



**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 – March 10, 2021

The Executive Committee of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) met on Wednesday, March 10, 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, Jr. Henrietta Harris Robert Howard
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Johnny Roberts
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Brad Schneider William Markwell 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:	All present
HANCOCK COUNTY:	All present
HENDERSON COUNTY:	All present
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
Tom Massie, IT Manager, 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 February 10, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting.

A motion was made by David Johnston and seconded by William Markwell to approve the minutes of the February 10, 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 – January 31, 2021.

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Senior Meals Update

Jennifer Williams reported the senior meals program has served 23,958 home delivered and congregate meals in January 2021 compared to 7,885 in January 2020. This increase is due to COVID-19 and Governor Andy Beshear’s request that every senior citizen, over 60 years old, who needs or wants a meal shall receive one. There has been some discussion regarding those who are currently receiving meals and if they will qualify post-pandemic. Once more information is leased on this, Ms. Williams will notify the group.

Ms. Williams also reported that the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) has released a draft plan to reopen senior centers across the state, which could be as soon as July, observing COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. She conveyed to the group that DAIL has assured the ADD's that the extra meals will be covered with funds in the current budget. She stated that, at this time, it is not anticipated that the counties will be asked to pay any additional funds to cover COVID-19 senior meals.

B. Czech Republic Gift Basket

Chairman Brad Schneider reported he had received a letter from the new governor in Olomouc, GRADD's Sister Region. Chairman Schneider, with the approval from the committee would like to respond to the Governor's letter and send a gift basket of regional items. He requested \$200 from GRADD to assist with items and shipping. There were no oppositions.

C. County Consult

Chairman Brad Schneider opened the floor and asked the committee to discuss anything that might be on their mind. Chairman Schneider reported concerns about the new round of COVID Relief funding and on the list of federal stipulations and how funds must be used in three years. GRADD staff will investigate possible trainings for administration of funds and report back to the group.

Chairman Schneider also reported he would like to submit a letter of support, on behalf of the GRADD Board of Directors, for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application, which is seeking funding for Section 1 of the I-69 Ohio River Crossing (ORX). Section 1 will provide important approach work for the new I-69 bridge. There were no oppositions.

Treasurer Adam O'Nan reported that Union County had received an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the Job Corps Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and Replacement Project. This project will rehabilitate sewer infrastructure to support local industries and enhance recovery and resiliency following the coronavirus pandemic in Union County. Treasurer O'Nan explained this is the largest award Union County has ever received.

Jodi Rafferty explained a Request for Proposal (RFP) has been issued for One-Stop Operator and Direct Services Provider. Currently, Equus Workforce Solutions (formerly known as ResCare Workforce Services) serves in both capacities. Based on federal regulations, it is required for the One-Stop Operator to be procured at least every four years. Proposals are due by April 12, 2021 and a recommendation will be made by the GRADD Workforce Development Board at the May meeting. Ms. Rafferty also reported that Governor Andy Beshear announced in-person unemployment insurance assistance, will begin on April 15, 2021. This will be by appointment only. As more information becomes available, Ms. Rafferty will inform the group.

Joanna Shake reported the following grant opportunities: Community Development Block Grants will open on April 1, 2021 and Delta Regional Authority applications can be submitted through June 6, 2021. Taylor Burchett and Hunter Phillips are available to assist the cities and counties with economic resiliency planning.

Ms. Shake also informed the group that the GRADD office is at 50-percent capacity and the office will re-open to in person meetings beginning April 1, 2021. Those attending meetings will be required to abide by COVID-19 guidelines and precautionary measures, while in the building.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Secretary

Chairman