

Kentucky River Area Development District

Board of Directors Meeting

Conducted by Hybrid

June 25, 2025 @ 12:30 pm

1. Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge

- Meeting called to order, by Chairman Craig Lindon
 - Invocation by Mr. Larry Park, with prayers for regional leaders and KRADD staff.
 - Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
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2. Roll Call

Mr. Lonnie Brewer, Secretary, called the roll with the following members present:

Breathitt-

Mayor Laura Thomas

Mr. Gary Campbell

Mr. Drewey Lovins

Ms. Susan Harley

Knott Co.-

Mayor Trish Hall

Mayor Scott Cornett

Mr. Harold Watley

Mr. Larry Parke

Mr. Larry Perkins

Lee Co. –

Ms. Jessica Butler Iacono-on Line

Letcher Co.-

Judge Terry Adams

Mayor Todd Depriest

Mr., Fred Hall

Owsley Co. –
Judge Zeke Little, Jr.
Mr. Jerry McIntosh

Perry Co.-
Jude Scott Alexander
Mr. Carlos Campbell (DR) for Happy Mobelini
Mayor Simmie Ray Bowling
Mr. Lonnie Brewer
Ms. Meriwether Wash Hall
Mr. Paul Olinger

Quorum verified by Mr. Craig Lindon, Chairman: Twenty-Two (22) members with 6 counties represented, therefore, meeting commenced.

KRADD Staff

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director
Ms. Tammy Couch, Office Manager
Mr. Shane Campbell, IT Specialist
Ms. Jennifer McIntosh, Associate Director of Community & Ec. Devel.
Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services
Mr. Scott Melton, Transportation Planner
Ms. Karlena Campbell, Human Resource Manager
Ms. Kimberly Coomer, Associate Director of Finance
Ms. Donna Stacy, Infrastructure Coordinator
Ms. Autumn Mullins, Assistant Director of Human Services
Ms. Courtney Young, Community and Economic Development Planner
Mr. Jerad Wright, GIS Manager
Ms. Emily Cornett, Participant Directed Services
Ms. Suzanne Lewis, Participant Directed Services
Ms. Samantha Lyman, Participant Directed Services
Ms. Jade Watts, Participant Directed Services
Ms. Loretta Smith, Participant Directed Services
Ms. Olyvia Conn, Participant Directed Services
Mr. Greg Watts, Disaster Coordinator
Ms. Jennifer McGlothen, Administration Assistant
Mr. Chris Back, Economic Development Coordinator
Mr. Trevor Pollard, Community and Economic Development
Ms. Lisa Napier, Assistant Director of Economic Development
Ms. Chassidy Woods, Participant Directed Services

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- A motion was made by Mr. Drewey Lovins to approve the April 23, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Gary Campbell; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.
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4. Approval of Treasurer's Report

- Presented in packet; reviewed in absence of Treasurer Mayor Nelson Bobrowski
 - Judge Zeke Little Jr. presented to the board the Treasurer's Report, A motion was made by Ms. Pam Pilgrim to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Jerry McIntosh; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.
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5. Guest Presentation: Matthew Crawford, Kentucky Geological Survey

Topic: Landslide Risk and Mitigation in Eastern Kentucky

- Overview of landslide science and classification
 - Discussion on recent projects funded by FEMA
 - Presentation of susceptibility and risk maps for the 8-county KRADD region
 - Data resources available via the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS)
 - Encouragement for local planners and emergency personnel to use KGS tools
 - Emphasis on applying LiDAR and GIS tools to enhance hazard assessment
 - Discussion on community and homeowner response strategies
 - Highlighted fiscal and infrastructural impact of landslides in the region
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6. Human Services Update – Stacie Noble

- Annual suicide warning pamphlets info distributed
- Senior Center services through May:
 - 26,580 congregate meals
 - 9,804 home-delivered meals
 - 389 PDS clients served
 - 78 ombudsman visits/contacts
- Updates on food distribution, outreach to apartment buildings, and health fairs
- Announced annual senior nutrition training with Big Sandy and Kentucky River on **July 31**

