

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2023

The Bluegrass Area Development District Board of Directors met Wednesday, January 25 at Embassy Suites on Newtown Pike. Chair James Smith called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The following members were present:

Anderson County Edwinna Baker Kenny Barnett	Bourbon County Don Menke Jan Wagoner Judge Mike Williams	Boyle County Mayor James "JH" Atkins Judge Trille Bottom Martha Caywood Tom Tye
Clark County Robert Blanton Larry Disney Mayor JoEllen Reed Judge Les Yates	Estill County Lucas Barnes Freida Lancaster Judge Donnie Watson	Fayette County James Brown Chris Ford Mayor Linda Gorton
Franklin County Judge Michael Mueller	Garrard County Judge Chris Elleman Donna Powell	Harrison County Gary Bruner Judge Jason Marshall Mayor James Smith
Jessamine County Peter Beaty Tom Calkins Mayor Alex Carter Judge David West	Lincoln County Judge Woods Adams Pam Cox Bill Payne	Madison County Mayor Robert Blythe Philip Williams
Mercer County Frank Mattingly Mike Sanford Judge Sarah Steele	Nicholas County Judge Steve Hamilton	Powell County Dale Allen Judge Eddie Barnes James Caudill Mayor Willie Means
Scott County Michael Hennigan Jared Hollon Mayor Burney Jenkins	Woodford County Stacy Thurman Mayor Brian Traugott	At-Large Directors Bill Alverson Tony Wilder
Director Emeritus Ed Burtner		

Others present were:

Staff		Guests	
Austin Bates	Karyn Leverenz	Hannah Baker	Mica Sims
Joe Black	Staci May	Julie Barnett	Donald Smith, I
Michael Buschmann	Caleb Moore	Cathy Bruncker	Rick Wagoner
Bob Casher	Colin Moseley	Bobby Carmichael	Joe Williams
Chip Clark	Shane New	Diana Caudill	Rita Williams
Taylor Cobb	Molly Newman	John Caywood	
Linda Cunningham	Tab Patterson	Ronnie Clark	
David Duttlinger	Tiffanie Reeves	Marilyn Eaton-Thomas	
Sarah Eldrige	Robin Richmond	John Gay	
Greyson Evans	Mike Riley	Jo Anne Hamilton	
Mary Ann Fegley	Celeste Robinson	Lyle Hanna	
Amy Glasscock	Kelly Rode	Jennifer Hayes	
Regina Goodman	Mary Schmidt	Leann Hennigan	
Hannah Gregory	Alex Sergent	Joyce Menke	
Logan Hart	Donald Smith, II	Stacy Patton	
Jeremy Heard	Rolando Thacker	Bobby Powell	
Eastman Johnson	Amanda Walls	Craig Shockley	

A quorum was present.

Chair James Smith, Mayor, welcomed everyone and recognized special guests in attendance.

Secretary Mike Sanford directed attention to pages 1 – 13 of the packet and asked for approval. The pages include minutes from the following meetings:

- October 2022 Executive Committee Meeting
- October 2022 Board of Directors Meeting
- December 2022 Executive Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Ed Burtner to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by James Caudill. The motion carried.

Treasurer, Judge David West directed the Board to the Financial Report handout. Our Financial Report shows a loss of \$738,000. That's not entirely accurate, its based on timing of reimbursements. Specifically, the ADD is waiting on reimbursements from November for the Aging Program and reimbursements from October and November for the Workforce Program. The Community Planning Department is expecting a large reimbursement for the JFA, EDA Cares, KYTC and KIA Programs. When we receive these reimbursements at the end of January or early February, we are expected to have our revenues exceed our expenses for the year-to-date balance. Also, the balance on our investment account increased from \$647,000 to \$696,000. James Caudill made a motion to approve the September Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Judge Mike Williams. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Brian Traugott gave the Nominating Committee Report in Judge Orbrey Gritton's absence. Judge Gritton chaired the Nominating Committee meeting on December 21, 2022. First, he indicated that nominations for Officers of the Board of Directors are:

2023 Officers of the Board	
Chair	Mayor Robert Blythe
Vice-Chair	Judge David West
Treasurer	Mike Sanford
Secretary	Judge Steve Hamilton

Then, he indicated that nominations for At-Large Members are:

2023 At-Large Members	
Bill Alverson	
Sandy Shafer	
Tony Wilder	

Next, the Nominating Committee nominates Ed Burtner as Director Emeritus.

