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GRADD BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

TO: Members, Representatives, and Associates of the Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District

FROM: Office of the District

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Board of Director's General Membership Meeting of August 14, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on August 14, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the GRADD office, in Owensboro. A quorum was present with members in attendance as listed below.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Al Mattingly, Jr., Helen Mountjoy, Patsy Mayfield, Robert Howard
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Barbara Spencer, Franklin Powers
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Brad Schneider, William Markwell, David Sellers, Steve Austin
McLEAN COUNTY:	Ed West, Betty Howard
OHIO COUNTY:	David Johnston, Paul Sandefur, Dean Minton
UNION COUNTY:	Randy Greenwell, Melissa Coker
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Steve Henry, Pat Clark

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT

Green River Area Council on Aging – Susan Howard
Green River Transportation Committee – (Steve Henry)
GRADD Water Management Council – Pete Conrad
Green River Economic Development Corporation – Tammy Belt
Green River Regional Health Council – Blaine Pieper

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	*Henrietta Harris, Nate Pagan
HANCOCK COUNTY:	*Johnny Roberts

David Johnston, Chairman ■ Brad Schneider, Vice Chairman ■ Al Mattingly, Jr., Secretary ■ Steve Henry, Treasurer ■ Jiten Shah, Executive Director

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HENDERSON COUNTY: All present
McLEAN COUNTY: *Vicki Hughes
OHIO COUNTY: All present
UNION COUNTY: *Adam O'Nan
WEBSTER COUNTY: *Ryan Hammack

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

Green River Workforce Development Board – *Karen Cecil

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Amelia Wilson, Congressman James Comer's Office
Corey Elder, Congressman James Comer's Office
Jordan Ingleheart, Congressman James Comer's Office
Isaac Dettle, Congressman James Comer's Office
Tim Gilliam, Senator Mitch McConnell's Office
Rachel McCubbin, Senator Rand Paul's Office
Mayor Jess Johnson, City of Livermore
Dr. Jason Warren, Henderson Community College
Ben Chandler, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
Jodi Ashby, Ohio County Economic Development Alliance
Jiten Shah, Executive Director, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Aging & Social Services, GRADD
Joanna Shake, Associate Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Jodi Rafferty, Associate Director for Workforce Development, GRADD
Debra James, Associate Director of Finance & Administration, GRADD
Tom Massie, IT Manager, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant/Communications Manager, GRADD
Jeanette Woodward, Program Coordinator, GRADD
Kristy Clark, CCC/Family Engagement Coordinator, GRADD
Amber Gebhard, ADRC Coordinator, GRADD
Rita Gazell, Data Services Manager, GRADD
Lisa Flahardy, Aging Contract Specialist, GRADD
Brittany Clouse, Support Broker, GRADD
Michelle Drake, Workforce Training and Business Administrator, GRADD
Cheryl Peters, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Reenee Fogle, Payroll Coordinator, GRADD
Jennifer Alvey, GIS Analyst, GRADD
Gina Boaz, Regional Transportation Planner, GRADD
Skyler Stewart, Senior Infrastructure Planner, GRADD
Tom Lovett, Community Development Planner, GRADD
Jessie Howard, Local Government Analyst, GRADD

*Excused Absence

Blake Edge, Community Development Planner, GRADD
Cyndi Isbill, Support Services Technician, GRADD
Hunter Phillips, Intern, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Johnston called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing for a moment of silence for past board member Edna Rice who passed away August 6, 2019.

Chairman Johnston called on Jiten Shah to make guest introductions.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Secretary Al Mattingly, Jr., presented the minutes of the June 12, 2019, GRADD Board of Directors and the July 10, 2019, GRADD Executive Committee meetings for approval.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr., and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2019, GRADD Board of Directors and the July 10, 2019, GRADD Executive Committee meetings. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Henry presented the treasurer's report for the periods of July 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019, and July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Bill Markwell to approve the treasurer's report for the periods of July 1, 2018 – May 31, 2019, and July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, which are subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Vice Chairman Brad Schneider introduced Ben Chandler, President/CEO, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

Mr. Chandler gave an overview of the Foundation and explained since the Foundation opened its doors in 2001, it has invested more than \$27 million in health policy research and advocacy, as well as demonstration project grants across the Commonwealth. Funded by an endowment, the mission of the Foundation is to address the unmet health needs of Kentuckians by developing and influencing health policy, improving access to care, reducing health risks and disparities, and promoting health equity.

