

*MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Meeting Conducted by Hybrid
October 26, 2022
12:30pm*

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr., Chairman, called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mr. Larry Parke gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr., Chairman, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL OF ROLL

In the absence of Mayor Tom Burns, Secretary, Mr. Fred Hall, Vice Chairman, called the roll with the following members present:

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

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

LEE - Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr.
Mayor Scott Jackson
Ms. Jessica Butler
Mr. David Lyons

LESLIE - Mayor Carol Joseph
Mr. Hiram Cornett

LETCHER - Mr. Fred Hall

OWSLEY - Judge Cale Turner

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

WOLFE - Ms. Pam Pilgrim
Mr. Craig Lindon

Quorum verified by Mr. Fred Hall, Vice Chairman: Twenty-three (23) 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. Karlena Campbell, HR Coordinator/Staff Accountant
Ms. Kimberly Sapp-Allen, Office Manager
Ms. Jennifer McIntosh, Associate Director of Community and Ec. Development
Ms. Lisa Napier, Infrastructure Coordinator
Ms. Tabitha Haddix, Economic Development Coordinator
Mr. Trevor Pollard, Community and Economic Development Planner
Ms. Melissa Brewer, Community and Economic Development Planner
Ms. Candice Fields, Disaster Coordinator
Mr. Wesley Combs, Public Administration Specialist
Mr. Scott Melton, Transportation Planner
Ms. Megan Stepp, IT/GIS Specialist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Gary Campbell to approve the September 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Mayor Scott Jackson; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mayor Scott Cornett to approve the September 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented; the motion was seconded by Judge Cale Turner; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, introduced Senior Director Heyward Wagner, Rally/Solo and Experiential Programs, Sports Car Club of America. Director Wagner supplied information to the Board through a presentation detailing what the Sports Car Club of America is and supplied information on the Appalachian HillClimb Series. A copy of his presentation 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.

- (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.*
- (2) *Prioritization – Water & Wastewater Projects: Ms. Lisa Napier, Infrastructure Coordinator, presented the prioritization list of water and wastewater projects to the Board; a copy of which is included in the official record. After her presentation, Ms. Napier respectfully requested a motion to approve the list as presented. A motion to approve the prioritization of water & wastewater projects for 2023 was made by Mr. Gary Campbell; Mr. Hiram Cornett seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.*
- (3) *Cybersecurity Grant Program Resolution: Ms. Candice Fields, Disaster Coordinator, informed the Board about a grant for state and local governments. Ms. Fields completed this SLCGP grant and submitted it this past Monday. The federal government allotted &185,000,000.00 to this grant and Kentucky received \$3,659,521.00. This four-year program will be divided into steps and will be used to combat cybersecurity issues, develop a plan, and training. Ms. Fields submitted a mini grant and we were awarded \$49,500.00 in grant funds to develop a plan. A resolution is included in the official record to approve cybersecurity measures following state and local cybersecurity grant program. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Mayor Scott Jackson; Mayor Scott Cornett seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.*
- (4) *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: Ms. Tabitha Haddix, Economic Development Coordinator, presented the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Board approval; a copy of which is included in the official record. Mr. Larry Parke made a motion to approve as presented; Mr. Larry Perkins seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.*
- (5) *CDBG – DR Action Plan: Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, informed the Board regarding SBP (Saint Bernard Parrish) a non-profit group created during Hurricane Katrina that focuses on disaster recovery, assistance, and prevention. SBP hosted a two-day disaster case management training at our facility for KRADD staff, Judges, and Mayors, along with other organizations recently. We are currently in the initial response phase after the July 2022 flooding and steps will need to be put into place and action for disaster recovery. A CDBG – DR grant will be issued by the federal government which will give money to the state of Kentucky to help repair/rebuild. The state is tasked with writing the action plan after this disaster which will mandate how this money is utilized. SBP provided us with several points to address within this action plan. A copy of which is included in the official record.*

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Andrea Begley, Field Representative for Congressman Hal Rogers, thanked those in attendance for their participation in SOAR, and informed those in attendance that she had just been in a Letcher County Planning Commission Meeting and was accompanying by Judge Terry Adams and Mr. Elwood Cornett, Chairman, Letcher County Planning Commission. Mr. Cornett informed those in attendance about the Federal Bureau of Prisons plans to build a Federal Prison in Letcher County. The Commission is working on that very diligently. Mr. Cornett and Judge Adams asked the Board for a letter of support from KRADD; Chairman, Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr. asked for a motion to complete the letter of support. Treasurer, Judge Jeff Dobson made the motion; Vice Chairman, Mr. Fred Hall, seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried. Treasurer, Judge Jeff Dobson, also offered a letter of support from Knott County.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr., Chairman, asked for a motion to adjourn. Judge Jeff Dobson, Treasurer, made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Vice Chairman, Mr. Fred Hall seconded the motion; all in favor with none opposed, motion carried, meeting was adjourned.

Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr., Chairman

Mayor Tom Burns, Secretary

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