

*MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Meeting Conducted by Hybrid
September 28, 2022
12:30pm*

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*

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

LEE - *Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr.
Mayor Scott Jackson
Mr. David Lyons*

LESLIE - *No Members Present*

LETCHER - *Judge Terry Adams
Mayor Todd DePriest
Mr. Fred Hall*

OWSLEY - *Judge Cale Turner
Mayor Nelson Bobrowski*

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

WOLFE - Ms. Pam Pilgrim
Mr. Craig Lindon

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 Plnr.
Ms. Karlena Campbell, HR Coordinator/Staff Accountant
Ms. Kimberly Sapp-Allen, Office Manager
Mr. Dallas Arnett, Custodian/Maintenance
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, Community and Economic Development Planner
Mr. Wesley Combs, Public Administration Specialist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor Todd DePriest to approve the July 27, 2022 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 Judge Scott Alexander to approve the July 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 Ms. Amanda Burdine, Executive Coordinator, The Kentucky Wildlands, who presented information about The Kentucky Wildlands, a copy of which is included for the official record.

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, introduced Mr. J. R. Sanderson, Senior Government Advisor & Director, Resiliency & Recovery Lab, SBP. Mr. Sanderson and his team are hosting a Disaster Recovery Awareness Training at our offices next week, sponsored by Toyota. SBP is a nationwide disaster recovery resilience nonprofit, currently responding to Hurricane Fiona, the Southeastern Kentucky Floods, and are preparing to respond to Hurricane Ian which has just made landfall in Florida. Regional Recovery Acceleration Week will be next week October 4-7, 2022, in the Mayor Charles Long Conference Center. Their mission is to reduce the time between disaster and recovery. Mr. Sanderson gave a specific outline of what information they will provide to us next week and we look forward to having them here and benefiting from their assistance and knowledge.

BUSINESS

(1) FY 2023 Aging Subcontractor Contracts: Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services, presented the Human Services – Aging Department’s Subcontractor Contracts FY 2023 for Board

approval. The list is as follows: Applied Legal Services \$5,025.00; Perry County Fiscal Court-Senior Center \$173,354.00; Leslie County Fiscal Court-Senior Center 120,102.00; Knott County Fiscal Court-Senior Center \$93,701.00; Breathitt County Senior Center \$30,000.00. Ms. Noble asked for a motion to approve those contracts. Mr. Gary Campbell made the motion to approve as submitted; Mayor Todd DePriest seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

(2) Agging Spending Approvals: (A) Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services, informed the Board that KRADD had obtained some additional funding on top of meal funds from the State in which to purchase a food truck. This food truck will serve underserved areas in our region including Jenkins, Lee City, and Knott County, and allow KRADD to take the Senior Center on wheels. Three quotes were received from three different vendors with the lowest being \$148,285.00 from Biz on Wheels. The State has allocated \$170,000.00 for the purchase. Ms. Noble then asked the Board for approval to use those funds to purchase the food truck from Biz on Wheels. Mr. Craig Lindon made the motion to approve; Judge Cale Turner seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

(B) Ms. Stacie Noble further informed the Board that CBC Funds that have to be used a specific way, therefore, she has purchased hand fans that have vaccine information printed on them that will be distributed to seniors at Senior Games and other events; also with those funds the department will do a commercial to be aired on WYMT, and billboards which will be positioned throughout the region which will change after Christmas, and the cost of those billboards are \$23,160.00 through Fairway. Ms. Noble asked for Board approval to purchase the billboards; Ms. Pam Pilgrim made the motion to approve; Mr. Gary Campbell seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

(3) 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. Lisa Napier, Infrastructure Coordinator, presented to the Board an update of programs under the leadership of Ms. Jennifer McIntosh, Associate Director of Community and Economic Development/Water & Wastewater Planner, in her absence. 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.

