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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 Directors' General Membership Meeting of October 14, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a general membership meeting on October 14, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom, teleconference, and on Facebook Live. A quorum was present with members in attendance as listed below.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVISS COUNTY: Al Mattingly, Jr., Nate Pagan, Robert Howard, Helen Mountjoy, Patsy Mayfield

HANCOCK COUNTY: Johnny Roberts

HENDERSON COUNTY: Brad Schneider, David Sellers, Steve Austin

McLEAN COUNTY: Curtis Dame, Vicki Hughes, Betty Howard

OHIO COUNTY: David Johnston

UNION COUNTY: Randy Greenwell, Melissa Coker

WEBSTER COUNTY: Steve Henry, Pat Clark, Ryan Hammack

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

DAVISS COUNTY: *Henrietta Harris
HANCOCK COUNTY: Franklin Powers, Lora Basham
HENDERSON COUNTY: William Markwell, Janeth Nicolas
McLEAN COUNTY: All present
OHIO COUNTY: Paul Sandefur, Dean Minton
UNION COUNTY: *Adam O’Nan
WEBSTER COUNTY: All present

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS ABSENT

Green River Workforce Development Board – *Karen Cecil
Green River Area Council on Aging – (*Henrietta Harris)

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Ed West, Secretary of State Michael Adams
Alex Caudill, Department for Local Government
Doug Taylor, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Keirsten Jagers, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Mayor George Chinn, City of Hartford
Chris Wooldridge, Murray State University
Carolyn Beck, SIHO Insurance Services
Phil Brown, Phil Brown Insurance
Jacob Mulliken, Messenger-Inquirer
Miranda Funk, Ohio County Fiscal Court
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Blake Edge, Interim Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Jodi Rafferty, Director for Workforce Development, GRADD
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance & Administration, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Director for Aging and Social Services, GRADD
Tom Massie, IT Manager, GRADD
Jessi Howard, Public Administration Specialist, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant/Communications Manager, GRADD

*Excused Absence

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.

Chairman Johnston welcomed those viewing the meeting via Zoom and those who were watching via Facebook Live.

Chairman Johnston called on Kim Wells to conduct roll call.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Secretary Al Mattingly, Jr, presented the minutes of the August 12, 2020, GRADD Board of Directors meeting and the September 9, 2020, GRADD Executive Committee meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr. and seconded by Randy Greenwell to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2020, GRADD Board of Directors meeting and the September 9, 2020, GRADD Executive Committee meeting. 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, 2019 – July 31, 2020, and July 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Brad Schneider to approve the treasurer's report for the periods of July 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020 and July 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. State of the City of Henderson

Mayor Steve Austin gave an update on the City of Henderson. He noted several projects that are "in the works", such as a sports complex and upgrading the National Guard Armory to house the Boys and Girls Club. Also, Mayor Austin reported on finished projects such as the \$10 million library expansion, which added outdoor seating, and a 62-unit senior living complex, which is almost complete.

B. Film Fundraiser

Jacob Mulliken informed the group he had put together a documentary on Hunter S. Thompson and would like to do a fundraiser showcase on December 5, 2020, at Malco Theater in Owensboro. While this event will not only promote the documentary about Hunter S. Thompson, he wants to give non-profits, such as GRADD and Goodfellows, the opportunity to showcase their programs.

C. Insurance 2021

Treasurer Steve Henry reported the GRADD Finance Committee met on October 13, 2020, to review insurance quotes for the upcoming year and are recommending that GRADD continue with SIHO Insurance Services for 2021. He noted that SIHO had presented a no increase quote for health insurance. While GRADD joining the state health insurance was proposed, the Finance Committee would like GRADD staff to dive more into the plans before renewal time next year.

Treasurer Henry also reported the Delta Dental contract still has one year to go on a two-year rate hold and Anthem vision insurance had a slight increase. Delta Dental vision insurance was quoted but the increase in premiums were more than Anthem.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Curtis Dame to accept the SIHO Insurance Services and Anthem Vision Insurance renewals for 2021.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Nominating Committee Appointment

Chairman Johnston appointed Judge/Executive Johnny “Chic” Roberts, Judge/Executive Adam O’Nan, and Judge/Executive Curtis Dame to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2021. He went on to explain this committee will make recommendations to the 2021 membership of the GRADD Executive Committee and GRADD Board of Directors.

