

**GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HAZARD MITIGATION COUNCIL MEETING**

March 23, 2023  
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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Hazard Mitigation Council met on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the GRADD office.

The following persons were in attendance:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Buzzy Newman, City of Henderson  
Rick White, Union County EMA  
Randy Sallee, City of Sacramento  
Robert Lindsey, City of Island  
Terry Dossett, McLean County EM  
Ronda Moore Smith, City of Corydon  
Patsy Mayfield, City of Whitesville  
Monte Davenport, City of Sebree  
Robbie McCormick, City of Hawesville  
Jeffrey Kelley, Webster County  
Randy Norman, Webster County Fiscal Court  
Jill Ward, Henderson EMA  
Kenny Garrett, Henderson EMA  
Samuel Lingerfelt, City of Henderson  
Charlie Shields, Ohio County EM  
Robert Adkins, City of Hawesville  
Andy Ball, Daviess County EM  
David Stevens, City of Beaver Dam

Janie Marksberry, Daviess County Fiscal Court  
Kevin DeRossitt, City of Owensboro  
Roger York, City of Hartford  
Holly Bohlen, Green River District Health Department  
Jeffrey Fuqua, City of Fordsville  
Christopher Castlen, Daviess County Fiscal Court  
Joe Schepers, Regional Water Resources Association  
Jamie Harkins, City of Providence  
Jack Snyder, City of Providence  
Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Fiscal Court  
Lance Wilson, McLean County Regional Water Council

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Nick Grinstead, KYEM  
Geni Jo Brawner, KYEM  
Brittany Duvall, KYEM

Pat Hardesty, KYEM  
Dan Blanchard, KYEM  
Margaret Hibbs, KDPH

Mike Wilson, RAND  
Jessica Paige, RAND  
Josh Modlin, CISA  
Sandra Pinel, CISA  
Blake Edge, GRADD

Colie Smith, GRADD  
Cheyton Pendley, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Buzzy Newman called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM and noted there was a quorum.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 3, 2023, meeting of the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Andy Ball and seconded by Jeffrey Kelley to approve the minutes from November 3, 2022. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominating Committee

Colie Smith called on Andy Ball to speak on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Ball stated the committee discussed officers for the Hazard Mitigation Council and recommended both Jeremy Moore and Buzzy Newman continue in their offices, as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively, for another two-year term.

A motion was made by Kenny Garret and seconded by Pat Hardesty to approve the officer appointments. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Water and Wastewater Risk Assessment

Colie Smith presented a final report on the application of the Infrastructure Resiliency Planning Framework (IRPF) to the water and wastewater infrastructure sector within the GRADD region. GRADD is producing a risk assessment add-on to document the criticality of the water and wastewater sector to the region and the infrastructure dependencies and vulnerabilities for the sector. The presentation covered how natural hazards threaten water

infrastructure and the infrastructure dependencies between the water sector and the energy, transportation, and communications sectors. Information about critical personnel and critical nodes within water utilities was also presented. Regional maps showing how drinking water moves between utilities, areas served by regional water treatment plants, and source water for the region were also presented as part of the risk assessment overview.

Projects developed during the risk assessment were presented to the Council for comment, and an overview of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program were provided to the Council. Mr. Smith explained the BRIC funding opportunity can be beneficial for large, complex projects; however, the application process is very detailed and arduous and asked all potential BRIC projects for the FY 2023 funding cycle be communicated to GRADD staff by July 1, 2023 to allow staff and stakeholders to develop a competitive application.

#### C. State Hazard Mitigation Planning

Nick Grinstead provided an in-depth review of the BRIC program discussing BRIC program priorities and technical and qualitative criteria used to rank projects in the national competitive funding pool. An overview of Capability and Capacity Building (C&CB) activities, planning related activities, projects scoping projects, and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) was also provided to the Council. This background information was provided to the Council to facilitate a discussion about local capabilities to apply to programs like BRIC to fund local projects in the GRADD region.

The following questions were posed to those present at the Council:

- Do you have/can you identify local government policies, programs, capabilities that help you accomplish hazard mitigation?
- Are local government mitigation policies, programs, and capabilities effective?
- Are local government mitigation policies, programs, and capabilities effective in terms of being able to pursue an infrastructure project or a BRIC/FMA project?

Discussion followed among Council members to the following effect:

- Buzzy Newman stated that as far as staffing is concerned for running projects outside consultants would likely be necessary since local governments don't have excess capacity.
- Several of those present, including Mayor Robbie McCormick from Hawesville and Lance Wilson from McLean County Regional Water Commission, spoke up about the inability of local governments to meet any type of local matching funds for large BRIC-type projects.
- Colie Smith asked if local governments would be able to provide a maximum local match that they could fund. Mayor Robbie McCormick stated he could for Hawesville and several other mayors concurred.

- Most of the discussion was focused on the lack of resources for GRADD cities and counties to pursue large complex projects with the main constraints being capacity and fiscally based.

Geni Jo Brawner spoke up and thanked those present for their open and honest feedback on local capabilities (or lack thereof) to take advantage of the FEMA BRIC program. Ms. Brawner has been working with FEMA to express the concerns and limitations of communities within the Commonwealth that lack the resources of larger cities and coastal communities who have received the largest share of BRIC funding.

Nick Grinstead thanked all those who participated in the discussion since this feedback will be integral for the update to the State Hazard Mitigation Plan taking place this year.

IV     OTHER BUSINESS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

None

V.     ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Andy Ball made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Charlie Shields. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.