meals is serving 686 clients.

Skyler Steward Director of Community & Economic Development gave an overview of current grant project administration which included the Joint Funding Administration (JFA), Delta Regional Authority (DRA) and Water Resource Planning. Upcoming grant application deadlines were also discussed.

Sarah Duncan, Director of Waiver Services gave an overview of services and noted GRADD Waiver Services billed \$34,831,278 in Medicaid in FY 2026. Total number of clients for Waiver Services is 826.

Mickey Duncan, Chair of the Green River Workforce Development Board presented numbers showing the impact the Workforce Development and Career Center have on the region. Numbers included 118 participants receiving support such as career planning and job placement assistance. Employment workshops were also held, reaching over 2,600 attendees.

B. Fiscal Year 2027 - Draft Budget

Chair Charlie Castlen reported the Finance Committee had met on June 2, 2026 to review the Fiscal Year 2027 Draft Budget. He noted budget may look a bit different as final allocations have not been received. As those allocations begin to come budget revisions will be made. The Board approved a two-percent increase for employees hired prior to January 1, 2026 as well as a "block" of funds to be used for merit raises. The Fiscal Year 2027 Draft Budget is attached.

A motion was made by Charlie Castlen and seconded by Adam O'Nan to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Draft Budget. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Docuware Subscription Approval

Sarah Duncan explained the Waiver Department is in the process of going totally digital and in order to do so the Waiver Department would need a reliable trustworthy program to "house" the Waiver Department's over 900 clients. Docuware is currently being used by several Area Development District's and GRADD would like approval to enter into a 36-month subscription contract with Docuware. This subscription also includes installation and training.

A motion was made by Charlie Castlen and seconded by Henrietta Harris to approve the Docuware Subscription for Waiver. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Title VI Plan and Resolution

Tom Lovett reported that the federal government requires annually a metropolitan planning commission or its host agency to complete a Title VI Plan. The Plan is designed to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin. Mr. Lovett has updated the Plan, which has been reviewed by the Transportation Cabinet.

A motion was made by Adam O'Nan and seconded by Charlie Castlen to approve the Title VI Plan and Resolution. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. Committee Reports

1. Green River Area Council on Aging

Chair Henrietta Harris presented the February 3, 2026 minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging.

A motion was made by Henrietta Harris and seconded by Charlie Castlen to approve the February 3, 2026 minutes of the Green River Area Council on Aging. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chair Henrietta Harris announced on June 12, 2026 Ohio County is hosting Senior Games beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Ohio County Park. Aging and Social Services will also be commemorating Elder Abuse and Neglect Awareness Day on June 15, 2026 with a proclamation ceremony.

2. Green River Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Chair Brad Davis reported Monte Davenport is currently working with three potential loan clients and has sent out three applications in May. Mr. Davenport will continue to market the Revolving Loan Fund throughout the region. The next meeting of the Green River EDC will be July 1, 2026.

3. GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council

Skyler Stewart announced GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council will meet on July 21, 2026.

4. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)

Chair Adam O’Nan presented the minutes of the February 23, 2026 GRADD Regional Transportation Committee.

A motion was made by Adam O’Nan and seconded by Charlie Castlen to approve the February 23, 2026 Minutes of the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chair Adam O’Nan reported the GRADD Regional Transportation Committee met on June 1, 2026. At this meeting, the 2026 Six-Year Highway Plan projects and the Public Involvement Plan were reviewed. The next meeting of the GRADD RTC is scheduled for August 24, 2026.

5. GRADD Water Management Council

Chair Eric Hickman reported the annual WRIS system visit data updates have been completed for all systems in the region.

The next meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council will be June 18, 2026. Jory Becker, Environmental Engineer Consultant with the Division of Water will be the guest speaker.

6. Green River Workforce Development Board

Chair Mickey Dunbar presented the minutes of the February 4, 2026 Green River Workforce Development Board.

A motion was made by Mickey Dunbar and seconded by Brad Schneider to approve the February 4, 2026 minutes of the Green River Workforce Development Board. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chair Mickey Dunbar reported job fairs and on-site interviews continue weekly at the Kentucky Career Center. A monitoring review was conducted to determine if National Dislocated Worker Grant for Severe Storm funds were utilized consistently with federal requirements and grant agreements. In summary, the report contains no program findings and no areas of concern for the Fiscal Year 2025 quarterly monitoring. The Green River Workforce Development Board will meet on August 5, 2026.

F. Executive Director Report

Kenny Williams reported the following:

- Welcome to GRADD: Cory Alexander, Director of Finance; Jenna Whitsell, Staff Accountant; Meghan Dennis, Waiver Case Manager; Jessie Basham, Waiver Case Manager; and summer interns Brock Burger and Eli Smith; and
- Congratulations to Leslie Wilson and her team on a successful review and approval of the FY 2027 - 2029 Area Plan. Approval was sent via letter from the Department of Aging and Independent Living.

G. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Hunter Whitaker with Senator Mitch McConnell's office reported Senator McConnell wrote letters of support and also spoke with Delta Regional Authority leadership on behalf of GRADD. Upcoming grant deadlines include the Assistance for Firefighters Grant and the National Park Service Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) grant.

Katie Marks with Congressman Brett Guthrie's office reported on the Secure Data Act, which is a comprehensive data security and privacy bill that actually mirrors Kentucky's laws. Kentucky Chamber President Ashley Watts was in attendance and testified at the hearing.

Alex Caudill with the Department for Local Government announced the Kentucky County Judge/Executive and Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Joint Summer Conference will be held June 16-18, 2026 at the Griffin Gate Marriott in Lexington.

The Rural Road and City/County Bridge Improvement applications are now being accepted.

Representative DJ Johnson reported June Interim Committee meetings have begun. Interim meetings assist in identifying legislative priorities for the 2027 session.

Senator Robby Mills explained the interim committee discussions consist of energy and data centers, aerospace and economic development around airports and rural health. Senator Mills thanked the local leaders and GRADD staff and board for the work done for the betterment of the District.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Monte Davenport, Local Government Advisor, presented the following regional Executive Orders.

Boating/Fishing Access and Maintenance 2026 - 2027

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources KY202605120463

A motion was made by Charlie Castlen and seconded by Pat Clark recommend endorsement of the above-stated Regional Executive Order. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Johnny "Chic" Roberts made the following announcements:

- The 2026 Senior Games will be held June 12, 2026 at Ohio County Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. Games will include football throw, ladder golf and cornhole. Lunch will be served and an awards ceremony will close out the day;
- The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) and the U.S. Department of War are partnering once again to bring another medical mission to GRADD. The Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program, led by the Delta Regional Authority, Air National Guard and the City of Henderson will provide basic medical, dental, optometry, hearing and mental health services at no cost. New this year the IRT will offer care at three satellites locations: June 11-21, 2026 at North Middle School in Henderson; June 11-14, 2026 at Union County Middle School; and June 16-19, 2026 at Webster County High School; and
 - A Brownfield Bootcamp will be held on July 30, 2026 at GRADD.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Johnny "Chic" Roberts announced that Mayor Chad Gregory was named Member of Year by the Hancock County Chamber.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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


Curtis Dame, Secretary
Johnny "Chic" Roberts, Chair

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