

*MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Meeting Conducted by Zoom
December 8, 2021
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** - *Judge Jeff Noble
Mayor Laura Thomas
Mr. Gary Campbell*
- KNOTT** - *Judge Jeff Dobson
Mayor Tracy Neice
Mayor Scott Cornett
Mr. Zach Sandlin
Mr. Larry Parke
Mr. Larry Perkins*
- LEE** - *Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr.
Mayor Scott Jackson
Mr. Doug Brandenburg*
- LESLIE** - *Not Represented*
- LETCHER** - *Judge Terry Adams
Mayor Todd DePriest
Mr. Fred Hall*

- OWSLEY** - Mayor Nelson Bobrowski
Mr. Dale Bishop
- PERRY** - Judge Scott Alexander
Mayor Tom Burns
*Mr. Carlos Campbell for Mayor Donald "Happy" Mobelini
Mr. Lonnie Brewer
Ms. Meriwether Wash-Hall
Mr. Derrick Bowling
- WOLFE** - *Ms. Dena Rice for Mayor Kathi May
Ms. Pam Pilgrim

*Quorum verified by Mr. Fred Hall, Secretary: Twenty-five (25) members present with seven (7) 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
Ms. Keilah Cornett, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor Tom Burns, Treasurer, to approve the October 27, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Mr. Doug Brandenburg; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Gary Campbell, to approve the October/November 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented; motion seconded by Mayor Scott Cornett; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

No Guest Speaker.

BUSINESS

- (1) *Fiscal Year 2021 Audit: Ms. Kimberly Coomer, Associate Director of Finance, introduced Mr. Brad Hayes, of RFH CPAs Consultants, who presented a synopsis of the KRADD Audit for FY 2021; a copy of which is included for the official record. Mayor Scott Cornett made the motion to approve as presented; Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr., Vice Chairman, seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.*

- (2) *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.*

- (3) *Approval of Title VI Plan County/Regional Rankings: Ms. Eunice Fitzpatrick-Holland, Associate Director of Community and Economic Development/Transportation Planner, presented the Title VI Plan County/Regional Rankings. Ms. Holland also reviewed the KRADD 2022 Legislative Session Pamphlet. Copies of both are included in the official record. Judge Jeff Noble made the motion to approve the Title VI Plan as presented; Judge Terry Adams seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.*

- (4) *ADF Request – City of Hindman: Mr. David Baker, Public Administration Specialist, presented a request for Area Development Funds on behalf of the City of Hindman in the amount of \$3,116.00 for the purchase of computer equipment. Mayor Scott Cornett made the motion to approve the request as presented; Mayor Todd DePriest seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.*

- (5) *Citizen Member Vacancies – Breathitt & Letcher Counties: Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, informed those in attendance about the recent passing of two (2) of our Citizen Board Members: Mr. Roy Darrell Herald, Breathitt County, and Mr. Jack M. Burkich, Letcher County. Appropriate forms for the nominations of candidates for these vacancies have been sent out and are due back by January 14. Both Mr. Herald's and Mr. Burkich's tenures were set to expire in August 2022, therefore, the terms are to fill the remainder of that time only. The Board will need to vote on those nominations and that will be listed as an Agenda item for our next meeting scheduled for January 26, 2022.*

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, then asked the Board for their approval to rename of the technical school scholarship to the Jack M. Burkich Scholarship. Mr. Burkich was instrumental in the creation of the technical school scholarship and was a longtime educator and superintendent of schools. Mayor Todd DePriest made the motion to approve renaming the technical school scholarship in honor of Mr. Jack M. Burkich; Mr. Larry Parke seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

(6) Conference Center Construction Update: Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, presented an update to the Board regarding the construction progress of the new conference center. Ms. Allen, along with Mayor Tracy Neice and Ms. Meriwether Wash-Hall, recently did a walk through with the contractor, Mr. Roger Jones, Jones Construction, and the architect, Mr. Judd Hubbard, Nesbitt Engineering, in which several items of concern were identified.

- 1. The flooring was not installed properly, nor was the floor leveled properly prior to its installation. Therefore, it was determined at this time that all the flooring would have to come up and be replaced. Ms. Allen has been informed that it has been ordered but will not be delivered until next month. We are hoping to have that completed by our January 2022 Board Meeting.*

The smaller issues that were identified at that walk through have been addressed and fixed.

(7) Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, then informed the Board and those in attendance about a Dr. Graham Giles, who several years ago presented a device being used in Europe, to the Board that assists persons dealing with addiction. By securing electrodes behind the ears, the Net Device helps rebalance the imbalance to the brain caused by drugs without the patient experiencing symptoms of withdrawal. Dr. Giles approached the Board about bringing the device to the area and getting FDA approval. KRADD sponsored two trials in our area at that time with good success. A couple weeks ago, Mr. Ted Adams contacted Ms. Allen to inform her that the device was now currently in FDA trials, with Wright State doing the research on it. They are using it on rehabilitation centers' individuals in Central and Eastern Kentucky with success. Mr. Adams expressed his appreciation to KRADD and the KRADD Board for being the first organization in the United States to support this device. Ms. Allen further informed those in attendance that a staff member used the device for a couple weeks and was able to quit smoking. Several Board Members remembered the original presentation by Dr. Giles and were pleased to hear of the Net Device's success and being in current FDA trials.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Andrea Begley, Field Representative for Congressman Hal Rogers, offered any assistance and letters of support, and encouraged those in attendance to contact her with any needs we may have. Ms. Begley wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.

Mayor Laura Thomas, Chairman, informed those in attendance that our next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2022 at 12:00pm, and wished all in attendance a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Laura Thomas, Chairman, asked for a motion to adjourn. Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr., Vice Chairman, made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Judge Terry Adams 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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