

**MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
HELD
JUNE 28, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Vice-Chairman Mayor Todd DePriest called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mayor Charles Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Mayor Todd DePriest led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CALL OF ROLL

Secretary Judge Scott Alexander called the roll with the following members present:

**Denotes designated representative*

BREATHITT	-	<i>Judge J.L. Smith Mayor Rose Wolfe Gary Campbell Ray Moore Ellis Tincher</i>
KNOTT	-	<i>Judge Zach Weinberg Mayor Tracy Neice Mayor Scott Cornett Greg Mullins</i>
LEE	-	<i>Judge Steve Mays *Everett Marshall Phyllis McCord Reverend Floyd Johns</i>
LESLIE	-	<i>Judge Jimmy Sizemore Mayor Carol Joseph Eugene Stewart Hiram Cornett</i>
LETCHER	-	<i>Mayor Todd DePriest Jack Burkich</i>

OWSLEY - *Judge Cale Turner*
Mayor Charles Long
Dale Bishop

PERRY - *Judge Scott Alexander*

WOLFE - *Judge Dennis Brooks*
Pam Pilgrim
Shirley Halcomb

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Judge Zach Weinberg; seconded by Mayor Rose Wolfe; with no objections the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Gary Campbell to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; Motion seconded by Mayor Tracy Neice; with no objections the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Mike Miller introduced Holly Hopkins Scoville with Kentucky Wired Project as the guest speaker

Guest Speaker

Ms. Scoville began by explaining what the KentuckyWired Middle Mile Project is through an informative PowerPoint Presentation. The KentuckyWired Middle Mile Plan was contracted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to bring over 3,400 miles of high-speed, high capacity fiber optic Internet connectivity to its 120 counties. It will significantly improve connectivity, increase speeds, and offer some of the fastest broadband capacity in the United States, helping to break down geographic and financial barriers to education and economic development, and help connect Kentuckians to the world.

A Public-Private Partnership (PPP) with Macquarie Capital and a team of market-specialists was created to develop the robust and reliable fiber "backbone" infrastructure. Leducor Group of Companies and Overland Contracting Inc., a Black & Veatch Company, make up the Design Build Team (NG-KIH DBLLC Contractors). Leducor will operate and maintain the network for the next 30 years.

KentuckyWired is expected to be the key catalyst for profound and sweeping growth in job creation, health access, and education. When completed, the project will:

- *Allow businesses to compete globally*
- *Give educators the ability to expand their teaching resources and help students gain access to knowledge*
- *Enable health care entities to collaborate*
- *Improve communication for first responders in emergencies*

Design of KentuckyWired began under an early works agreement in June 2015 and construction is targeted to be complete in 2018. The Eastern Kentucky Region will be the first priority area, and services will commence as construction progresses and as individual segments and nodes are completed.

Ms. Scoville also spoke about ways in which businesses or landowners may be impacted by construction as well as how the construction process will work.

Ms. Scoville entertained questions from board members and guests before closing.

Darrell Maynard, a representative for the “Last Mile Committee” for the SOAR Organization, announced that the committee will have the first of about six meetings tomorrow beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset, KY, for those who want to get a better understanding of what it takes to get started with “Last Mile”. This will be an excellent place to get an understanding of how to take advantage of KentuckyWired when it comes into your community. The meeting is free and credit hours can be earned.

Judge Scott Alexander expressed interest in having this type of meeting in the KRADD area. Mr. Maynard explained that he would be able to get that arranged with no problem.

OTHER BUSINESS

Citizen Member Nominations

Mike Miller announced that Citizen Member Nomination Forms will be mailed out today week explaining that citizen members with terms expiring in August are as follows: Breathitt County – Ray Moore; Lee County – Phyllis McCord; Leslie County – Eugene Stewart; Owsley County – Dale Bishop; Perry County – Freddie Combs; and Wolfe County – Pam Pilgrim

Mike announced also that Jim McDannel, Letcher County Citizen Member, passed away just over a week ago. This is a great loss to the KRADD Board.

Reverend John Pray continues to show improvement.

Kim King, her husband and his brother continue with treatments.

Mike brought everyone’s attention to the 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) flyer that was handed explaining that Michelle L. Elison will be here to speak on this subject. Mike stated that the Judges and Mayors July 17th the Judges and Mayor will receive and invite from the Census Bureau to access your census tracts, so you can review them and figure out where you counts may be short.

Mike announced that Congressman Hal Rogers will be at KRADD on August 8th. Andrea Begley will be here next week to finalize the details on Congressman Rogers visit.

Mike announced that the Brownsfield Committee will meet tomorrow, June 29th at 1:00 pm, in conference room in the park. Angelia Hall reminded everyone that if they have properties in their communities that they would like considered and they have not turned paperwork in on, they need to get those papers filled out and bring them to the committee meeting.

Judge Cale Turner asked about the date on the Annual Board Meeting and Mike explained that the Annual Meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday in August, which is August 16th, and DLG is the following week.

Judge Cale Turner stated that he thinks that everyone is equal and he feels a little bad when the KRADD employees wait until everyone else has a plate before they get a plate. Judge Dennis Brooks thanked Judge Turner for stating that and stated that he absolutely agreed with him.

If anyone would like to take a look at broadband more, the Letcher County Broadband Board has a Facebook page and they meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month in Blackey. Anyone that wants to attend is welcome.

Judge Cale Turner asked if a decision has been made as to what to do with the conference room in the Park. Mike explained that he met with the Perry County Extension Office and told them appraisal was \$265,000 and nothing less than the appraisal amount can be taken without opening it up for public bid. They have concerns regarding the Unmined Mineral. We are still waiting on a response from the board of the extension office and will be talking with Charles Mayes from the Extension in the next few days.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Carry Campbell made a motion to adjourn; Motion seconded by Mayor Rose Wolfe; with no objections the meeting was adjourned

Judge Dennis Brooks, Chairman

Judge Scott Alexander, Secretary

