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**GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

TO: Green River Area Development District Board of Directors

FROM: Jiten S. Shah
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Minutes of the GRADD Executive Committee – July 11, 2018

The Executive Committee of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) met on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ohio County Bluegrass Museum, in Rosine, Kentucky. A quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

GRADD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

DAVISS COUNTY:	Al Mattingly, Jr. Bill Parrish (Rep. by Nate Pagan) Henrietta Harris Robert Howard
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Jack McCaslin
HENDERSON COUNTY:	William Markwell
McLEAN COUNTY:	Kelly Thurman
OHIO COUNTY:	David Johnston
UNION COUNTY:	Adam O’Nan
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Steve Henry


EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

DAVISS COUNTY:	All present
HANCOCK COUNTY:	All present
HENDERSON COUNTY:	*Brad Schneider *Thomas Platt
McLEAN COUNTY:	All present
OHIO COUNTY:	All present

*Excused absence

Jack McCaslin, *Chairman* ■ Steve Austin, *Vice Chairman* ■ Kelly Thurman, *Secretary* ■ David Johnston, *Treasurer* ■ Jiten Shah, *Executive Director*

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UNION COUNTY: All present
WEBSTER COUNTY: All present

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Ray Leathers, Department of Workforce Investment
Phil Lambert, Q-Wireless
Joe Berry, First Security Bank
Jim Askins, Leducor Group
Jiten Shah, Executive Director, GRADD
Joanna Shake, Associate Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Debra James, Associate Director of Finance & Administration, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Aging and Social Services, GRADD
Jodi Rafferty, Associate Director for Workforce Development, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly Thurman called the meeting to order.

II. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Jiten Shah presented the minutes of the June 13, 2018, GRADD Executive Committee meeting for approval.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr., and seconded by Henrietta Harris to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2018, GRADD Executive Committee meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer Al Mattingly, Jr., presented the treasurer's report for the period of July 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr., and seconded by David Johnston to approve and file the treasurer's report for the period of July 1, 2017 - May 31, 2018, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Chairman Thurman introduced Commissioner Ray Leathers, Department of Workforce Investment. Commissioner Leathers gave an overview of the Department of Workforce Investment.

He explained the department's goals are improving workforce participation and improving employer engagement. He gave several examples of a formula for success of these goals, a few of which included, strengthening the workforce development services, having a surplus of workforce, and the fact that Kentucky is demographically and strategically located in the center of the United States. Commissioner Leathers then opened the floor for questions.

B. Guest Speaker

Chairman Thurman introduced David Clark, AmeriCorps Director. Mr. Clark gave an overview of the AmeriCorps program and explained the benefits participants receive upon completing the program. The next program year begins September 1, 2018, and applications for sites and participants are available at www.gradd.com.

C. Regional Innovation for Startups and Entrepreneurs (RISE) Initiative Update

Chairman Thurman introduced Joe Berry, First Security Bank, to give an update on the RISE initiative. Mr. Berry explained, originally established in 2008, as a satellite of the Bowling Green office, Owensboro's Kentucky Innovation Network has since assisted over 200 start-up businesses across the region and beyond. He went on to say that earlier this year, the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development announced the dissolution of this program. A Request for Information (RFI) soliciting "information, guidance and advice" from potential partners to lead a regional office focused on providing services to the entrepreneurial community was led by the Office of Entrepreneurialism in late June. GOEDC has responded to the RFI with the goal of continuing a successful program focused on creating and nurturing a culture of entrepreneurship in the Green River region and he is requesting a letter of support from the GRADD region.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr., and seconded by Henrietta Harris to submit a letter of support of the Regional Innovation for Startups and Entrepreneurs (RISE) initiative.
A vote was taken and the motion carried, with two opposing.

D. Aging Fiscal Year 2019 Allocations

Jiten Shah explained GRADD had recently received Fiscal Year 2019 funding allocations for the aging programs support from the Department for Aging and Independent Living. There was a significant cut in state funds; however, there was an increase in federal funding. GRADD staff is working to finalize the budget that will have the least impact to its clients. A final budget and provider budgets will be dispersed at the August meeting.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Update - State/Federal

Jiten Shah explained that to-date there has been no update or findings from a meeting with the Department for Local Government (DLG) attorneys with regard to the Joint Funding Administration (JFA) findings for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019.

The Kentucky Council of Area Development District's (KCADD) attorney has filed a court action on behalf of the eight ADDs whose boards adopted the resolution.

In other news, the Pension Bill was struck down and so far no appeal has been filed by the Governor's office. Recent rulings by federal judges regarding the Kentucky's Medicaid Waiver Program, and the required community engagement policies to receive health insurance, is on hold.

B. Travel Schedule

Jiten Shah reported the following is his travel schedule for July:

- July 11 - 13 – Kentucky ADD Directors meeting.

C. Personnel Update

Jiten Shah reported Tarren Wilkey has been hired as a part-time support broker and will begin employment on July 18, 2018.

VI. KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (KCADD) UPDATE

Jiten Shah reported KCADD will be hosting their next board meeting in August in conjunction with the Governor's Local Issues Conference in Louisville, and newly hired executive director Tony Wilder has begun his duties.

VII. NATIONAL CONFERENCE/BOARD TRAVEL UPDATE

Chairman Thurman reported the following upcoming national conference for Fiscal Year 2019:

- NADO Annual Training Conference - October 13 - 16, 2018, Charlotte, NC.

Board members who would like to attend the NADO Conference should let GRADD staff know by August 8, 2018.

VIII. UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS/SPEAKER

Chairman Thurman reported the following is scheduled for the August meeting.

- August 8, 2018 – GRADD Board of Directors Meeting – tentatively scheduled to be held in Union County.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Thurman introduced Nate Pagan. Mr. Pagan will be replacing Bill Parrish on the GRADD Board of Directors, as Mr. Parrish is retiring. Chairman Thurman asked Mr. Pagan to come forward and accept a small token of GRADDitude on behalf of Mr. Parrish.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

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