B. State of Henderson County

Chairman Johnston called on Judge/Executive Brad Schneider to give an update on the “State of Henderson County.” Judge Schneider gave a presentation which included county comparisons and where Henderson County rates with other counties as far as, surplus in the general fund, tax revenue, and how the county has slowly gotten back on track. Judge Schneider also presented a video titled “Find Your Nature,” which captures what Henderson County has to offer its residents and tourists.

C. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Jiten Shah called on Tim Gilliam for an update from Senator Mitch McConnell's office. Mr. Gilliam reported there will be a Green River Natural Wildlife Refuge meeting at Henderson Community College on August 20, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Senator McConnell's Tobacco-Free Youth Act is making its way through the legislative process and in response to the recent mass shooting, he has asked committee chairs to begin discussions on red flag laws and background checks. Also, recently reported, Senator McConnell fractured his shoulder, but he is recovering well and will be back to business very soon.

Jiten Shah called on Rachel McCubbin for an update from Senator Rand Paul's office. Ms. McCubbin reported as many people already know Senator Paul is recovering from surgery that was needed after an altercation a while back. Senator Paul is recovering and will be back out on the road at the Hopkinsville Rotary meeting on August 27, 2019. He will also tour Logan Aluminum on the same day and later in August he will hold a forum on hemp in the Mayfield/Paducah area. Once more information on the forum is available, Ms. McCubbin will forward to GRADD staff.

Jiten Shah called on Corey Elder for an update from Congressman James Comer's office. Mr. Elder reported Congressman Comer is focusing on the United States Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) and also working with the Education & Labor Committees to strengthen higher education.

Jiten Shah called on Dr. Jason Warren, President/CEO at Henderson Community College to make some comments. Dr. Warren introduced himself and reported students would begin classes on August 19, 2019.

D. Board Member/Ombudsman Conflict of Interest

Jiten Shah explained per the Code of Ethics the GRADD Board adopted in 2017, a Conflict of Interest Disclosure must be signed annually. Also, distributed was a Conflict of Interest Screening for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program. In order to ensure the organization does not have any conflicts, they are requiring that each governing board member complete an individual conflict of interest screening. Both can be signed and will be picked up at the end of the meeting.

E. Staff Car Purchase

Jiten Shah reported GRADD has secured a quote for the purchase of two 2020 Chevrolet Equinox, from Tim Short Auto Group. One will replace the vehicle that was totaled in an accident and the other will replace the 2013 Chevrolet Impala, which has approximately 85,000 miles. GRADD will receive a check from the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) Insurance for approximately \$16,000, for the wrecked car and will also trade-in the 2013 Impala. The state price is \$24,099, for the all-wheel drive vehicle, which includes the power seat option.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by Bill Markwell to approve the purchase of two new staff vehicles. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

F. Staff Service Award

Chairman Johnston presented GRADD staff Brittany Clouse with a five-year award and Gina Boaz with a 25-year award. He thanked both of them for their continued dedicated service to GRADD.

IV. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Skyler Stewart presented the following Statewide and Regional EOs:

Federal Development Project – Acquisition of Federal Property
US Fish & Wildlife Service KY201907241037

Ohio County Airport Improvement Project
Ohio County Airport KY201906190920

Grace Senior Living
Clayton Watkins Construction Company, Inc. KY201908011056

A motion was made by Randy Greenwell and seconded by Susan Howard to recommend endorsement of the above-stated Statewide and Regional EOs. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairman Comments

Chairman Johnston made the following comments:

- The 51st GRADD annual meeting will take place on Monday, September 23, 2019, at the Beaver Dam Amphitheater in Beaver Dam, Kentucky. Reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Invitations will be going out very soon;
- The 2019 Regional Excellence Awards & Community of the Year Award are due September 13, 2019;
- The Kentucky 911 Services Board Grants for FY2019 were announced and the two GRADD assisted in applying for were funded! Webster County Fiscal Court was awarded \$70,000 to connect their E911 services to a remote host solution; and Hancock County Fiscal Court was awarded \$13,906.45 to acquire Geographic Information System (GIS) data collection equipment and services; and
- Congratulations to the following counties on receiving Coal Severance:
 - Daviess \$ 297,691.84
 - Henderson \$ 48,594.92
 - McLean \$ 265,672.85
 - Ohio \$ 500,649.98
 - Union \$1,821,891.38
 - Webster \$ 464,167.16

B. Executive Director Comments

Jiten Shah made the following comments:

