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**GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
HAZARD MITIGATION COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 2026
Meeting Minutes**

The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Hazard Mitigation Council met on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 1:00 PM at the GRADD office.

The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS' PRESENT

Jeremy Moore, Webster County EM
Randy Norman, Webster County Fiscal Court
Jason Roberts, City of Lewisport
Jeffery Kelley, Webster County PVA
Jeremy Smith, Daviess County EM
Ronda Smith, Mayor, City of Corydon
Patsy Mayfield, Mayor, City of Whitesville
Renetta Sanders, EMA Specialist Daviess County
Mike Page, Deputy Director Daviess County
Michael McFadden, Safety City of Henderson

GUESTS PRESENT

Joe Schepers, Regional Water Resources Association
Leah Jacobs, Green River District Health Department
Trey Pedley, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Amy Matheny, GRADD
Keith Cooley, National Weather Service

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeremy Moore called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM and noted there was a quorum.

Johnny "Chic" Roberts, Chairman | Adam O'Nan, Vice Chairman | Curtis Dams, Secretary | Charlie Castlen, Treasurer | Kenneth J. Williams, Executive Director



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II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 21, 2025, meeting of the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council (HMC) were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Jeff Kelley and seconded by Randy Norman to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2025, meeting of the GRADD HMC. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. National Weather Service

Keith Cooley, Senior Forecaster with the National Weather Service discussed upcoming organizational changes at the national level, noting there will no longer be regional headquarters. The organization is currently divided into six regions, with efforts focused on eliminating redundancy across upper-level management. Leadership is moving toward an Incident Command Structure, where policies will be developed at a higher level and then distributed to all offices to improve consistency across all NWS webpages, IDSS, and related services. It was also shared that there would be an Emergency Response Specialist position at the state level. Currently, no additional details are available.

At the local office level, focus areas continue to include TAFs, SPOT forecasts, warnings, Impact-Based Decision Support Services (IDSS), and onsite IDSS support. Discussion also included ongoing updates and changes to forecasting processes and services to improve communication and operational effectiveness.

Discussion emphasized that impact-based messaging should remain at the forefront of all communications. Messaging should use plain, non-technical language and focus on the probability and impacts of an event, including criteria and historical comparisons when appropriate. The focus should not be on the meteorological cause of the event, such as cold fronts or low-pressure systems, but instead on the expected impacts, such as snowfall or hazardous conditions. Key messages should remain brief, direct, and easy to understand, providing clear bottom-line information upfront in one or two concise sentences.

B. GRANT UPDATES

Discussion on the drone program noted that the original application from fall 2025 had to be changed. The plan is to reapply under a different category for the drones only. Amy also shared that they still need to find an underwater drone made in America.

For the FEMA BRIC program, pre-applications were due on April 20, 2026. Notices to pre-applicants of eligibility will be issued by April 27, 2026. The Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) must be completed by May 18, 2026. The first draft of the application is to be submitted to the grant manager for review by June 5, 2026. The final application should be submitted to KYEM for final review by July 10, 2026, and KYEM will then submit the application to FEMA by July 17, 2026. The application period will be July 23, 2026.

FEMA's AFG and SAFER programs have no new updates currently. For HMGP, some project time extensions are slowly being approved, but there is still no information available on future statewide mitigation funding for upcoming disasters. The U.S. DOJ COPS Hiring Program has also not released a new funding announcement yet.

KOHS reported that money is available for the 2025 State Homeland Security Grant Program, but they are unsure when the solicitation will be released due to the federal shutdown. Funding for 2026 is still uncertain, and projects will need to be "shovel ready" and able to be completed in a shorter timeframe than usual. For the State Cyber Security Grant Program, funds from 2024 are still available, and applications are still under review.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm. Next meeting will be held July 21, 2026, at 1pm CST/2pm EST.



Jeremy Moore, Chairman

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