

*MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Meeting Conducted by Hybrid
October 22, 2025
12:30pm*

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Larry Parke gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CALL OF ROLL

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

- BREATHITT** - *Mayor Laura Thomas
Mr. Drewey Lovins
Mr. Gary Campbell
Ms. Susan Harley
Judge Jeff Noble, Chairman*
- KNOTT** - *Mayor Scott Cornett
Mr. Larry Parke
Mr. Larry Perkins*
- LEE** - *(none present)*
- LESLIE** - **Ms. Jennifer Laura Bowling, DR for Judge William Lewis
Mr. Stewart Napier*
- LETCHER** - *Judge Terry Adams
Mayor Tiffany Craft
Mr. Bob Banks
Mr. Jack Banks*
- OWSLEY** - *Judge Zeke Little, Jr., Treasurer
Mayor Nelson Bobrowski, Secretary
Mr. Jerry McIntosh*
- PERRY** - **Mr. Carlos Campbell, DR for Mayor Donald "Happy" Mobelini
Ms. Meriwether Wash-Hall
Mr. Lonnie Brewer, Vice Chairman*

*Mr. Paul Olinger
Mr. Derrick Bowling*

WOLFE - *Ms. Tonya Landsaw for Mayor Kathi May
Ms. Pam Pilgrim
Mr. Craig Lindon*

*Quorum verified by Mr. Jeff Noble, Chairman: Twenty-five (25) members present with eight (7) counties represented, therefore, meeting commenced. (*Denotes Designated Representative or Proxy.)*

KRADD Staff -

- Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director*
- Ms. Tammy Couch, Office Manager*
- Ms. Amy Helton, Community and Economic Development Planner*
- Ms. Karlana Campbell, Human Services Manager/Aging & Finance Manager*
- Mr. Shane Campbell, IT Specialist*
- Mr. Tim Koogler, Regional Disaster Coordinator*
- Ms. Kimberly Coomer, Associate Director of Finance*
- Ms. Jessica Gross, Community and Economic Development Planner*
- Mr. Michael Smith, Community and Economic Development Planner*
- Ms. Jennifer McIntosh, Associate Director of Community & Ec. Development*
- Mr. Scott Melton, Transportation Planner*
- Ms. Lisa Napier, Assistant Director of Community & Economic Development*
- Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services*
- Mr. Trevor Pollard, Community and Economic Development Planner*
- Mr. Donna Stacy, Infrastructure Coordinator*
- Mr. Chris Back, Economic Development Coordinator*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Craig Lindon to approve the August 27, 2025 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. Craig Lindon to approve the September 27, 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Olinger; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Sam Flynn Executive Director for Kentucky's Pre-K For All Program and Special Advisor to Governor Beshear spoke to the Board about the Pre-K For All program. He gave many reasons why our local leaders should support the program including positive impacts on workforce, direct childcare savings to families, and competitive business recruitment.

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.

(2) Executive Committee Report:

Judge Jeff Noble, Chairman informed the Board and those in attendance regarding the discussions of the Executive Committee Meeting on September 24, 2025. A copy of those minutes is included in the official record. A motion was made by Ms. Pam Pilgrim to approve the Executive Minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Drewey Lovins; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

(3) 2026 CEDS Update

Mr. Chris Back spoke with the Board about the 2025 update to the Regional CEDS Document. This document lays out the economic development plan for the region. It is updated annually, with a full rewrite every 5 years. This year was an update, it is due for a full rewrite next year (2026). Judge Noble asked for a motion to approve the update, Ms. Meriwether Wash-Hall made the motion. It was seconded by Mayor Scott Cornett, the Board voted and the motion passed with none opposed.

(4) FY 26 County & Regional Water and Wastewater Rankings

Mrs. Donna Stacy, Infrastructure Coordinator, presented the Fiscal Year 2026 Water and wastewater ranking to the Board. This is an annual process in which the local water and wastewater systems identify their highest priority projects to be considered for funding. Judge Noble asked for a motion to approve the rankings as presented, it was made by Mayor Scott Cornett and seconded by Mr. Drewey Lovins.

(5) ARC Grant Resolutions

Ms. Jennifer McIntosh presented three resolutions, all for approval to seek funding through ARC for the following projects: BDO Zone Initiative Project; Floodplain Revitalization/Greenway plan for Southeastern Ky. Project; and the GPS Water and Sewer Mapping and Tank Inspection Project. A motion was made by Mr. Craig Lindon to approve all three of the resolutions; the motion was seconded by Drewey Lovins; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

(6) Holidays

Ms. Michelle Allen presented to the board a proposal to switch out our Christmas holidays from Thursday and Friday to Wednesday and Thursday giving staff off for Christmas Eve and the same for New Years Eve and New Years Day. Motion was made by Mr. Lonnie Brewer to move Kradd's days and take A/L for Friday, Motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Parke; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

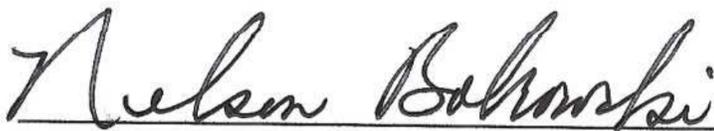
1. *Mr. Ben Hale from the Department for Local Government discussed the funding changes for the Senior Meals Program stating that extra funding had been provided, but many centers are still closing drive-up options and serving only communal meals inside the centers. He also mentioned the government shut down and how it may or may not affect food access benefits like SNAP.*
2. *Ms. Andrea Begley from Congressman Hal Rogers office stated that their office is open through the shut down and encouraged us to reach out if they could help with anything.*
3. *Ms. Donna McClure from Senator Mitch McConnell's office echoed the sentiment.*
4. *Director Allen reminded the Board that there would be no meeting in November due to the bi-monthly meeting schedule that was voted on earlier in the year. The next regular meeting will be held in December 2025. Ms. Allen also reminded the board that she would be on extended medical leave for knee surgery beginning October 29, 2025 through the end of the year. She will begin working part time from home as her recovery allows. Ms. Kim Coomer will be the acting person in charge during her absence.*
5. *Mr. Scott Serber from the Center for Rural Development encouraged people to check out the Youth Programs the Center has opening on December 1st. More information available on the Center for Rural Development website.*

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, with no other business to discuss, Judge Jeff Noble , made motion to adjourn; seconded by Mayor Laura Thomas; all in favor with none opposed; motion carried



Judge Jeff Noble, Chairman



Mayor Nelson Bobrowski, Secretary