MINUTES of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT Meeting Conducted by Hybrid March 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, called the roll with the following members present:

BREATHITT	-	Mayor Laura Thomas Mr. Gary Campbell Ms. Susan Harley
ΚΝΟΤΤ	-	<i>Judge Jeff Dobson Mayor Tracy Neice Mr. Larry Parke Mr. Larry Perkins</i>
LEE	-	Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr. Mr. Doug Brandenburg
LESLIE	-	No Attendees
LETCHER	-	<i>Judge Terry Adams Mayor Todd DePriest Mr. Fred Hall Mr. Bennie McCall</i>
OWSLEY	-	Mr. Dale Bishop

PERRY - Judge Scott Alexander Mayor Tom Burns *Mr. Carlos Campbell, DR for Mayor Donald "Happy" Mobelini Mr. Lonnie Brewer Mr. Gregory Whitson Ms. Meriwether Wash-Hall

WOLFE - *Mr. Wade Gibbs, DR for Judge Raymond Banks

*Quorum verified by Mr. Fred Hall, Secretary: Twenty-one (21) 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. 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 Todd DePriest, to approve the February 23, 2022 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 Mayor Tracy Neice, to approve the February 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented; motion seconded by Judge Jeff Dobson, Parliamentarian; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

(1) Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, introduced Mr. Nick Grinstead, MPP, Planning Grants Manager/Program Coordinator, Hazard Mitigation Grants Program Office. Mr. Grinstead gave an informative presentation explaining the Fundamental Purposes of the Hazard Mitigation Plan; a copy of which is included in the official record.

<u>BUSINESS</u>

- (1) <u>Program Updates:</u>
 - (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 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) <u>Challenger Center Donation:</u> Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, addressed the Board concerning the customary yearly donation the Board makes to the Challenger Center Summer Camp Program and asked the Board if they would like to make the donation of \$3,000.00 again this year. Ms. Allen asked for a motion to approve the donation of \$3,000.00 to the Challenger Center Summer Camp Program; Mr. Dale Bishop made the motion to approve, Mr. Larry Parke seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.
- (3) <u>Citizen Member Vacancy—Lee County:</u> Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, informed the Board that two (2) nominations had been received for the Citizen Member vacancy in Lee County. (1) Ms. Carolyn Blackburn (2) Mr. David Lyons. Ms. Allen asked the Board for approval of (1) of the nominees; Mr. Dale Bishop made the motion to approve the nomination of Mr. David Lyons, Mr. Craig Lindon seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.
- (4) <u>Conference Center Construction Update:</u> Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, informed those in attendance that once the sign for above the entry into the Mayor Charles Long Conference Center is completed and installed, we plan on scheduling an official dedication and reception. We are currently awaiting word back from signage vendors. Ms. Allen thanked the Board and expressed the staff's and region's appreciation for allowing us to move forward with the construction and completion of our new conference center. It will be utilized not only by us and our Board, but by state and local agencies, and expressed our pride in it.

Ms. Allen further informed the Board that the basement space has been rented and the tenant plans to occupy the space sometime in April.

<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, informed those in attendance regarding some upcoming trainings available.

Ms. Allen also informed the Board that we wish to highlight our region's counties by placing a framed, 8 X 10 color photograph of something that is representative of each of the eight (8) counties we serve. We are requesting that each County Judge Executive email/mail a photograph of their choosing to us so that it may be framed and displayed in our new conference center.

Ms. Andrea Begley, Field Representative, Congressman Hal Rogers, expressed her delight in seeing everyone and informed those in attendance that should letters of support be needed, to please contact her office and she will be glad to help in any way possible.

Ms. Donna McClure, Field Representative, Senator Mitch McConnell, presented a Senate Tribute made by Senator Mitch McConnell on Thursday, April 26, 2012, Congressional Record, Vol. 158, No. 61, to Mayor Charles Long commemorating and recognizing his many years of service to Booneville, Kentucky and our region. Ms. McClure read the tribute aloud and presented the framed copy to the Board for display in our new conference center named in Mayor Long's honor.

Ms. Eunice Holland introduced and welcomed Mr. Jeffrey Justice, Economic Development Coordinator, Pine Mountain Partnership.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

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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