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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 – September 5, 2018

The Executive Committee of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) met on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 10:30 a.m., at the GRADD office, in Owensboro, Kentucky. A quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

GRADD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Al Mattingly, Jr.
HANCOCK COUNTY:	None present
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Brad Schneider William Markwell Thomas Platt
McLEAN COUNTY:	Kelly Thurman
OHIO COUNTY:	David Johnston
UNION COUNTY:	Adam O’Nan
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Steve Henry

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	*Henrietta Harris *Robert Howard
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Jack McCaslin
HENDERSON COUNTY:	All present
McLEAN COUNTY:	All present
OHIO COUNTY:	All present
UNION COUNTY:	All present
WEBSTER COUNTY:	All present

***Excused absence**

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

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Representative Suzanne Miles, Kentucky House of Representatives
Thomas Nelson, Kentucky Division of the Federal Highway Administration
Secretary Greg Thomas, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Andy Barber, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Gary Valentine, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Deneatra Henderson, District 2, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Michelle Elison, Census Bureau
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
Tom Lovett, MPO Coordinator, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly Thurman called the meeting to order.

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

Chairman Kelly Thurman introduced Thomas Nelson, Kentucky Division of the Federal Highway Administration and Secretary Greg Thomas, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Thomas Nelson announced a joint-agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will move forward on securing signage that designates the 72-mile William H. Natcher Parkway as I-165.

Secretary Greg Thomas explained, with \$41 million of active construction underway to upgrade the parkway to interstate standards, future interstate signage will add another visible sign of progress on the transformational work happening in the region. He went on to say that the signage reaffirms Governor Matt Bevin's commitment to spurring economic development along this major Western Kentucky thoroughfare.

III. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Secretary Brad Schneider noted that there were no minutes to approve, as there was no August Executive Committee meeting, however; since a quorum was not present at the August 8, 2018, GRADD Board of Directors meeting, the minutes of the June 13, 2018, GRADD Board of Director's meeting and the June 13, 2018, and July 11, 2018, GRADD Executive Committee meetings would need to be ratified.

A motion was made by Adam O’Nan and seconded by Steve Henry to ratify minutes of the June 13, 2018, GRADD Board of Director’s meeting and the June 13, 2018, and July 11, 2018, GRADD Executive Committee meetings. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. FINANCE REPORT

Jiten Shah presented the treasurer’s report for the period of July 1, 2018 - July 31, 2018.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by Steve Henry to approve and file the treasurer’s report for the period of July 1, 2018 – July 31, 2018, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker

Chairman Thurman introduced Michelle Elison, United States Census Bureau.

Michelle Elison explained the importance of the 2020 census and how it determines the number of seats each state has in the United States House of Representatives, as well as for local and state government. It assists businesses in locating factories and stores, recruiting employees, and market research. Census data helps plan roads, schools, hospitals, senior centers, and emergency services. It can also be a valuable tool when it comes time for federal spending allocations every year. Ms. Elision suggested each county put together a Complete Count Committee now to help develop and implement a census awareness campaign that motivates residents to complete the census in a thorough and timely manner.

B. Rockhouse on the River Loan Review

Jiten Shah presented a loan summary for Rockhouse on the River which is requesting \$150,000, to be used to complete the renovations at the 212 North Water Street location, as well as the purchase of additional equipment. The Green River Economic Development Corporation met earlier today and the loan was approved.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by David Johnston to approve the Rockhouse on the River loan in the amount of \$150,000, to be used for renovations and additional equipment. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Update - State/Federal

Jiten Shah reported there has been no resolution from the legal suit between the seven Area Development Districts (ADDs) and the Department for Local Government (DLG). Both parties filed briefs on August 22, 2018, but the judge has not ruled with regard to the Fiscal Year 2018 contract. The state Medicaid waiver proposal was resubmitted to the federal government, which in turn has delayed GRADD's efforts in Workforce Development for community engagement. GRADD is also keeping a close eye on the final ruling on legality of the Pension Bill.

Mr. Shah went on to say that the United States Senate passed HR6157, which is a \$856.9 billion spending package to fund the Departments of Defense, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. The House version has already been passed and now it will go to the conference committee prior to the President's signature.

B. Travel Schedule

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

- September 12 – 14, 2018 - Kentucky ADD Directors meeting.

C. Personnel Update

Jiten Shah reported the staff is interviewing for the position of a part-time case manager.

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

Jiten Shah reported the KCADD Board met during the Governors Local Issues Conference in August and Chairman Kelly Thurman attended on behalf of GRADD. At this meeting, the KCADD budget was passed for Fiscal Year 2019. Executive Director Tony Wilder gave an update on the Joint Funding Administration (JFA) issues with DLG. He also talked of working with the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo), Kentucky League of Cities (KLC), and other agencies to get ready for the 2019 legislative session.

VIII. 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.

IX. UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS/SPEAKER

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

- October 10, 2018 – GRADD Board of Directors Meeting – speaker to be announced.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Thurman announced there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 25, 2018, at the McLean County Regional Water facility at 11:00 a.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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