

**MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
HELD
JANUARY 25, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Judge Dennis Brooks called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mayor Charles Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Judge Dennis Brooks led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CALL OF ROLL

Treasurer Jim McDannel called the roll with the following members present:

**Denotes designated representative*

<i>BREATHITT</i>	-	<i>Judge J.L. Smith Mayor Rose Wolfe Ellis Tincher</i>
<i>KNOTT</i>	-	<i>Judge Zach Weinberg Mayor Tracey Neice Mayor Scott Cornett Kim King Larry Parke Greg Mullins</i>
<i>LEE</i>	-	<i>Judge Steve Mays *Everett Marshall Phyllis McCord Reverend Floyd Johns</i>
<i>LESLIE</i>	-	<i>Judge Jimmy Sizemore Mayor Carol Joseph</i>
<i>LETCHER</i>	-	<i>Judge Jim Ward Jack Burkich James McDannel</i>
<i>OWSLEY</i>	-	<i>Judge Cale Turner Mayor Charles Long Dale Bishop</i>

PERRY - Reverend John Pray
Meriwether Wash-Hall

WOLFE - Judge Dennis Brooks
Pam Pilgrim

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jack Burkich to approve the minutes of the December 214, 2016 Board of Director's Meeting; Motion seconded by Mayor Rose Wolfe; with no objections the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Judge Jimmy Sizemore to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; Motion seconded by Reverend John Pray; with no objections the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Annette Napier introduced Robert "Bob" Perkins with AMEC Foster Wheeler to present the Brownfields Project Update.

Mr. Perkins began by congratulating KRADD and stating that the Brownfields Grants are really hard to get and this grant was awarded on the first attempt. There were 12 applicants and three were awarded. This was also the last year for a \$400,000 grant to be awarded, going forward they will be awarded for \$300,000. This \$400,000 is obligated to KRADD in the federal budget and cannot be taken away.

Mr. Perkins explained that the State of Kentucky has a Brownfields Program that is actually funded by a federal Brownfields Grant itself. Part of their mission is to visit with Brownfields Grant recipients and help with any Brownfields problems they may be having and try to bring resources in to fix those problems. They were awarded \$850,000 themselves a few years ago that could be used for cleanup and restoration of Brownfields properties. For a while they were giving the money to municipalities and communities. There was a match however a waiver was available if your community or municipality was unable to pay the match. Assessment money was used to evaluate the property for free and state cleanup money was used to clean up the property for free. While they are no longer giving away the money they will dissolve about half of the loan at some point. It is limited funds and is competitive, but it is out there and the state is looking for applicants to use the money and it can be used for things such as lead-based paint abatement, tearing down a building, building a parking lot, and etc.

Mr. Perkins announced a meeting hosted by AMEC Foster Wheeler, at the Buffalo Trace Distillery in April. This meeting will bring people together who have the knowledge and the money to make investments in Brownfields Properties. If interested in attending let Mr. Perkins know as it will be limited to 120 people.

Mr. Perkins talked extensively through a PowerPoint presentation about several other Brownfields Projects that AMEC Foster Wheeler has worked on in the past and what they entailed and to show examples of what can be done with the grant.

Mr. Perkins explained that the next step is a Brownfields Advisory Committee has to be set up and will meet every quarter. The hopes is to have 2 members from every county and at least 1 from every community, however everyone is welcome. The committee will discuss things such as what to use the money for and give insight into what is needed in the communities. With that said Mr. Perkins stated he would meet, for a few minutes after this meeting, with anyone who is interested.

Annette Napier asked that anyone is interested in working with KRADD on this grant to please stay for just a few minutes after the board meeting and get their names on a list to receive notice of Brownfields Committee meetings in the future.

BUSINESS

Transportation Prioritization

Eunice Holland gave a brief update on the 2017 Transportation Prioritization Process stating that the Cabinet has developed a more data-driven, objective and collaborative approach to determine the state's transportation funding priorities. SHIFT-Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow – is a prioritization model that will bring balance and dependability to Kentucky's over programmed highway plan.

Meetings with County Judge Executive and Highway Districts to obtain local priorities are being scheduled and held. Local priorities will be completed by March 17th and utilized when sponsoring projects to be prioritized regionally. The Regional Transportation Committee will meet on March 8th to approve the sponsored project listing and the criteria for regional prioritization.

Workshops Update

Eunice Holland announced that the Department for Local Government will be having a County Budget Workshop at the KRADD Conference Center on February 2nd from 9am to noon.

Department for Local Government will also be having a training for Special Purpose Governmental Entities (SPGE) at the KRADD Conference Center on March 21st at 2pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Building Purchase Updates

Mike Miller announced that KRADD officially owns the office building property located at 941 N Main Street, Hazard, KY and an appraisal will be conducted on the conference center building located in the Perry County Park as instructed by the Board. The UK Extension Office has an interest in purchasing the conference center building. We will be trying to work something out to still have board meetings here while the conference room is being prepared at the office building location.

Aging Contracts

Mike Miller announced that Middle Kentucky River Community Action Council did pull out of the Aging Contract Agreement in Breathitt, Lee, Wolfe and Owsley counties. As of February 1st KRADD will administer those programs. An offer has of employment has been extended to 9 of eleven Middle Kentucky River employees and they have accepted that as of February 1st they will be KRADD employees.

In Lee, Wolfe and Owsley the food will be prepared in Lee County and transported to Wolfe and Owsley counties. MOMS Meals will be used for the Home Delivered Meals.

Other Business

Tom Partin with USDA Rural Development introduced Jessica Leech as the USDA Rural Development representative for the KRADD District.

Marcia Turner introduced Whitley Doughman as the new CDO Case Manager.

Andrea Begley gave an update from Congressman Rogers office.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Mayor Tracy Niece made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Mayor Rose Wolfe; with no objections the motion carried.

Mike Miller brought to everyone's attention to the Draft Employment Contract that was handed out asking that they read over it as it will be on the February agenda.

Judge Dennis Brooks, Chairman

Judge Scott Alexander, Secretary