(4) Nominating Committee Report: Judge Scott Alexander, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the following recommendations to the Board for approval: Board Officers Elected FY 2023 are—Chairman, Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr.; Vice Chairman, Mr. Fred Hall; Secretary, Mayor Tom Burns; Treasurer, Judge Jeff Dobson; and Parliamentarian, Mr. Craig Lindon. Judge Scott Alexander asked for a motion to approve the FY 2023 Board Officers; Judge Cale Turner made the motion to approve the Board Officers FY 2023; Mayor Scott Jackson seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

Citizen Members recommended FY 2023 are—Breathitt County, Mr. Gary Campbell & Ms. Susan Harley; Knott County, Mr. Harold Watley; Lee County, Ms. Jessica Butler; Leslie County,

Ms. Eugenia Stewart Napier; Letcher County, Mr. Fred Hall & Mr. Bennie McCall; Owsley County, Mr. Bobby Mayes; and Perry County, Mr. Gregory Whitson. Judge Alexander asked for a motion to approve the Citizen Members; Mayor Tracy Neice made the motion to approve the FY 2023 Citizen Members recommended; Judge Cale Turner seconded the motion, all in favor with none opposed, motion carried.

(5) Oath of Office: At this time, Judge Scott Alexander read the Oath of Office to the newly installed Board Officers and Citizen Members. All raised their right hands and repeated the Oath of Office, answered, "I DO" and were added to the Board of Directors.

(6) Senior Citizens Flood Relief: Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, informed the Board that KRADD has received several donations specifically earmarked for the Senior Citizens Flood Relief, currently a little over \$18,000.00, a process of how those will be distributed needs to be constructed, i.e. rules/procedures; therefore, Ms. Allen requested that a few Board Members volunteer to sit on a committee that will decide how those funds will be used. Ms. Pam Pilgrim and Chairman, Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr. volunteered to sit on the committee, along with Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, and Ms. Stacie Noble, Associate Director of Human Services.

Ms. Allen also gave an update on flood damages to the Letcher County Senior Citizens, housed at the Letcher County Recreation Center, which is currently having the floors ripped out; and the Knott County Senior Citizens, which was completely destroyed. Commissioner Elridge, with the Department of Aging and Independent Living, has secured \$110,000.00 through ACL to assist with the purchase of new kitchen equipment for Knott County, and new table and chairs, and activity equipment for the senior centers.

(7) Comments from Outgoing Chairman: Mayor Laura Thomas expressed her appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to serve our region and Chair the Board for the past year.

(8) Comments from Incoming Chairman: Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr. expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Chairman for the next few months and looks forward to working with us. Judge Cale Turner expressed his appreciation to Judge Caudill for everything he has done to assist his county the last four years.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Matt Fulmer, SBA, introduced himself and informed those in attendance that he will be available to assist any of our citizens in applying for SBA and looks forward to working with us.

Ms. Donna McClure, Field Representative for Senator Mitch McConnell, stated that they are available to assist our citizens with FEMA appeals and case work regarding SBA, as well as assist with any letters of support.

Ms. Andrea Begley, Field Representative for Congressman Hal Rogers, informed those in attendance about the upcoming SOAR Summit in Pikeville, Kentucky October 19 & 20, 2022. Ms. Begley also stated that their office is also available to assist citizens with FEMA appeals and case work regarding SBA, as well as assist with any letters of support.

Ms. Stephanie Stratton and Dr. Collins introduced themselves and informed the Board that they are currently working on a six state federal grant and a consolidated plan, with focus on Kentucky, especially with the recent flooding and mine blowouts.

Ms. Michelle Allen, Executive Director, then introduced Daniel, and Sherry Donahue with Commonwealth Sentinel Cybersecurity, who informed those in attendance regarding upcoming workshops, and offered any assistance we may need in grant writing, etc...

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Judge Chuck Caudill, Jr., Chairman, asked for a motion to adjourn. Judge Scott Alexander made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Mayor Tracy Neice 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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