

GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TO: Green River Area Development District Board of Directors

FROM: Hon. Curtis Dame, Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of the GRADD Executive Committee - August 12, 2026

The Executive Committee of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) held a meeting on August 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the GRADD office, 300 GRADD Way, Owensboro, Kentucky. A quorum was present with members in attendance listed below.

GRADD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	Charlie Castlen
HANCOCK COUNTY:	Johnny Roberts
HENDERSON COUNTY:	Brad Schneider
	Janeth Nicolas
	Bill Markwell
McLEAN COUNTY:	Curtis Dame
OHIO COUNTY:	David Johnston
UNION COUNTY:	Adam O'Nan
WEBSTER COUNTY:	Steve Henry

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ABSENT

DAVIESS COUNTY:	*Henrietta Harris
	*Robert Howard
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

Kenny Williams, Executive Director, GRADD
Kemp Morgan, Deputy Director, GRADD
Cory Alexander, Director of Finance, GRADD
Leslie Wilson, Director of Aging & Social Services, GRADD
Sarah Duncan, Director of Waiver Services, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnny "Chic" Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Financial Allocations Update

Kenny Williams explained while the June financials reflected a net operating loss of \$278,282, this result is attributable to the timing of a Medicaid Waiver reimbursement rather than a decline in operational performance or fiscal management. June represented a strong conclusion to GRADD's fiscal year despite a temporary timing issue in state reimbursements. Overall, revenues and expenditures continue to align closely with budget expectations; cash reserves remained healthy and departments continued exercising sound financial stewardship.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)

Kenny Williams reported Kentucky formally opted into the federal scholarship tax credit program under House Bill 1, allowing approved 501(c)(3) nonprofit Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) to receive charitable donations for K-12 student scholarships with a dollar-for-dollar tax credit of up to \$1,700 per year. Actual scholarship distribution through these newly registered SGOs begins January 1, 2027. The ADDs have come together to form an SGO and have already filed paperwork for the 501(c)(3) status for the SGO. Mr. Williams noted GRADD will not operate the SGO, determine scholarship recipients, manage donations or administer the program. Those responsibilities belong exclusively to the Kentucky Education Fund as an independent nonprofit organization. GRADD's role, along with the other fourteen ADDs, is simply to help establish the statewide framework and provide regional connectivity.

2. Medicaid Litigation Resolution

Kenny Williams explained that for nearly 20 years the Area Development Districts (ADD's) have been providing services to participants in the Medicaid Waiver programs. The ADD's have built the relationships, knowledge, systems, and local expertise necessary to help people successfully navigate what can be a very complicated system.

A recent proposal by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) to move these services away from the ADD's and other existing providers towards a single statewide vendor has raised some very serious questions. Kentucky's State Auditor has sent a letter questioning whether there has been an adequate cost-benefit analysis to demonstrate that moving to a large statewide vendor will improve services or save taxpayer dollars. There are also concerns about the impact on participants. The Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts (KCADD) has also challenged the legal and procedural basis for the request for proposal submitted by CHFS. KCADD has requested documentation supporting CHFS's assertion that the request for proposal (RFP) is required by a federal corrective action plan and has questioned whether the proposed change is consistent with federal Medicaid requirements and participant choice. Mr. Williams is requesting the GRADD Executive Committee and the GRADD Board of Directors to support a request to authorize GRADD to join with the other ADD's in pursuing appropriate legal action and other advocacy necessary to protect the ability to provide these services and more importantly, protect the participants who depend upon them.

Judge/Executive Steve Henry noted GRADD's funding for the Medicaid Waiver program is the second largest in Kentucky with an estimated \$1.3 million in potential funding loss.

A motion was by Brad Schneider and seconded by Charlie Castlen to approve the Medicaid Litigation Resolution. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

3. Personnel

Chair Johnny "Chic" Roberts requested the members enter closed session.

A motion was made by Curtis Dame and seconded by Adam O'Nan to approve the GRADD Executive Committee enter closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Charlie Castlen and seconded by Brad Schneider to return to open meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

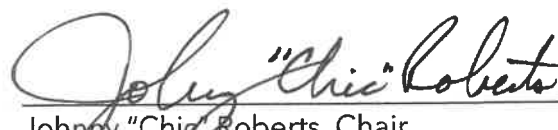
IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Curtis Dame, Secretary



Johnny "Chic" Roberts, Chair

