

*MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Meeting Conducted by Hybrid
April 27, 2022
12:00pm*

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Laura Thomas, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mr. Larry Parke gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Laura Thomas, Chairman, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL OF ROLL

Mr. Fred Hall, Secretary, called the roll with the following members present:

BREATHITT - *Mayor Laura Thomas
Mr. Gary Campbell
Ms. Susan Harley*

KNOTT - *Mayor Tracy Neice
Mayor Scott Cornett
Mr. Larry Parke
Mr. Larry Perkins*

LEE - *Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr.
Mayor Scott Jackson
Mr. David Lyons*

LESLIE - *Eugene Stewart
Hiram Cornett*

LETCHER - *Judge Terry Adams
Mayor Todd DePriest
Mr. Fred Hall*

OWSLEY - *Mayor Nelson Bobrowski
- Mr. Dale Bishop
- *Mr. Bobby Mayes, Proxy for Judge Cale Turner*

PERRY - Judge Scott Alexander
Mayor Tom Burns
*Mr. Carlos Campbell, DR for Mayor Donald "Happy" Mobelini

WOLFE - Ms. Pam Pilgrim
- Craig Lindon
- *Mr. Wade Gibbs, DR for Judge Raymond Banks

*Quorum verified by Mr. Fred Hall, Secretary: Twenty-four (24) members present with eight (8) counties represented, therefore, meeting commenced. (*Denotes Designated Representative/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, Assoc. Dir. of Com. & Ec. Dev./Water & Wastewater Plnr.
Ms. Karlena Campbell, HR Coordinator/Staff Accountant
Ms. Kimberly Sapp-Allen, Office Manager
Mr. Dallas Arnett, Custodian/Maintenance
Ms. Lisa Napier, Infrastructure Coordinator
Mr. David Baker, Public Administration Specialist
Ms. Melissa Brewer, Community and Economic Development Specialist
Ms. Megan Stepp, IT/GIS Specialist
Ms. Leah Fugate, Community and Economic Development Specialist
Mr. Scott Melton, GIS/GPS Technician
Ms. Tabitha Haddix, Community Development Planner
Ms. Keilah Cornett, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Kathi May and Mr. Craig Lindon were omitted from the Roll Call on March 23, 2022 and were added. A motion was made by Mayor Tracy Neice, to approve the March 23, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes with this correction to the Roll Call; 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. Craig Lindon, to approve the March 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented; motion seconded by Mayor Scott Jackson; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, introduced Mr. Phillip Ross, Cyber Intelligence Analyst, Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, who presented information regarding the SLTT Cybersecurity Grant; a copy of which is included in the official record.

BUSINESS

(1) Program Updates:

- (A)** *Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services, presented an update of programs under her leadership to the Board. A copy of which is included in the official record. Ms. Noble also reminded the Board and those in attendance regarding Senior Games which will be held in May.*
- (B)** *Ms. Jennifer McIntosh, Associate Director of Community and Economic Development/ Water & Wastewater Planner, presented an update of programs under her leadership to the Board. A copy of which is included in the official record.*
- (C)** *Ms. Tabitha Haddix, Community & Economic Development Planner, presented to the Board an update of programs under the leadership of Ms. Eunice Fitzpatrick Holland, Associate Director of Community and Economic Development/Transportation Planner. A copy of which is included in the official record.*

(2) Legislative Update: *Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, addressed the Board concerning the legislative update and what issues directly impact our counties and cities. Ms. Allen reported that HB 482 went through and this bill adds an additional \$2,000,000.00 to the joint funding agreement between the ADDS and DLG. This is the base funding that supports the CEDS department and had not had an increase since it's origination in the 1970s. Representative Chris Fugate sponsored this bill and it is extremely appreciated. There was also an additional \$250,000.00 for additional ARC match to pay for CEDS staff that ADDS receive directly. All counties will get a portion of the \$200,000,000.00 that is allocated with this HB 482. The Governor was very appreciative and complimentary of the ADDS. Ms. Allen thanked Mayor Thomas, Mayor DePriest, Judge Alexander, Mr. Jesse Riley, Ms. Eunice Holland, and Ms. Jennifer McIntosh for their input and presentations because they were instrumental in the \$200,000,000.00 being added to the budget for the ADDS and economic development.*

Ms. Allen also reminded those in attendance to watch the Equity Training with Mr. Steve Jones which is part of our contract.

Ms. Allen informed those in attendance about the upcoming ADD Directors Training Retreat May 11, 12, and 13.

Also concerning the legislature update, Mr. Craig Lindon informed the Board regarding the increase to the transportation budget flex funds for resurfacing. Discretionary funding was lowered by \$10,000,000.00; currently having \$35,000,000.00 in requests. Therefore, discretionary funding does not look promising.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Andrea Begley, Field Representative, Congressman Hal Rogers, was in attendance and thanked those who came out in support of Congressman Rogers at Mine Made Adventure last night. Ms. Begley also reminded everyone to let her know should any need letters of support for their projects. There will be a Focus SOAR Summit on entrepreneurship and innovation June 23rd and 24th in Hazard and reminded everyone interested to attend.

Mr. Tom Cravens, Director, Challenger Learning Center, was in attendance and provided copies of the Summer Camp 2022 Brochure and Schedule and thanked the Board for their continued sponsorship.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Laura Thomas, Chairman, asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Craig Lindon made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Mayor Todd DePriest seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried, meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Laura Thomas, Chairman

Mr. Fred Hall, Secretary

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