7. CEDS Department Report – Jennifer McIntosh

- Submitted 7 Land & Water and Fire grants worth \$1.7M (total project value: \$3.1M)
- Kentucky WWATERS Program open until **August 29**
- CDBG program open through **September 2**
- FY25 highlights:
 - 223 applications submitted
 - 62 awards received totaling **\$76.6M**
 - 34 applications pending for additional \$88M
- New staff introduced:
 - Greg Watts, Disaster Recovery Coordinator
 - Chris Back, Economic Development Coordinator
 - Jennifer McLaughlin, CEDS Admin Assistant

8. Executive Committee Report

- **May 28, 2025 Meeting Highlights:**
 - \$3,000 donation to Challenger Learning Center summer camps
 - Surplus of KRADD phone system
 - FY25 Budget amendment approved, reflecting:
 - \$19M revenue increase (incl. \$18.2M in PDS payroll funds)
 - Increased Medicaid PDS case management rates
 - Salary structure updates:
 - Base pay for CEDS and PDS positions increased to \$41,600
 - Average employee raise: 3.5%
 - CPI-based triennial salary increase policy adopted
 - Code of Ethics updated to include social media under public communications
 - Mr. Craig Lindon ask for motion to approve with addition to the Code of Ethics
 - Mr. Paul Olinger made motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Drewey Lovins; all in favor, with none opposed, motion carried.

9. FY26 Budget Overview – Michelle Allen

- Budget total: **\$26M+**
 - Includes PDS payroll pass-through
 - Excludes pending federal funds (ARC, Title V, EDA)
 - Added 2 new staff cars in budget
 - CERS retirement contributions decreased slightly
 - \$301K in reserve
 - Large increase in performance contract admin revenue
 - Expected: \$800K from \$1.4M in active grants
 - Discussion held on value of health insurance vs. raises and staff retention
 - Suggestion to review family health plan participation
 - A motion was made to approve the FY26 Budget by Mr. Gary Campbell; seconded by Mayor Scott Cornett; all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
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10. Citizen Member Reappointments

- The following Citizen Member Terms are expiring:
 - Breathitt County – Mr. Gary Campbell and Ms. Susan Harley
 - Knott County – Mr. Harold Watley
 - Lee County – Ms. Jessica Butler Iacono
 - Leslie County – Ms. Eugenia Stewart Napier
 - Letcher County – Mr. Fred Hall and Bennie McCall
 - Perry County – Mr. Paul Olinger
 - Forms distributed; due by **July 31**
 - Reappointments to be finalized at **August 27th annual meeting.**
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11. Announcements

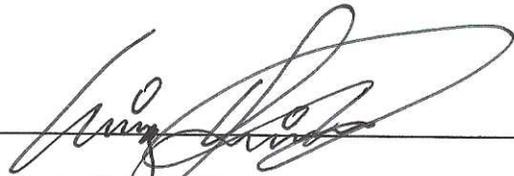
- **Annual Meeting:** August 27 at Buckhorn Lake
 - Business meeting at 10:30 AM
 - Luncheon at 12:00 PM
 - **Disaster Kit Grant:** In development for seniors, input requested for kit contents and educational materials
 - **New Staff Introductions**
 - Jennifer, Chris, and Greg each shared background and role
 - **Senator McConnell's Office** (Donna McClure):
 - Noted a \$24M request for Hal Rogers Parkway Improvement Study
 - Encouraged early submissions for White House tours and letters of support
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12. Transportation Update – Scott Melton

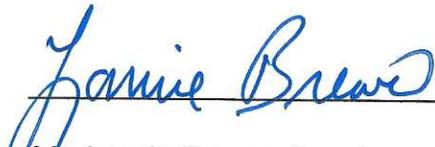
- Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) which replaces County Priority Projects Program (CPPP); opens June 1
 - Submissions due October 1
 - Match requirements vary by population
 - New scoring matrix includes safety, traffic, recent work, etc.
 - TC20-41 form required
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13. Adjournment

- At this time, with no other business to discuss, Mr. Craig Lindon Chairman, requested a motion to adjourn; Mr. Drewey Lovins made the motion to adjourn; Mayor Laura Thomas seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.



Mr. Craig Lindon, Chairman



Mr. Lonnie Brewer, Secretary