- The GRADD Senior Games were held June 14, 2019, at Baker Park in Webster County. The event boasted over 200 volunteers and participants;
- The 2019 Kentucky Freight Roundtable was held on July 17, 2019, at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Freight industry panelists from manufacturing, logistics, agriculture, energy/pile, trucking, rail, water, and air freight provided insight on the importance of freight to Kentucky, current and future infrastructure needs, and other issues of importance to meet industry demands;
- Webster County Senior Services held a ribbon cutting & open house on June 19, 2019, to show off their new senior center;
- Commissioner Lana Gordon, Department of Workforce Investment, spoke at the Workforce Development Board meeting on August 7, 2019;

- Hilda Legg, State Director for the US Department of Agriculture, Rural Development spoke at the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) County Finance meeting at GRADD on July 31, 2019;
- There will be a Regional Community Health Forum held August 14, 2019, at GRADD beginning at 2:00 p.m. One of the topics to be discussed will be teen vaping;
- Kentucky Voices for Health will hold a Train-the-Trainer Workshop on August 29, 2019, at GRADD. This workshop is designed for health advocates, community leaders, etc.; and
- Welcome to GRADD Princess Holloway and Nicole Cooke-Frost, both are social service interns.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Green River Workforce Development Board

Jiten Shah presented the minutes of the May 1, 2019, Green River Workforce Development Board meeting.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr., and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2019, Green River Workforce Development Board meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The Green River Workforce Development Board also met on August 7, 2019. Lana Gordon, newly appointed Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Investment spoke briefly on the Department. The budget for Fiscal Year 2020 was presented and approved. Brittanie Dawson with the Kentucky State Chamber Workforce Center provided an update regarding the Talent Pipeline Management initiative. Updates were provided by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Career Development Office, ResCare Workforce Services, and the Green River Business Team presented information to the board regarding the progress and activities made to date. The group was informed that at the end of the calendar year, new officers will need to be elected based on the bylaws.

B. GRADD Regional Transportation Committee

Chairman Steve Henry presented the minutes of the May 29, 2019, GRADD Regional Transportation Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Al Mattingly, Jr., to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2019, GRADD Regional Transportation Committee. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The GRADD Regional Transportation Committee also met on July 31, 2019. At this meeting, Rob Barnett, Owensboro-Daviess County Airport Director, reported that the airport is rated number three out of 100 markets for Allegiant Airlines. He also informed the committee that beginning in January, Cape Air will add flights to Nashville. Travelers will now have the option of flying to St. Louis and/or Nashville for connecting flights. He also spoke about the pilot program with Cape Air and the new state-of-the-art fire station located at the airport. The committee approved 11 projects to receive the GRADD Priority Points (Boost), which is the next step of the Prioritization Plan for the upcoming Recommended Kentucky Highway Plan.

C. Green River Area Council on Aging

Chairperson Susan Howard presented the minutes of the June 4, 2019, Green River Area Council on Aging meeting.

A motion was made by Susan Howard and seconded by Franklin Powers to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2019, Green River Area Council on Aging meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The Green River Area Council on Aging also met on August 6, 2019. At this meeting, a "Ted Talk" video about "Elderhood" was viewed. It was suggested that, much like childhood and adulthood, our years of "elderhood" should be respected, enjoyed, and even anticipated. Provider reports and program updates were presented. Staff provided information about upcoming events and subcommittee meetings. Senior Celebration will be held at Owensboro Christian Church on August 20, 2019; Senior Day Out will be held at Towne Square Mall on September 26, 2019. Also a year-end report of clients and units served during Fiscal Year 2019, was reviewed, along with the budget that has been submitted to the State for approval for Fiscal Year 2020.

D. GRADD Water Management Council

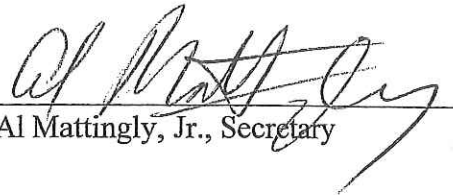
Chairman Pete Conrad the GRADD Water Management Council met on June 20, 2019. At this meeting, Dustin Horn, Don Schierer, and Julie Bickers from Kentucky Infrastructure Authority were the guest speakers. Four wastewater projects and two drinking water projects were approved. The next meeting will be on September 19, 2019, at 1:30.

A motion was made by Pete Conrad and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2019, GRADD Water Management Council meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Al Mattingly, Jr., invited the group to the Owensboro Multicultural Festival which will be held Saturday, August 17, 2019, and also the Owensboro Symphony will present its Concert on the Lawn at Kentucky Wesleyan College. Both are free events.

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


Al Mattingly, Jr., Secretary

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