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

January 30, 2024
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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Hazard Mitigation Council met on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 1:00 PM at the GRADD office.

The following persons were in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeremy Moore, Webster County EM
Chris Cunningham, Daviess County EM
Hon. Patsy Mayfield, City of Whitesville
Jamie Harkins, City of Providence
Hon. Betty Howard, City of Sacramento
Kenneth Howard, City of Sacramento
Chad Wood, City of Hartford
Hon. Jeff Fuqua, City of Fordsville
Hon. Ronda Smith, City of Corydon
Travis Carter, City of Beaver Dam
Randy Norman, City of Dixon
Scott Clements, City of Morganfield
Jake Powers, City of Hawesville
Monte Davenport, City of Sebree

GUESTS PRESENT

Margaret Hibb, Kentucky Dept. Public Health
Leslie Ashlock, Lincoln Trail ADD
Joe Schepers, Regional Water Resources Association
Lance Wilson, McLean County Regional Water Council

Trey Pedley, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Colie Smith, GRADD
Jennifer Alvey, GRADD
Therese Payne, GRADD



Steve Henry, Chairman | Adam O'Nan, Vice Chairman | Johnny "Chic" Roberts, Secretary | Curtis Dame, Treasurer | Joanna Shake, Executive Director

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeremy Moore called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM and noted there was a quorum.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 14, 2023, meeting of the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Betty Howard and seconded by Patsy Mayfield to approve the minutes from November 14, 2023. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hazard Mitigation Council (HMC) Bylaws Update

Chair Jeremy Moore asked Chris Cunningham to share the recommendations of the Bylaws committee. Mr. Cunningham recommended the following amendments under Article IV, Council Membership, Section I. "The membership shall be representative of the following groups: each city and county jurisdiction, emergency managers and representatives of community sectors and community lifelines. C. Each county Director of Emergency Management. D. One (1) representative selected by the Council for each community lifeline." He also recommended the following amendment to Article VII, Meetings, Section IV. "The Council shall meet quarterly; however, the Council officers can cancel one of these meetings if there is not enough Council business to develop an agenda. Meetings will be scheduled on the third Tuesday of the first month of each quarter."

Chair Jeremy Moore asked the Council for a motion to accept the above-mentioned amendments to the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Bylaws.

A motion was made by Jamie Harkins and seconded by Randy Norman to accept the amendments to the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Bylaws. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. HMC Membership Update

Colie Smith asked the Council to recommend people to the Council to help make it more inclusive by suggesting representatives from each of the FEMA lifelines. Nominations were made to each lifeline from safety and security to water systems. Mr. Smith will contact those nominated for possible membership on the Council.

C. 2024 Hazard Mitigation Priorities

Colie Smith explained how to build a project to prepare it for grant applications. If work can be completed prior to grants opening, there is a much better chance the project may be funded. Mr. Smith asked Council members to consider the most common hazard mitigation project types, including backup power, flood mitigation etc. and determine what projects they would like to work on in their communities. Council members listed those projects so preparatory work can begin.

D. Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD)

Chair Jeremy Moore asked Jennifer Alvey to speak about the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. Ms. Alvey explained the State Broadband Office contacted GRADD to identify those locations who do not have access to broadband. Ms. Alvey asked the Council to help identify priority locations known as Community Anchor Institutions (CAI) that have not already been identified. Jamie Harkins suggested water/wastewater plants should be added to the list of CAIs. Joe Schepers raised cyber security concerns for those outlying plants because their locations lend themselves to vulnerabilities.

E. Regional Energy Resilience Project Update

Colie Smith shared the results thus far of the Regional Energy Resilience Project. So far, three rounds of the survey have been conducted. The State has asked GRADD to complete a final round of surveys to include the most critical lifelines, facilities not listed in the Hazard Mitigation Plan, and gas stations. Mr. Smith asked where a list of gas stations could be located. Members suggested the Department of Agriculture and the State Fire Marshall would both have a list. Mr. Smith also asked the Council if any other facilities should be surveyed. Council members suggested grocery stores and mobile home parks.

IV OTHER BUSINESS AND OPEN DISCUSSION

Chair Jeremy Moore shared Barren River Area Development District will be conducting A Rail Car Incident training on March 19, 2024. Mr. Moore asked members what other training they would like to see offered. Contact him with any ideas.


Mr. Moore shared the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) opened January 29, 2024 and will close March 8, 2024. Contact Colie Smith if interested in applying.

Colie Smith shared the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) is offering nonprofits grants for soft targets vulnerable to terrorists' threats. GRADD will provide technical assistance.

Chair Jeremy Moore announced the second quarter HMC meeting will be April 16, 2024, the third quarter HMC meeting will be July 16, 2024, and the fourth quarter meeting will be October 15, 2024.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Council, Rhonda Smith made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Chris Cunningham. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.



Jeremy Moore, Chair