

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Kentucky River Area Development District
Hybrid Meeting
February 25, 2026 – 12:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

Judge Jeff Noble, Chairman, was not present. Vice Chairman Mr. Lonnie Brewer called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mr. Larry Parke, Parliamentarian, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Mr. Lonnie Brewer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Nelson Bobrowski, Secretary, was not present. Mr. Larry Parke conducted the roll call in his absence.

Members Present

Breathitt County: Mayor Laura Thomas; Mr. Drewey Lovins; Mr. Gary Campbell; Ms. Susan Harley

Knott County: Mayor Trish Hall; Mr. Larry Parke; Mr. Larry Perkins; Mr. Jodi Sims; Ms. Larissa Casebolt (DR)

Lee County: Mayor Scott Jackson; Ms. Jessica Butler Iacono

Leslie County: Ms. Jennifer Bowling (Proxy); Mayor Carol Joseph; Mr. Joel Brashear

Letcher County: Judge Terry Adams; Mayor Todd DePriest; Mr. Bob Banks; Mr. Jack Banks

Owsley County: Judge Zeke Little, Jr., Treasurer; Mr. Jerry McIntosh

Perry County: Mr. Carlos Campbell (DR for Mayor Donald “Happy” Mobelini); Ms. Meriwether Wash-Hall; Mr. Paul Olinger; Judge Scott Alexander; Mr. Lonnie Brewer, Vice Chairman; Mr. Derrick Bowling

Wolfe County: Ms. Pam Pilgrim; Ms. Kathi May

Quorum was verified by Mr. Larry Parke, Parliamentarian. Twenty-eight (28) members were present representing eight (8) counties. (*Denotes Designated Representative or Proxy.)

KRADD Staff Present: Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director; Ms. Tammy Couch, Office Manager; Mr. Shane Campbell, IT Specialist; Ms. Karlana Campbell, Human Services Manager/Aging & Finance Manager; Mr. Tim Koogler, Regional Disaster Coordinator; Ms. Kimberly Coomer, Associate Director of Finance; Ms. Jessica Gross, Community and Economic Development Planner; Mr. Marvin Henson, Maintenance; Mr. Scott Melton, Transportation Planner; Ms. Amy Helton, Operations & Systems Manager; Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services; Ms. Donna Stacy, Grants & Project Administration Manager; Mr. Jerad Wright, GIS Manager; Ms. Ashley Vanover, Infrastructure Coordinator; Mr. Ethan Caldwell, Community Development Planner; Ms. Autumn Mullins, Assistant Director of Human Services; Ms. Angela Robbins, Caregiver Coordinator.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 10, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Meriwether Wash-Hall to approve the December 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drewey Lovins. All in favor with none opposed; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2026 TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Paul Olinger to approve the January 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jerry McIntosh. All in favor with none opposed; motion carried.

WRIS TRAINING

Ms. Michelle Allen introduced Ms. Donna Stacy, Grants & Project Administration Manager, and Mr. Jerad Wright, GIS Manager, who provided a comprehensive training on the Water Resource Information System (WRIS).

The presentation included an overview of WRIS as a statewide infrastructure planning and tracking system; explanation of system data and project profile components; the importance of maintaining accurate mapping and project narratives; impact of WRIS on funding applications including State Revolving Fund, Cleaner Water, Kentucky Water, Community Development Block Grant, and Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization funding; the relationship between WRIS project profiles and environmental review requirements; legislative and public access to WRIS data; and a live demonstration of system navigation and mapping functions.

The Board received the presentation. No action was required.

BUSINESS

1. Program Updates

Community & Economic Development: Ms. Jennifer McIntosh provided updates regarding Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization applications, upcoming Community Development Block Grant opportunities, Law Enforcement Protection Grants, ARC Pathways system requirements, and Crisis Track disaster tracking software training scheduled for March 18. A written report is included in the official record.

Human Services: Ms. Stacie Noble reported that 239 individuals have been served through the Food Truck Program this fiscal year and 28,259 home-delivered meals have been provided. Applications are underway for the Transportation 5310 Grants for Knott and Wolfe Counties Senior Vans. Senior games are scheduled for May 21, and the Aging Issues Awareness Conference will be held March 19 at Hazard Community & Technical College. Updates were also provided regarding the Veterans Directed Care Program. A written report is included in the official record.

2. Elder Abuse and Suicide Prevention

Ms. Noble provided information regarding elder abuse awareness initiatives and suicide prevention education efforts, including staff training in QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer). Informational materials were included in the Board packet. No action was required.

3. Aging Area Plan

Ms. Noble presented the revised Aging Area Plan. A public hearing was held January 15, 2026, and the Aging Council approved the plan prior to submission to the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Drewey Lovins to approve the Aging Area Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge Scott Alexander. All in favor with none opposed; motion carried.

4. Executive Committee Report

Vice Chairman Brewer reported that the Executive Committee met January 28, 2026 and approved installation of carpet on the third floor and approved the 2026 Board meeting schedule.

A motion was made by Mr. Larry Parke to approve the Executive Committee Report and minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Olinger. All in favor with none opposed; motion carried.

5. Formation of a Disaster Committee

Mr. Tim Koogler presented a proposal to formally establish a regional Disaster Committee to strengthen coordination and preparedness across the eight-county region. Formal organization is planned for the May 11 quarterly meeting. Discussion was held; no vote was required.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Adam Rice, representing Congressman Hal Rogers' office, reminded attendees that the office is available to provide letters of support for any grant applications and encouraged local officials to contact the office if assistance is needed. The Congressional Art Competition was briefly mentioned.

Mr. Jake Denniston, representing Senator Brandon Smith, stated he was attending to observe and report on district matters and invited officials to share any concerns they would like communicated to the Senator.

Ms. Amber Burchett, representing Senator Rand Paul's office, introduced herself as the new field representative and stated she is meeting with local officials across the region. She offered the office as a resource and encouraged officials to reach out if assistance is needed.

Mr. Ben Hale, representing the Department for Local Government (DLG), encouraged local officials to ensure they are receiving the Governor's update communications and Zoom meeting links and advised officials not receiving those updates to contact the appropriate state office.

Ms. Kathy Marshall, representing the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO), reminded officials about insurance renewals and offered assistance with any insurance-related questions.

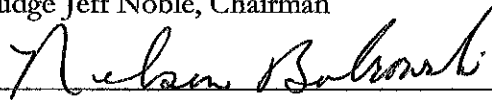
ADJOURNMENT

At this time, with no other business to discuss, Mayor Laura Thomas made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Drewey Lovins; all in favor with none opposed; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Judge Jeff Noble, Chairman



Mayor Nelson Bobrowski, Secretary