



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

TO: Green River Area Development District Board of Directors

FROM: Joanna Shake
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Minutes of the GRADD Executive Committee – May 12, 2021

The Executive Committee of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) met on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., via Zoom and teleconference. A quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

GRADD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Al Mattingly Henrietta Harris
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Johnny Roberts
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Brad Schneider Janeth Nicolas
McLEAN COUNTY:	Curtis Dame
OHIO COUNTY:	David Johnston
UNION COUNTY:	Adam O’Nan
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Steve Henry

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Robert Howard
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

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Blake Edge, Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Director for Aging and Social Services, GRADD
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance, GRADD
Jodi Rafferty, Director of Workforce Development, GRADD
Jessie Howard, Public Administration Specialist, GRADD
Hunter Phillips, Community Development Planner, GRADD
Cheyton Pendley, Economic Resiliency Planner, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brad Schneider called the meeting to order and asked everyone join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Schneider then called on Kim Wells to take roll call.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the April 14, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting.

A motion was made by Steve Henry and seconded by Adam O’Nan to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer Adam O’Nan presented the Treasurer’s Report for the period of July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021.

A motion was made by Adam O’Nan and seconded by Al Mattingly to approve the treasurer’s report for the period of July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft Budget – Fiscal Year 2022

Treasurer Adam O’Nan presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Draft Budget for review. Treasurer O’Nan noted the draft budget has more detail and looks like what the executive committee members might be used to when reviewing their own county budgets. Treasurer O’Nan went on to report the draft budget includes a \$500 across the board increase per employee. This also leaves some funds in the budget for merit increases.

Mariah Myres reported the revenue can look deceiving with its \$318,000 deficient, but this is due to the influx of CARES Act funding for the Social Services Department. These funds have been expended and the budget is back to its usual allocations.

B. State Health Insurance – Letter of Intent

Joanna Shake reported the Insurance Committee, which is comprised of employees, recommended sending a letter of intent to join the State Insurance Plan. The Insurance Committee did a very comprehensive review and comparison of the current plan and the State plan and feel the State plan has a better network of physicians and better benefits for employees. Ms. Shake also shared the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet requires a letter of intent be sent by July 1, 2021, to be considered to join the plan. There was no opposition.

V. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Jessie Howard presented the following Regional EO's:

Ohio County Water District Intake Line Rebuilding Project

Ohio County Fiscal Court KY201-0416-0633

City of Beaver Dam Senior Center Construction

City of Beaver Dam KY2021-0421-0698

Beaver Dam City Park Pavement Rehabilitation

City of Beaver Dam KY2021-0419-0649

Glenn Armstrong Walking Trail Rehabilitation and Lighting Project

Ohio County Fiscal Court KY2021-0412-0591

Union County Courthouse Elevator Project

Union County Fiscal Court KY2021-0413-0604

DR 4540 City of Hawesville Storm Water Pump Station Upgrade

City of Hawesville KY2021-0413-0596

Hancock County Radio Communications Project

Hancock County Fiscal Court KY2021-0407-0545

Vastwood Spray Park Project

Hancock County Fiscal Court KY2021-0412-0587

Clay City Park Improvements Project

City of Clay KY2021-0412-0590

Myer Creek Park Renovations

McLean County Fiscal Court KY2021-0413-0597

A motion was made by David Johnston and seconded by Al Mattingly to approve the above-stated Regional EO's. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VI. CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chairman Brad Schneider made the following comments:

- On April 28, 2021, Governor Beshear presented Webster and Union Counties with a check for \$472,000 to purchase property for the Western Kentucky Regional Training Center. The collaboration with Madisonville Community College will train students as utility linemen and diesel mechanics and help them obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).
- On April 28, 2021, Governor Beshear presented Union County and the City of Morganfield with a check for \$500,000 to upgrade the Job Corps sanitary sewer system, which will provide modern infrastructure and improve service at the Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center.

Vice Chairman Al Mattingly asked Jodi Rafferty to give an update on the H2O grant. Ms. Rafferty reported the fifth apprentice will begin on May 20, 2021. She went on to say the utilities have been very happy with the program.

