

*MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Meeting Conducted by Hybrid
December 13, 2023
12:30pm*

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Judge Jeff Dobson, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mr. Larry Parke gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Jeff Dobson, Chairman, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL OF ROLL

Judge Jeff Noble, Secretary, called the roll with the following members present:

- BREATHITT** - *Judge Jeff Noble, Secretary
Mr. Gary Campbell
Mr. Drewey Lovins
Ms. Susan Harley*
- KNOTT** - *Judge Jeff Dobson, Chairman
Mayor Trish Hall
Mayor Scott Cornett
Mr. Larry Parke
Mr. Larry Perkins
Mr. Harold Watley*
- LEE** - *Mr. David Lyons
Ms. Jessica Butler*
- LESLIE** - *Ms. Jennifer Laura Bowling*
- LETCHER** - *Judge Terry Adams
Mayor Todd DePriest*
- OWSLEY** - *Judge Zeke Little, Jr.*
- PERRY** - *Judge Scott Alexander
Mr. Carlos Campbell, DR for Mayor Donald "Happy" Mobelini
Mr. Lonnie Brewer, Treasurer
Mr. Gregory Whitson
Ms. Meriwether Wash-Hall
Mr. Derrick Bowling*

WOLFE - Mayor Kathi May
Ms. Pam Pilgrim
Mr. Craig Lindon

Quorum verified by Judge Jeff Noble, Secretary: Twenty-one (21) members present with all eight (8) counties presented, therefore, meeting commenced. (*Denotes Designated Representative or Proxy.)

KRADD Staff -

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director
Ms. Kimberly Coomer, Associate Director of Finance
Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services
Ms. Jennifer McIntosh, Associate Director of Community & Ec. Development
Ms. Karlena Campbell, Human Resources Manager/Aging & Finance Manager
Ms. Jessica Epperson, Regional Disaster Coordinator
Mr. Shane Campbell, IT Specialist
Ms. Kimberly Sapp-Allen, Office Manager
Mr. Trevor Pollard, Community and Economic Development Planner
Mr. Scott Melton, Transportation Planner
Ms. Courtney Young, Community and Economic Development Planner
Ms. Tabitha Haddix, Economic Development Coordinator
Mr. A. J. Miller, Community and Economic Development Planner
Ms. Lisa Napier, Infrastructure Coordinator
Ms. Megan Stepp, GIS Specialist
Ms. Tammy Couch, ADRC Assistant
Ms. Kaitlin Slone, Assistant Finance Officer
Ms. Autumn Mullins, Homecare Case Manager
Ms. Donna Stacy, Community and Economic Development Planner
Mr. Chance Clair, Community and Economic Development Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor Todd DePriest to approve the October 25, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Drewey Lovins; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick Bowling, to approve the October 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Perkins; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS

- (1) Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, introduced Mr. Brad Hayes, RFH, Inc. who presented the FY 2023 Audit. A copy of the audit is included in the official record. Judge Jeff Dobson, Chairman, requested a motion to approve the audit as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Drewey Lovins to accept the audit as presented; Mr. Gary Campbell seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.
- (2) Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, introduced Ms. Kristin Walker Collins, Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Sarah Deal, Community Engagement Officer, and Mr. Zach Hall, Community Engagement Officer, with the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky. A copy of their presentation is included in the official record. Judge Scott Alexander acknowledged and commended the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky for their hard work and community mindedness to our region during the July 2023 Flood.

BUSINESS

(1) Program Updates:

(A) *Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services, presented an update to the Board for the programs under her supervision. A copy of which is included in the official record.*

(B) *Ms. Jennifer McIntosh, Associate Director of Community and Economic Development, presented an update of programs under her leadership to the Board. A copy of which is included in the official record. Ms. McIntosh welcomed two new CEDS staff members, Mr. Chance Clair, Community & Economic Development Planner, and Ms. Sally Engle, Administrative Assistant.*

(2) FY 2023 Audit Approval:

SEE ITEM UNDER GUEST SPEAKER (1) MR. BRAD HAYES, RFH, INC.

(3) Executive Committee Report:

Judge Jeff Dobson, Chairman, presented a report from the Executive Committee Meeting, November 29, 2023. A copy of those minutes is included in the official record.

Judge Jeff Dobson, Chairman, also informed those in attendance that he and Judge Jeff Noble, Secretary, were nominated to attend the NADO & DDAA Conference in March 2024.

Judge Dobson stated that two (2) Mayors should attend as well and asked for recommendations.

Mayor Todd DePriest was elected to attend, and Judge Dobson asked that another Mayor volunteer; Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, will check with Ms. Laura Thomas, Mayor, to see if her schedule will permit her to go.

(4) Title VI Plan Approval:

Judge Jeff Dobson, Chairman, introduced Mr. Scott Melton, Transportation Planner, who presented the Title VI Plan for Board approval. A copy of the plan is included for the official record. Judge Dobson asked for a motion to approve the plan as presented. Mayor Todd DePriest made the motion to approve; Mr. Drewey Lovins seconded the motion; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

(5) CEDS Resolution:

Ms. Tabitha Haddix, Economic Development Coordinator, presented the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2023 Update, along with the Resolution. Ms. Haddix asked for a motion to accept the strategy document and resolution. Mr. Drewey Lovins made a motion to accept as presented; Mr. Craig Lindon, Vice Chairman, seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

(6) Aging Services Contracts:

Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services, upon recommendation of the Aging Council, presented the Aging Services Contracts for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028 for Title 3B/3D Services--Breathitt County Senior Citizens Center, Title 3B Legal Services--AppalRed Legal Aid, and C1/C2 Title 3B/3D Services--Knott County Fiscal Court & Leslie County Fiscal Court, (the rest of the services will be done in house) to the Board for approval. Ms. Noble asked for a motion to approve. Judge Terry Adams made the motion to approve as presented; Mr. Drewey Lovins seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Judge Scott Alexander stated that the Disaster Relief Plan meeting held at KRADD recently went very well, and commended Judge Terry Adams, Judge Jeff Dobson, and Judge Jeff Noble. Comments made during that meeting resulted in a follow up meeting. Mr. Rocky Adkins attended and relayed to Governor Beshear that the plan needed revision. Judge Alexander commended KRADD for hosting the meeting.

Judge Jeff Dobson, Chairman, acknowledged Ms. Regena Jones, Field Representative for Senator Rand Paul, Ms. Donna McClure, Field Representative for Senator Mitch McConnell, and Ms. Andrea Begley, Field Representative for Congressman Hal Rogers. Ms. Begley, Ms. McClure, and Ms. Jones wished all Merry Christmas and relayed to please contact their respective offices should any assistance be required. Judge Dobson conveyed our appreciation for all their offices.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, with no other business to discuss, Judge Jeff Dobson, Chairman, requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Drewey Lovins made the motion to adjourn; Mayor Todd DePriest seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.



Judge Jeff Dobson, Chairman



Judge Jeff Noble, Secretary

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