



**GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

TO: Green River Area Development District Board of Directors

FROM: Hon. Steve Henry
Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of the GRADD Executive Committee – January 12, 2022

The Executive Committee of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) met on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at the GRADD office in Owensboro. A quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

GRADD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Al Mattingly
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:	*Henrietta Harris *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
Jennifer Williams, Director of Aging & Social Services, GRADD
Blake Edge, Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Mariah Myres, Director of Finance, 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 to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Al Mattingly asked that the meeting agenda be amended to add Comfort Keepers In-Home Services Contract.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly and seconded by Adam O’Nan to amend the January 12, 2022, GRADD Executive Committee agenda to include Comfort Keepers In-Home Services Contract. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

II. SECRETARY’S REPORT

Secretary Steve Henry presented the minutes of the December 8, 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 December 8, 2021, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer Adam O’Nan presented the finance report for the period of July 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021.

A motion was made by Adam O’Nan and seconded by Steve Henry to approve the treasurer’s report for the period of July 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. COMFORT KEEPERS IN-HOME SERVICES CONTRACT

Jennifer Williams informed the committee Comfort Keepers, the in-home services provider that began shortly after the previous provider canceled their contract, has informed the staff they are experiencing some financial hardship due to a misunderstanding about required match for the program. The provider did not understand the match would be withheld from their monthly payment for services. There are additional concerns because they agreed to a three-year price. Treasurer Adam O’Nan reported he has discussed these concerns with the staff and on behalf of the Finance Committee, he proposed a price increase for Comfort Keepers from \$25 per hour to \$30 per one-hour of in-home services for the remainder of the three-year bid cycle. Increasing the unit cost will decrease units of services available to clients, but the staff assures every effort will be made to accomplish this adjustment through attrition and through reduction of services rather than completely terminating services for active clients.

A motion was made by Adam O’Nan and seconded by Al Mattingly to approve a \$30 per one-hour of in-home services for a three-year contract with Comfort Keepers.
A vote was taken and the motion carried.

V. CHAIRMAN/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Joanna Shake reported due to the COVID spike across the State, staff has been reduced at the office until January 31, 2022, and will be reevaluated.

VI. COUNTY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Vice Chairman Al Mattingly gave a COVID update as well as spoke on legislation being proposed regarding jails and how it may affect them. He reported Daviess County has bought sixty-five new voting machines and there have been discussions with Owensboro Health about an academy to help with the regional nurse shortage. It was asked if this discussion could be on the February meeting agenda. Vice Chairman Mattingly will work on setting up a meeting with Owensboro Health.

Mark Lord gave an update from Congressman Brett Guthrie’s office. Mr. Lord reported Ohio and McLean Counties have been added to District 2 and the team is looking forward to working with those counties. Disaster relief continues to be a top priority for Congressman Guthrie after tornados ripped through western Kentucky in December.

Janeth Nicolas expressed her concern for hospitals as they will be facing consequences for paying staff higher wages or sign-on bonuses to keep the workforce during these difficult times.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Secretary

Chairman