Vice Chairman Mattingly asked for an update regarding the career center openings. Ms. Rafferty explained the openings have gone very well with no incidents. She did note that in-person meetings have been made by several individuals from surrounding cities in Kentucky because they could not find openings in their own locale.

Vice Chairman Mattingly asked for an update on the FEMA mobile vaccination sites. Treasurer Adam O'Nan explained FEMA is asking for information on individual cities or counties to hold a mobile vaccine site. There has also been some discussion regarding a more flexible schedule for the sites to be open. As of now the hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Joanna Shake made the following Executive Director comments:

- The STAND Against Child Abuse took place on April 16, 2021, in the Towne Square Mall parking lot in Owensboro. The event hosted 243 people which was covered by media with all news sources present and live radio remote with 97X. The drive thru event allowed 21 agencies to distribute materials and give-a-ways to participants. There was also a moment of remembrance and balloon release for the children in Kentucky who have lost their lives to the hands of abuse or neglect or nearly lost their lives.
- The No Such Thing as a Bad Kid Zoom training with nationally known author of the book, "No Such Thing As a Bad Kid" Charlie Appelstein was held on April 27, 2021. This Positive Strengths Based approach to children with emotional and behavioral challenges was discussed.

- The Feed Seniors Now delivery day is today. Volunteers will be delivering food to seniors in Daviess (220), Hancock (16), Henderson (80), McLean (35), and Webster (17) counties. The initiative received large donations this year from Specialty Food Group, Tyson, Help Office of Owensboro, God's Outreach and United Way.
- Welcome to GRADD Cheyton Pendley. He will assume the position of Economic Resiliency Planner; welcome back Daniel Paez and Trey Sandefur – Interns for CED; and

Jennifer Williams reported GRADD has an opening for a full-time Aging Case Manager/Parent Engagement Meeting Facilitator in the Social Services department.

Joanna Shake also gave a brief update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). She reported GRADD staff has been very busy attending meetings so they may be able to assist the GRADD region, as the newest guidelines were distributed on May 6, 2021.

Hunter Phillips added there is a 60-day comment period to address the municipal utility funds. Those comments can be made through the National Association of Counties (NACo) website.

Chairman Schneider asked Kim Wells to give an Annual Dinner Committee update. Ms. Wells reported Vice Chairman Al Mattingly and Lauren Osowicz have volunteered for the committee. The group plans to have a meeting on May 17 or 18, 2021, to begin planning the event.

Chairman Schneider asked for one more volunteer for the committee and Janeth Nicolas volunteered.

VII. COUNTY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Chairman Brad Schneider opened the floor and asked the committee to discuss anything that might be on their mind.

Judge/Executive David Johnston reported that Ohio County has approved its first reading of its budget and is doing very well.

Vice Chairman Al Mattingly reported Daviess County has a balanced budget and do not anticipate using ARPA funds.

Judge/Executive Curtis Dame reported McLean County has approved their budget and will close the year with a surplus. An architect firm has been selected to begin the process of the senior center rebuild. Livermore is very close to completing their Trail Town certification. The County is working closely with Ohio County and has completed an agreement for access to Rough River for kayaking. Judge Dame extended a thank you to his fellow judge/executives for their assistance during his first year in office.

Judge/Executive Johnny Roberts thanked GRADD staff for their guidance on utilizing the ARPA funds.

Secretary Steve Henry reported Webster County purchased land which houses a 60-acre lake that will revive the area which was known as Lake Reel Them In back the in 1950's. Webster County is also going through the budget process and Secretary Henry challenged his fellow judge/executives to keep close contact with one another during the new fiscal year as many changes will go into effect July 1, 2021, such as Senate Bill 36 which provides financing and conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Chairman Brad Schneider reported he is waiting on confirmation that ARPA funds may be put into interest bearing accounts. Once he has further guidance on this issue he will report back to the judge/executives. Henderson County is also working on their budget and has elected to leave the federal budget line blank for now, pending another round of funds become available. He also reminded the group the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has released the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This document contains listings of highway and transit projects within the 120 Kentucky counties.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

No report.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to report the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary

Chairman