E. Frankfort and Washington Updates

Doug Taylor gave an update from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Rural and Municipal Aid. Mr. Taylor reported the discretionary fund used by the cities and counties has been decreased to \$10 million, making application approval a bit more stringent.

Alex Caudill gave an update from Governor Andy Beshear’s office. Mr. Caudill reported the Department for Local Government has received 300 applications from cities and counties to receive CARES funding. Also, if a city was unable to use all of its CARES funding it can transfer those funds to the county, via resolution, which will be available soon.

Ed West gave an update from Secretary of State Michael Adams office.

Mr. West reported absentee voting is now closed and those ballots must be post marked by November 3, 2020. Early in-person voting is also available through November 2, 2020, and on November 3, 2020, polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Voters must have valid identification.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Green River Economic Development Corporation

Chairperson Tammy Belt gave an overview of the COVID-19 Revolving Loan Program. She reported funding is now available to small businesses for start-ups or expansions with zero interest for the first year. Loans can range from \$5,000 to \$250,000 with repayment terms from five to fifteen years. To get more information on the loan program, Ms. Belt suggested contacting Gina Boaz at the GRADD office.

B. GRADD Water Management Council

Chairman Pete Conrad reported the Water Management Council met on September 17, 2020. At this meeting, Rebecca Logan, Green River District Health Department discussed water system emergencies and how to handle a boil water advisory. The group also approved new ranking criteria for the upcoming meetings. Chairman Conrad also noted the State Revolving Fund call for projects is currently open and will close on December 5, 2020. Contact Skyler Stewart for more information.

C. Green River Area Council on Aging

Jennifer Williams gave an update on Medicare Part D open enrollment, which runs October 15, 2020, through December 7, 2020. During this time Medicare recipients can review their drug plan and compare with others to make sure they are maximizing their benefit. State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselors are available at GRADD to assist clients in navigating the part D plans. Ms. Williams also noted the group met via Zoom on October 6, 2020, to review program and budget updates.

D. Annual Awards Committee

Vice Chairman Brad Schneider reported the GRADD Regional Excellence Award applications are available on-line and on GRADD's social media sites. The application deadline is October 30, 2020, and winners will be announced at the December 9, 2020, GRADD annual board meeting.

V. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Jessie Howard presented the following Regional EOs:

Providence Sanitary Sewer Upgrades
City of Providence KY2020-0826-1053

Western Kentucky Regional Training Center
Webster County Fiscal Court KY2020-0721-0930

**Henderson Riverfront Development Phase III
Bid Package 4 Supplemental Agreement 2**
City of Henderson KY2020-0810-1001

A motion was made by Tammy Belt and seconded by Brad Schneider to recommend endorsement of the above-stated Regional EOs. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairman Comments

Chairman Johnston made the following comments:

- Congratulations to Henderson Municipal Gas (HMG) on receiving the PPI Energy Piping Systems Division Project of the Year for the PA 12 Gas Pipe Installation! HMG installed the pipe through an industrialized area of the city. To minimize disruption to businesses, Henderson installed it underneath;
- Also, congratulations to the City of Henderson for being awarded \$26,995 from the Hazard Mitigation Grants Program to purchase and replace a weather siren that is more than 40 years old; and
- Congratulations to the City of Hawesville on receiving \$19,500, to purchase a spreader/cutter combination tool and one new ram tool (Jaws of Life) for the Hawesville Fire Department.

B. Executive Director Comments

Joanna Shake welcomed new staff Kelsey Iannitello, Waiver Case Manager, Paula Payne, Workforce Development Program Assistant; Luke Hill, Regional Transportation Planner; Taylor Burchett, Disaster Recovery Coordinator; and Mary Ashford, AmeriCorps Program Assistant. Ms. Shake also reported there would be a Diversity Training presented by Zella Pearson on November 18, 2020, at the GRADD office, and the National Association of Development Organizations will hold its annual conference beginning October 19, 2020. This will be virtually.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Secretary Al Mattingly, Jr., updated the group on the Workforce Development Strategic Plan, which is due later this year. He also noted the need for membership on the Workforce Development committee, which has been hard to find key people to fill the positions.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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



Al Mattingly, Jr., Secretary

David Johnston, Chairman

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