After that, he indicated that the Nominating Committee recommends the following slate for the Executive Committee:

2023 Executive Committee		
Anderson County Judge Orbrey Gritton	Bourbon County Judge Mike Williams	Boyle County Judge Trille Bottom
Clark County Mayor Jo Ellen Reed	Estill County Judge Donnie Watson	Fayette County Chris Ford
Franklin County Judge Michael Mueller	Garrard County Judge Chris Elleman	Harrison County Mayor James Smith
Jessamine County Judge David West	Lincoln County Judge Woods Adams	Madison County Mayor Robert Blythe
Mercer County Mike Sanford	Nicholas County Judge Steve Hamilton	Powell County James Caudill
Scott County Mayor Burney Jenkins	Woodford County Mayor Brian Traugott	

Lastly, he indicated that the following Citizen Members have been nominated:

2023 Citizen Members		
Anderson County Kenny Barnett Edwina Baker	Bourbon County Don Menke Jan Wagoner	Boyle County Martha Caywood Tom Tye
Clark County Robert Blanton	Estill County Lucas Barnes	Fayette County Chris Ford
Larry Disney	Freida Lancaster	James Brown
Franklin County Billy O'Banion Tommy Haynes	Garrard County Ken Parsons	Harrison County Gary Bruner Anna Moore
Jessamine County Peter Beaty	Lincoln County Pam Cox	Madison County Rebecca McClure Isaacs
Tom Calkins	Bill Payne	Phillip Williams
Mercer County Frank Mattingly Mike Sanford	Nicholas County Luann Ellington Kelly Cheryl Rawlings	Powell County Dale Allen James Caudill
Scott County Michael Hennigan	Woodford County Stacy Thurman	
Jared Hollon	Floyd Greene	

In addition to the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee Report also included Chairs for the Advisory Committees ran by the Bluegrass ADD. The list is as follows:

2023 Advisory Council Chairs	
Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living Aging Advisory Council	Judge Steve Hamilton
Area Water Management Council	Judge Woods Adams
Bluegrass Economic Development Advisory Council (BEDAC)	Judge Regan Taylor Judge David West
Homeland Security Council	Christopher Flynn Estill Co. Sheriff
Human Services Council	Judge Sarah Steele
Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Advisory Council (NREPAC)	Mayor Brian Traugott
Regional Planning Council	Mayor Alex Carter
Regional Transportation Council	Mayor Bruce Fraley
Tourism, Historic Preservation and Recreation Advisory Council (THRAC)	Judge James Kay

Mayor Brian Traugott made a motion to approve the Nominating Committee Report as submitted. Judge Mike Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Outgoing Chair, Mayor James Smith, summarized his time as Chair of the Bluegrass ADD. He recognized the efforts of staff at the ADD and showed appreciation for all they do. He challenged newly elected officials in the room to engage in the ADD. Mayor Smith recognized incoming chair, Mayor Robert Blythe and welcomed him to give comments.

David Duttlinger gave the District Staff Report for the group. He encouraged board members to attend the KCADD Legislative Breakfast. He directed the group to pages 19-40 of the packet, which contain the district staff report. He indicated that the 2023 Meeting Schedule is set, however, we are still looking for a location for the April meeting.

David recognized the following employees:

- Employee of the Quarter: Tiffanie Reeves
- Employee of the Year: Linda Cunningham.

David also recognized the 2022 Officers of the Board:

- Chair – Mayor James Smith
- Vice-Chair – Mayor Robert Blythe
- Treasurer – Judge David West
- Secretary – Mike Sanford

David explained that from time to time, the Bluegrass ADD is compelled to honor individuals for their exceptional service for our region. Formerly known as the Shelby Combs Award, David Duttlinger proposed that the award be renamed to honor one of the first employees of the ADD that worked tirelessly his entire career to better our region: Don Hassall, whom we lost in December. The award will now be known as The Don Hassall Visionary Award. The first annual Don Hassall Visionary Award was awarded to Ed Burtner for his unparalleled leadership in the pursuit to build a better region.

Joe McKinney, Executive Director of NADO (National Association of Development Organizations) was the guest speaker for the evening. He reviewed services NADO provides.

Mayor Robert Blythe indicated that the Bluegrass Area Development District's By-Laws have been updated. A motion was made by Judge Mike Williams to approve the updated by-laws. The motion was seconded by Judge Donnie Watson. The motion carried.

Mayor Robert Blythe asked for a motion to approve the eight KIRPs (Kentucky Intergovernmental Review Project) on the agenda:


1. Powell Co Industrial Development Authority - Hollerwood Offroad Park
2. LFUCG - West Loudon Streetscape
3. Lawrenceburg 500,000 Gallon Water Storage Tank
4. Kentucky River Foothills Development Council - Kentucky River Foothills 2023
5. Mercer County Sanitation District – Gwinn Island Road Sanitary Sewer Extension
6. City of Frankfort - Swigert - Taylor House
7. Nicholas Co Fiscal Court – Nicholas Co EMS Station Project
8. LFUCG – North Limestone Improvement Project

A motion was made by James Caudill to approve the KIRPs as a group. The motion was seconded by Judge Donnie Watson. The motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Blythe asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Robert Blanton. The motion was seconded by Judge Mike Williams. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.



These minutes and attachments having been approved by the Executive Committee of the Bluegrass Area Development District on February 22, 2023 are hereby made part of the permanent records of the district.


Chair
Mayor Robert Blythe