

**GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
HAZARD MITIGATION COUNCIL**

February 11, 2010

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Hazard Mitigation Council met on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., at the GRADD office, located at 3860 US Highway 60 West, Owensboro, Kentucky. The following persons were in attendance:

ATTENDANCE

Larry Koerber, Henderson Co. EMA  
David Sunn, McLean Co. EMA  
Jeremy Moore, Webster Co. EMA  
Vicky Connor, Daviess Co. EMA  
Betty Howard, City of Sacramento  
Vernon Martin, Union Co. EMA  
Larry Younger, Brescia University  
Pete Conrad, GRADD  
Woody Maglinger, GRADD

Jeffrey D. Kelley, Webster Co. PVA  
Dennis Revlett, City of Livermore  
Earl Woods, Morganfield Fire Dept.  
Clayton Horton, GRDHD  
David T. Rickard, City of Calhoun  
Charlie Shields, Ohio Co. EMA  
Evelyn McCarty, Red Cross  
Misty Sampson, GRADD (via phone)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Jeffrey D. Kelley called the meeting to order.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Kelley presented the minutes of the November 5, 2009, meeting of the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council for approval.

A motion was made by Betty Howard and seconded by David Sunn to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2009, GRADD Hazard Mitigation Council. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Outline of the Plan Update Process

Pete Conrad, Infrastructure Planner for the Green River Area Development District, presented a timeline of the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Plan update process. After reviewing the tasks already accomplished, he outlined the target dates for future tasks and meetings.

B. Review of the Local Community Meetings

Pete Conrad announced that local community meetings were conducted in each city of McLean County in late December and early January. Two of the meetings coincided with regular city council meetings, while the other two were conducted separately. Although attendance varied with each meeting, they were ultimately successful. Mayor Betty Howard of the City of Sacramento spoke briefly about the meeting in her community, pointing out that it was important to discuss hazard mitigation at the city level, given the prevalence and extent of recent hazard events. David Sunn, McLean County EMA Director, praised attendance at the city meetings, which lead to a greater diversity in perspectives.

Moving forward, Mr. Conrad explained that county-wide meetings will be conducted first in the remaining counties, and individual city meetings will be scheduled after the county-wide meetings, as necessary. Council members requested a list of potential meeting participants to assist in scheduling and spreading awareness for the county-wide meetings, and some questioned the length of the meetings, especially if the county-wide meetings coincide with fiscal court meetings. Mr. Conrad revealed that, on average, the city meetings lasted 45 minutes. Additionally, Mr. Conrad assured members that GRADD staff will conduct as many meetings as the communities want, to ensure the plan update contains all needed and wanted elements.

C. Introduction to the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Page

Woody Maglinger, Community Relations Coordinator for GRADD, provided an overview of the new GRADD Hazard Mitigation page on the GRADD website. The content of the page includes everything from an explanation of the update process to current mitigation funding opportunities, and Mr. Maglinger stressed that GRADD's goal is to guarantee the page is as up-to-date as possible. In addition, he pointed out that the page should be useful and accessible. He encouraged council members to contact GRADD staff with suggestions on updates and additions to the page.

D. Funding Opportunities

Misty Sampson, Local Government Analyst for GRADD, indicated that while there are no new, open funding opportunities at this time, the GRADD Hazard Mitigation page includes a copy of a presentation from Kentucky Emergency Management (KyEM), which details all of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hazard mitigation

funding programs and their general guidelines. Ms. Sampson pointed out that KyEM could be opening up another round of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding very soon, and when that occurs, GRADD staff will distribute notices to local officials and update the GRADD Hazard Mitigation page accordingly. Ms. Sampson encouraged participants to contact her to discuss funding eligibility and application requirements if they have potential mitigation projects.

E. Work Session: Plan Review and Revisions

Pete Conrad facilitated a work session to gain feedback and suggestions on revisions to the Executive Summary, Planning Process, Risk Assessment, and Mitigation Strategy sections of the plan. Participants carefully reviewed the Hazard Risk Levels as they appeared in the original GRADD Hazard Mitigation Plan, and some questioned whether or not severe winter storms should be moved from the moderate risk level to the high risk level. Others pointed out that while severe winter storms have been prevalent within the past couple of years, their frequency over several years has not been as high as other types of hazard events. In the end, participants agreed to discuss the risk levels further during upcoming East and West Subcommittee meetings.

In discussing the hazard types that do and do not affect the GRADD region, participants explored the possibility of adding certain event types to the plan. Many expressed concerns related to the 2008 wind event associated with Hurricane Ike. Some questioned whether or not FEMA would deny aid to the region because the GRADD Hazard Mitigation Plan does not address hurricanes. Ms. Sampson agreed to contact the UK Hazard Mitigation Office to seek additional guidance on adding hurricanes to the plan. Participants also considered the addition of dams/levees and landslides, ultimately deciding to discuss dams further during subcommittee meetings and deciding to seek further information on landslides from the Department of Transportation.

At the end of the work session, participants decided to maintain the definition of critical facilities from the original GRADD Hazard Mitigation Plan. Additionally, they agreed to maintain the plan goals as originally outlined.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to address, the meeting adjourned.

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