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**GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

TO: Green River Area Development District Board of Directors

FROM: Jiten S. Shah
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Minutes of the GRADD Executive Committee – November 13, 2019

The Executive Committee of the Green River Area Development District (GRADD) met on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., at the GRADD office, in Owensboro, Kentucky. A quorum was present with the following members in attendance:

GRADD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

DAVISS COUNTY: Al Mattingly, Jr.
Henrietta Harris

HANCOCK COUNTY: Johnny Roberts

HENDERSON COUNTY: Brad Schneider
William Markwell
Janeth Nicolas

McLEAN COUNTY: Curtis Dame

OHIO COUNTY: David Johnston

UNION COUNTY: Adam O’Nan

WEBSTER COUNTY: None present

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

DAVISS COUNTY: *Robert Howard

HANCOCK COUNTY: All present

HENDERSON COUNTY: All present

McLEAN COUNTY: All present

OHIO COUNTY: All present

UNION COUNTY: All present

WEBSTER COUNTY: *Steve Henry

*Excused absence

David Johnston, Chairman ☞ Brad Schneider, Vice Chairman ☞ Al Mattingly, Jr., Secretary ☞ Steve Henry, Treasurer ☞ Jiten Shah, Executive Director

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Phil Brown, Phil Brown Insurance
Carolyn Beck, SIHO Insurance
Jiten Shah, Executive Director, GRADD
Joanna Shake, Associate Director for Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Jennifer Williams, Associate Director for Social Services, GRADD
Debra James, Associate Director of Finance & Administration, GRADD
Jodi Rafferty, Associate Director of Workforce Development, GRADD
Tom Lovett, MPO Coordinator, GRADD
Kim Wells, Executive Assistant/Communications Manager, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Johnston called the meeting to order.

He welcomed new members Judge/Executive Curtis Dame from McLean County and Janeth Nicolas minority member from Henderson.

II. FINANCE REPORT

Jiten Shah presented the treasurer's report for the period of July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by Al Mattingly, Jr., to approve the treasurer's report for the period of July 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019, which is subject to audit. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Report

Chairman David Johnston introduced Aubrey Eblen with Kemper CPA Group and asked her to come forward and review the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit.

Ms. Eblen gave an overview of the audit that was recently conducted at GRADD. The audit expressed an unmodified opinion with only one finding in the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program which will be corrected in the future by requiring supported documentation for all loan expenditures to ensure funds are not used for construction purposes. She noted that she has not received final approval from the Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts. It was decided this item would be approved pending receiving final approval from the Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by Al Mattingly, Jr., to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Report pending receiving final approval from the Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. 2020 Insurance

Jiten Shah explained that GRADD had received its health insurance renewal from SIHO Insurance and learned it would be a substantial increase. GRADD asked representatives from Phil Brown Insurance to seek out other options for GRADD's 2020 health insurance.

Phil Brown with Phil Brown Insurance reported he had asked for several quotes from other insurance agencies. He found that a few would not quote the group and others that did were not comparable to the current policy. He went on to say that he had worked very diligently with SIHO Insurance and was able to get a reduction in the increase.

Also discussed was the option of the group entering the Kentucky State Health Insurance. Jiten Shah reported after speaking with representatives with the State plan, GRADD would not be eligible for that plan until 2021, as the deadline was in July.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr., and seconded by Johnny Roberts to renew with SIHO Insurance for 2020. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Jiten Shah also explained that there would be a rate hold for Delta Dental and Anthem Blue View Vision insurance for 2020. However, Lincoln Financial, which GRADD has its Life Insurance and Accidental Death policies with had an increase. Phil Brown was able to find a comparable plan with Reliance Standard which had a decrease. This benefit is no cost to all full-time employees.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr., and seconded by Adam O'Nan to approve Delta Dental, Anthem Blue View Vision, and Reliance Standard insurances for 2020. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. Preferred Community Health Partners' Ground Game Health

Chairman Johnston called on Jennifer Williams to give a report on the Preferred Community Health Partners' Ground Game Health initiative. Ms. Williams reviewed Preferred Community Health Partners' Ground Game Health, which is a new vision for the Area Agencies on Aging to expand their revenue base, while using their expertise with complex-care patients.

Ms. Williams went on to say this program will assist those Medicaid clients who are deemed to be high-risk. GRADD case managers would do assessments on the clients and suggest options to them. She is requesting approval from the committee to move forward with this program. It was recommended that staff move forward with pursuing the program, but that more information about the initiative be brought to the December 11, 2019, meeting.

A motion was made by Brad Schneider and seconded by Al Mattingly, Jr., to approve staff move forward with the Preferred Community Health Partners Program in order to gain more information to be presented at the December 11, 2019, GRADD Board of Directors meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Nominating Committee Appointment

Chairman Johnston appointed the following to the Nominating Committee: Hon. Brad Schneider, Chairman; Hon. Johnny Roberts; Hon. Adam O’Nan; and Bill Markwell. He suggested the committee meet prior to the December 11, 2019, meeting in order to review and recommend appointments for 2020.

E. Census Update

Chairman Johnston called on Molly McCarroll for an update on the 2020 census. Ms. McCarroll reported there are still several census jobs available, those interested may apply on-line. Ms. McCarroll also invited the group to an informational meeting on November 15, 2019, at the Logsdon Community Center in Owensboro.

F. Title VI Resolution

Chairman Johnston called on Tom Lovett to discuss the Title VI Resolution. Mr. Lovett explained the resolution outlines that agencies receiving federal financial assistance must adopt a Title VI Plan, which assures its program, services, and activities are free from discrimination, under the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

A motion was made by Al Mattingly, Jr., and seconded by Adam O’Nan to approve the Title VI Resolution. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Jiten Shah reported GRADD along with all other Area Development Districts (ADD) continue to provide financial and programmatic data to the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) Work Groups on the Area Development District (ADD), and are anticipating some discussion in November by the LRC Committee to discuss their work of the last three meetings and decide any potential legislation and/or advise to continue better understanding, transparency, and effectiveness of the ADD concept in the Commonwealth.

V. UPCOMING BOARD/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS/SPEAKER

Board of Director Meeting – December 11, 2019 – Dr. Jason Warren, President/CEO
Henderson Community College

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Al Mattingly, Jr., announced there would be a Governing Board meeting on December 11, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., at the GRADD office.

Jiten Shah reported that he and Al Mattingly, Jr., chairman of ConnectGRADD, Inc., have been asked to attend a meeting at the Bluegrass ADD to discuss the process ConnectGRADD, Inc., took in order to bring internet to its rural communities. This meeting will take place on November 20, 2019.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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