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**GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

TO: Green River Area Development District Board of Directors

FROM: Jiten S. Shah
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Minutes of the GRADD Executive Committee – January 9, 2019

The Executive Committee of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) met on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 12:30 p.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. Robert Howard
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Johnny Roberts
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Brad Schneider Thomas Platt
McLEAN COUNTY:	Michael Burden
OHIO COUNTY:	David Johnston
UNION COUNTY:	Adam O’Nan
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Steve Henry


EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	*Henrietta Harris
HANCOCK COUNTY:	All present
HENDERSON COUNTY:	*William Markwell
McLEAN COUNTY:	All present
OHIO COUNTY:	All present
UNION COUNTY:	All present
WEBSTER COUNTY:	All present

*Excused absence

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

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GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Mayor Vicki Hughes, City of Island
Mayor Steve Austin, City of Henderson
Mayor Jesse Johnson, City of Livermore
Robert Bishop, McLean County
Marshall Carrier, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Mindy Peterson, I-69 Ohio River Crossing Public Outreach
Gary Valentine, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
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 Massie, IT Manager, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant/Communications Manager, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Johnston called the meeting to order.

Chairman Johnston welcomed guests and new judge/executives Johnny Roberts and Michael Burden.

II. FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer Steve Henry presented the treasurer's report for the period of July 1, 2018 – November 30, 2018.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr., and seconded by Adam O'Nan to approve the treasurer's report for the period of July 1, 2018 – November 30, 2018, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speakers

Vice Chairman Brad Schneider introduced Mindy Peterson and Marshall Carrier who gave a project update on the I-69 Ohio River Crossing.

Mr. Carrier explained that in December, the I-69 project team published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which is a significant milestone for the project because it identified preferred alternatives for the bridge. The DEIS also captures all of the work from 2017 to now, including the study process, analysis and findings, basis for the selection of the preferred alternatives, and mitigation measures. Mr. Carrier also gave a financial overview of the project along with tolling information.

Mindy Peterson expressed the need for public comments. Several public hearings have been held the most recent have been January 7, 2019, in Henderson and January 8, 2019, in Evansville. Ms. Peterson also explained that the formal comment period runs through February 8, 2019, at which time the team will catalog and categorize all of the comments received. Looking forward, the Final Environmental Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) will be presented in the fall of 2019. The ROD represents final approval of the preferred alternative.

B. Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Consideration

Jiten Shah reviewed a loan summary for Mark French Farms in the amount of \$125,375, to be used for land acquisition. The Green River Economic Development Corporation Loan Review Committee has reviewed and is recommending for approval.

A motion was made by Adam O’Nan and seconded by Brad Schneider to approve the Mark French Farms loan in the amount of \$125,375, to be used for land acquisition. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Check Signatories Authorization

Jiten Shah asked the committee to approve new signatories, David Johnston, Chairman and Jiten Shah, Executive Director, to be kept on file and used for the purpose of checks written by GRADD.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by Adam O’Nan to approve the new signatories. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Board Meeting Schedule Revision

Chairman David Johnston explained that he would like to change the Board of Directors meetings back to meeting every month, sighting several comments from members that they feel if they miss one meeting they are actually missing three months of information. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to table this item for the February 13, 2019, meeting of the full board to discuss.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A. Legislative Update - State/Federal

Jiten Shah gave an update regarding the Joint Funding Administration (JFA) contract. He explained that GRADD has received the Fiscal Year 2019 JFA contract but has not signed it yet, due to several changes that are cause for serious concern. He reviewed a letter that was sent from the Kentucky Association of District Directors (see attached). Mr. Shah is requesting the committee approve him to send a letter to Commissioner Sandra Dunahoo, outlining the concerns.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr., and seconded by Michael Burden to approve sending the letter of concern to Commissioner Sandra Dunahoo, with regard to the Joint Funding Administration FY 2019 contract. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Travel Schedule

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

- January 10 & 11, 2019 - ADD Directors - Frankfort
- January 30 & 31, 2019 - Delta Regional Authority LDD Training - Memphis, TN

C. Personnel Update

Jiten Shah reported GRADD has hired Larry Joe Douglas to fill the position of Support Broker in the Social Services Department.

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

Jiten Shah reported on February 14, 2019, KCADD will hold its Legislator Appreciation Breakfast and the KCADD Annual Meeting, in Frankfort. The breakfast will be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., in the Annex Cafeteria. The KCADD Board meeting will commence at 8:45 a.m., in an Annex meeting room, which has yet to be assigned.

VI. UPCOMING BOARD MEETING/SPEAKER

Chairman Johnston reported the GRADD Board of Directors and GRADD Executive Committee will meet on February 13, 2019. Speakers for the meetings have yet to be secured.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Johnston reminded the group that the GRADD Legislative Breakfast will take place on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at the GRADD office. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast then the forum will begin at 9:30 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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