

*MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Meeting Conducted by Zoom
February 23, 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, was experiencing technical difficulties, therefore, Judge Scott Alexander called the roll with the following members present:

BREATHITT - *Mayor Laura Thomas
Ms. Susan Harley
Ms. Mildred Lee Roberts, DR

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

LEE - *Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr.
Mr. Doug Brandenburg*

LESLIE - *Mr. Eugene Stewart*

LETCHER - *Judge Terry Adams
Mayor Tiffany Craft
Mayor Todd DePriest
Mr. Fred Hall
Mr. Bennie McCall*

- OWSLEY** - Judge Cale Turner
Mayor Nelson Bobrowski
Mr. Dale Bishop
- PERRY** - Judge Scott Alexander
Mayor Tom Burns
*Mr. Carlos Campbell, DR for Mayor Donald "Happy" Mobelini
Mr. Lonnie Brewer
Ms. Meriwether Wash-Hall
- WOLFE** - *Mr. Wade Gibbs, DR for Judge Raymond Banks
Mayor Kathi May
Ms. Pam Pilgrim
Mr. Craig Lindon

*Quorum verified by Judge Scott Alexander: Twenty-seven (27) members present with all 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. Eunice Holland, Assoc. Dir. of Com. & Ec. Dev./Transportation Planner
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
Ms. Lisa Napier, Infrastructure Coordinator
Mr. Jesse Riley, Economic Development 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
Mr. Trevor Pollard, Community Development Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor Tracy Neice, to approve the January 26, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Judge Cale Turner; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Craig Lindon, to approve the January 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented; motion seconded by Mayor Scott Cornett; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS

- (1) *Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, introduced Mr. Cole Atkinson, Business and Innovation Champion, with Shaping Our Appalachian Region, INC. (SOAR). Mr. Atkinson serves fourteen (14) counties in the Eastern Kentucky Region and gave a presentation explaining the mission of SOAR. SOAR works with and assists small to medium businesses and entrepreneurs all over Eastern Kentucky. Mr. Atkinson highlighted the need for implementation of economic diversification to combat the loss in our area of coal and coal related revenues in recent past years.*
- (2) *Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, introduced Dr. David Matthews, Everyday Heroes Appreciation Celebration. Dr. Matthews spoke about community and economic resiliency and disasters. Kentucky is 8th among all 50 states for disasters, with southeast Kentucky having more major disasters than anywhere in the state. Dr. Matthews informed those in attendance about the upcoming recognition on March 15th at the Robinson Center Auditorium, of all those who assisted our region in 2021. Speakers for this event will be Chief John May, Wolfe County Search and Rescue, and Director Jane West, National Weather Service, Jackson, Kentucky.*

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 presented a Resolution to the Board which allows KRADD to apply for 5310 grants through the Transportation Cabinet for senior center vans for Lee, Owsley, and Perry Senior Centers. Ms. Noble asked for a motion to approve this Resolution as presented; Mayor Tom Burns, Treasurer, made the motion to approve, Mayor Scott Cornett seconded the motion, all in favor with no oppositions, motion carried. Ms. Noble also informed the Board and those in attendance regarding Senior Games which is to 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. Eunice Fitzpatrick Holland, Associate Director of Community and Economic Development/Transportation Planner, presented an update of programs under her leadership to the Board. A copy of which is included in the official record.*

(2) Home Delivered Meals Bids:

Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services, informed the Board and those in attendance that we received one bid from Mom's Meals, to continue our Home Delivered Meals Program. Ms. Noble asked for a motion to accept the bid from Mom's Meals; Judge Jeff Dobson, Parliamentarian, made the motion to accept the bid, Judge Terry Adams seconded the motion, all in favor with no oppositions, motion carried.

- (3) Citizen Member Vacancy—Lee County: Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, informed the Board regarding the recent resignation of Ms. Tara Caldwell, former Citizen Member, Lee County. Ms. Caldwell's schedule did not permit her to serve in this capacity. Therefore, a vacancy has occurred in Lee County. Nomination forms have been mailed and emailed out and will be accepted until March 18, 2022. The Board will vote on the nominations at the next scheduled meeting on March 23, 2022.
- (4) Conference Center Construction Update: Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, informed those in attendance that the conference center is complete. Furniture is being put together and placed today, with the next step being to finish the install on all the multimedia items. Ms. Allen expressed that everyone will be able to plan to attend our next Board meeting on March 23^d in person if they wish. A hybrid option will also be available. Also, the installation of the replacement flooring in the basement is almost complete and should be finished by next week. Additionally, an area of approximately 500 sq. ft. did not have flooring on it and was in rough shape, therefore in order for the entire area to be uniform and the same, Mayor Laura Thomas, Chairman, and Ms. Allen elected to add that extra small space to the work being performed. That amount will total \$2100.00.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, informed the Board that should anyone want to apply for the Power Grants, letters of intent are due by April 4, 2022.

Ms. Allen informed the Board that Mr. Travis Webber, Department for Local Government, will meet with the counties and the City of Hazard via Zoom on March 1, 2022 at 9:30am, to discuss the options of what may be done with any of the funds from the Utility Assistance Grants, should they not be spent. Ms. Allen has forwarded the link to all involved and wanted to remind everyone.

Ms. Donna McClure, Field Representative, Senator Mitch McConnell, informed those in attendance that Senator Mitch McConnell will be in our area tomorrow to discuss economic development with local government officials and invites members to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Laura Thomas, Chairman, asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Tracy Neice 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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