

*MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Meeting Conducted by Hybrid
July 26, 2023
12:30pm*

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mr. Fred Hall, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mr. Larry Parke gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Fred Hall, Chairman, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL OF ROLL

Mr. Craig Lindon, Secretary, called the roll with the following members present:

- BREATHITT** - Mayor Laura Thomas
Mr. Gary Campbell
Ms. Susan Harley
- KNOTT** - Judge Jeff Dobson
Mayor Scott Cornett
Mr. Harold Watley
Mr. Larry Parke
Mr. Larry Perkins
- LEE** - Mayor Scott Jackson
Ms. Jessica Butler
- LESLIE** - *Ms. Jennifer Laura Bowling, DR for Judge William Lewis
Mr. Hiram Cornett
- LETCHER** - Judge Terry Adams
Mayor Todd DePriest
Mr. Fred Hall
- OWSLEY** - Judge Zeke Little, Jr.
Mayor Nelson Bobrowski
- PERRY** - *Mr. Clayton Church, DR for Judge Scott Alexander
*Mr. Carlos Campbell, DR for Mayor Donald "Happy" Mobelini
Mr. Lonnie Brewer
Mr. Gregory Whitson
Ms. Meriwether Wash-Hall

WOLFE

- Judge Raymond Banks
- *Ms. Dena Rice, DR for Mayor Kathi May
- Mr. Pam Pilgrim
- Mr. Craig Lindon

*Quorum verified by Mr. Craig Lindon, Secretary: Twenty-six (26) members present with all eight (8) counties represented, therefore, meeting commenced. (*Denotes Designated Representative or Proxy.)*

KRADD Staff -

- Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director*
- Ms. Kimberly Coomer, Associate Director of Finance*
- Ms. Jennifer McIntosh, Associate Director of Community and Ec. Development*
- Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services*
- Ms. Karlena Campbell, Human Resources Manager/Aging & Finance Manager*
- Ms. Kaitlin Slone, Assistant Finance Officer*
- Mr. Shane Campbell, IT Specialist*
- Ms. Kimberly Sapp-Allen, Office Manager*
- Mr. Trevor Pollard, Community and Economic Development Planner*
- Ms. Melissa Brewer, Community and Economic Development Planner*
- Mr. Scott Melton, Transportation Planner*
- Ms. Courtney Young, Community and Economic Development Planner*
- Ms. Tabitha Haddix, Economic Development Coordinator*
- Ms. Donna Stacy, Community and Economic Development Planner*
- Ms. Leah Fugate, Community and Economic Development Planner*
- Ms. Lisa Napier, Infrastructure Coordinator*
- Ms. Megan Stepp, GIS Specialist*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Gary Campbell to approve the June 28, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Ms. Pam Pilgrim; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Gary Campbell, to approve the June 2023 Treasurer’s Report as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Craig Lindon, Secretary; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, introduced Ms. Bertha Partin, Economic Development Representative, Economic Development Administration, who addressed the Board regarding EDA’s mission, investment priorities, grant programs available and how to apply, and outlined eligibility. A copy of her presentation is included for the official record.

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, introduced our Secretary of State, Mr. Michael G. Adams, who addressed the Board regarding his work as Secretary of State. Secretary Adams outlined his goals and aspirations of his office as the Chief Business Official and the Chief Election Official of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and discussed address shielding of victims of domestic violence on the voter rolls. Thirty-eight (38) other states have added this to protect to protect their citizens.

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 asked those in attendance to contact Ms. Tabitha Haddix, Economic Development Coordinator, regarding the Arts, Culture, and Tourism Committee, should that wish to participate.*

(2) Safe Streets for All Resolution:

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, addressed the Board regarding KRADD's approval for the Safe Streets for All Grant, which was addressed by presentation by Dr. Adam Kirk, at the last Board meeting in May 2023. Ms. Allen presented the resolution for approval by the Board to enter into an agreement with the Transportation Cabinet. Mr. Gary Campbell made the motion to approve the resolution as presented; Ms. Pam Pilgrim seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried. Ms. Allen then asked Mr. Scott Melton, Transportation Planner, to address the Board further regarding the grant which will provide analysis on where in our counties items need to be addressed to make our roads safer; i.e. signage, etc... Mr. Melton presented eight (8) tasks to be addressed during the planning analysis portion and a list of those are included for the official record. Mr. Melton informed those in attendance that Dr. Kirk would be present here on August 9, 2023 at the Joint Regional Water and Transportation Committees Meeting and would be able to answer any further questions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fred Hall, Chairman, informed those in attendance that Mr. Larry Parke wised to address the Board regarding the NET Device. In 2007, KRADD sponsored a detoxification program that utilized the NET (neuro electric therapy) Device; two experiments were ran at that time and the device was proven to be effective. The device is still awaiting FDA approval, however, over 500 people have been successfully detoxed using it at Isaiah House. The family that developed this device wants to detox 500 more participants, with a year long follow up to determine how those participants progress, and to compare data to others that may have been detoxed through other means. Education, employment, and other social issues will be followed. Funding is needed to complete this additional 500 participants detox and study. Through the National Opiate Settlement, just under a billion dollars have been awarded to Kentucky. One-half of those funds will be administered by the state, and the other half is slotted to go to the counties. The family that developed this device will be sending a letter to each County Judge Executive requesting that each county share a portion of those funds to complete the next study. Mr. Parke stated that members of the developing family will be in the area in the next few weeks and he requests that county judge executives meet with them with any questions they have about the device.

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, then informed those in attendance that Mr. Travis with Senator Mitch McConnell's Washington, D.C. office, will be here on Monday. Mr. Travis would like to see as many elected officials as possible and will discuss flood recovery.

Citizen Member nominations are due in to us by Monday to fill three positions in expiring terms for Breathitt, Perry, and Wolfe.

Award nominations for Community of the Year and for Outstanding Leadership are also due in to us on Monday.

Our 55th Annual Board Meeting will be held on August 23, 2023 at Buckhorn Lake Resort Park. The business meeting portion will begin at 10:30am and the luncheon and ceremony will begin at noon.

KRADD has purchased an HVAC unit for the third floor with the permission of Chairman Fred Hall.

A couple weeks ago, KRADD offices had a water leak which caused some damage to our second, first, and basement floors. We are currently awaiting contractor quotes and asbestos tests results.

Ms. Donna McClure, Field Representative, Senator Mitch McConnell, states that Mr. Travis will be here for one hour on Monday. Ms. McClure makes recommendations that anyone attending bring a list of their flood recovery items of need. She further states that she and Ms. Andrea Begley, Field Representative, Congressman Hal Rogers, were able to inform Mayor Laura Thomas, Mayor, City of Jackson, that Jackson has been approved for a one million dollar grant for the North Jackson Waterline Improvement Project, and just received notice of that today.

At this time, Mr. Fred Hall, Chairman, asked if anyone had any other business. With no other business, Mr. Hall requested a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Laura Thomas made the motion to adjourn; Mr. Gary Campbell seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

Fred Hall

Mr. Fred Hall, Chairman

Craig Lindon

Mr. Craig Lindon, Secretary