

*MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Meeting Conducted by Zoom
January 26, 2022
12:00pm*

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Laura Thomas, Chairman, called the meeting to order and offered condolences on behalf of the Board and herself, to Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, for the recent loss of her Mother, Ms. Brenda Holland.

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*
- KNOTT** - **Ms. Melodie Robinson for Judge Jeff Dobson
Mayor Tracy Neice
Mr. Larry Parke
Mr. Larry Perkins*
- LEE** - *Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr.
Mayor Scott Jackson
Ms. Sally Gilbert*
- LESLIE** - *Not Represented*
- LETCHER** - *Mayor Todd DePriest
Mr. Fred Hall*
- OWSLEY** - *Judge Cale Turner
Mayor Nelson Bobrowski
Mr. Dale Bishop*

PERRY - Judge Scott Alexander
Mayor Tom Burns
*Mr. Carlos Campbell for Mayor Donald "Happy" Mobelini
Mr. Lonnie Brewer
Mr. Greg Whitson

WOLFE - *Mr. Wade Gibbs for Judge Raymond Banks
Mayor Kathi May
Ms. Pam Pilgrim
Mr. Craig Lindon

*Quorum verified by Mr. Fred Hall, Secretary: Twenty-three (23) members present with seven (7) counties represented, therefore, meeting commenced. (*Denotes Designated Representative/Proxy.)*

KRADD Staff - 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 Mr. Fred Hall, Secretary, to approve the December 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Mayor Tracy Neice; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mayor Tracy Neice, to approve the December 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented; motion seconded by Mayor Todd DePriest; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

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.

(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) Citizen Member Vacancies – Breathitt & Letcher Counties: With the recent passing of two of our Citizen Board Members, Mr. Roy Darrell Herald, Breathitt County, and Mr. Jack M. Burkich, Letcher County, nominations were received from the following: Ms. Susan Harley, Breathitt County, and Mr. Bennie McCall, Letcher County.

A motion was made by Mayor Laura Thomas, Chairman, to approve the nomination of Ms. Susan Harley; motion seconded by Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr., Vice Chairman; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Todd DePriest, to approve the nomination of Mr. Bennie McCall; motion seconded by Mr. Craig Lindon; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

(3) Meeting Dates 2022: A list of meeting dates for the remainder of 2022 were as follows: January 26th, February 23rd, March 23rd, April 27th, May 25th, June 22nd, July 27th, August 24th, September 28th, October 26th, and December 14th. A motion was made by Mayor Tom Burns, Treasurer, to accept those dates as presented; motion seconded by Mayor Todd DePriest, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

(4) Conference Center Construction Update: On behalf of Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services, informed those in attendance that the conference center is within 80% of being complete.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

*Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services, introduced Mr. Steve Jones, Director, Upward Bound Math/Science Program, Berea College; Associate Pastor, Consolidated Baptist Church; and Equality and Social Justice Trainer. Mr. Jones presented a training to those in attendance regarding *The Groundwater Approach: Building a Practical Understanding of Structural Racism*, written by Bayard Love and Deena Hayes-Greene of The Racial Equity Institute. A copy of which is included for the official record. Mr. Jones presentation/training was extremely enlightening and appreciated by all present. Mayor Laura Thomas, Chairman, and Judge Cale Turner, as well as several others, thanked Mr. Jones for his attendance and his presentation.*

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Jennifer McIntosh, Associate Director of Community and Economic Development/ Water & Wastewater Planner, informed the Board that Ms. Andrea Begley, Field Representative for Congressman Hal Rogers, had to step out of the meeting but wanted Ms. McIntosh to relay on her behalf that Congressman Rogers' Office offers any assistance and letters of support; and encourages those in attendance to contact her with any needs we may have.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Mayor Laura Thomas, Chairman, asked for a motion to adjourn. Judge Cale Turner made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Craig Lindon 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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