

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

April 19, 2023

The Bluegrass Area Development District Board of Directors met Wednesday, April 19 at the Lexington Senior Center. Chair Mayor Robert Blythe called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The following members were present:

Anderson County	Bourbon County	Boyle County
	Don Menke Judge Mike Williams	Judge Trille Bottom Martha Caywood Tom Tye
Clark County	Estill County	Fayette County
Robert Blanton Larry Disney Mayor JoEllen Reed Judge Les Yates	Lucas Barnes Freida Lancaster Judge Donnie Watson	James Brown Chris Ford Mayor Linda Gorton Judge Mary Diane Hanna
Franklin County	Garrard County	Harrison County
Judge Michael Mueller	Judge Chris Elleman	Judge Jason Marshall Anna Moore Mayor James Smith
Jessamine County	Lincoln County	Madison County
Peter Beaty Mayor Alex Carter	Judge Woods Adams Bill Payne	Mayor Robert Blythe
Mercer County	Nicholas County	Powell County
Judge Sarah Steele	Judge Steve Hamilton Cheryl Rawlings	Dale Allen Judge Eddie Barnes James Caudill
Scott County	Woodford County	At-Large Directors
Michael Hennigan Jared Hollon Mayor Burney Jenkins	Mayor Brian Traugott	
Director Emeritus		
Ed Burtner		

Others present were:

Staff		Guests	
Joe Black	Molly Newman	Bobby Carmichael	Stephanie Nelson
Michael Buschmann	Tab Patterson	Diana Caudill	Stacy Patton
Chip Clark	Robin Richmond	Isaac Dailey	Mike Rawlings
David Duttlinger	Mike Riley	Casey Ellis	Craig Shockley
Sarah Eldridge	Celeste Robinson	JoAnne Hamilton	Monique Watson
Charlotte Garnett	Kelly Rode	Lyle Hanna	Joe Williams
Regina Goodman	Allison Roy	Joe Lain	Rita Williams
Logan Hart	Alex Sergeant		
Shane New	Sara Wade		

A quorum was present.

Chair Mayor Robert Blythe welcomed everyone and recognized special guests in attendance. He then welcomed Mayor Linda Gorton to the stage for special remarks.

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Secretary Judge Steve Hamilton directed attention to pages 1 – 21 of the packet and asked for approval. The pages include minutes from the following meetings:

- January 25, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting
- January 25, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting
- February 22, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting
- March 22, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Jared Hollon to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Brian Traugott. The motion carried.

Audit Update

Michael Buschmann, CFO, indicated that earlier in the day the Executive Committee looked at the March 2023 Financial Statement closely. Currently the BGADD has a strong financial position, with current short-term assets exceeding short-term liabilities. Long term liabilities do exceed long term assets only when including pensions liabilities. The Medicare Participant Directed Services financial position has improved greatly due to management efforts in the Aging Department and authorizations provided by the governor's pandemic order, known as Appendix K. Workforce has slowed enrollments until the beginning of the fiscal year while continuing to meet all requirements of the program. The Community Planning Department is on track to utilize all additional state funding for the JFA funding and local contracts for grant administration services. Although we are behind the completion of the audit, the finance department has turned in all information needed to complete the audit. They anticipate a three-week completion time. As soon as the audit is complete, it will be turned over to the state.

District Staff Report

David Duttlinger expressed his thanks to Mayor Linda Gorton for hosting us and allowing our meeting to take place at the Lexington Senior Center and for her vision to provide services to those that need them. He indicated that this is the first meeting that has not taken place at the Embassy Suites, which will result in a cost savings for the BGADD.

David also recognized the late Virginia Bell and the legacy she left for the region. Virginia was a pioneer in dementia care.

David indicated that the District Staff Report can be found on pages 22-42 of the packet. He indicated that also found on pages 42-45 of the packet is training on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. This training is a requirement of the funding we receive from the Department of Aging and Independent Living. While it is required, it's also the right thing to do. Mike Riley completed this training with the Executive Committee at the last meeting and did a fabulous job. Mike Riley has offered to come out and share this training with anyone interested.

David recognized Casey Ellis, the newly named Executive Director of the Kentucky Council of ADDs. Former Executive Director Tony Wilder has recently retired and Casey has been named his successor.

David recognized Logan Hart as the Employee of the Quarter.

Lastly, David reiterated what the ADD is all about. The ADD is a council of local governments, we are for local government and we cooperate with each other. The three "P"s we talk about are:

- Planning
 - Everything we do boils down to land use planning. David visited Mercer County earlier this week because land use decisions are being pulled out of the county and are no longer controlled locally.
- Projects
 - We want to build funding packages to support the projects that you want to do.
- Programs
 - Aging
 - Workforce
 - Community Planning

Reports of Committees & Councils

Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living Advisory Council

Judge Steve Hamilton gave the report for the Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living Advisory Council. He indicated that the March 8, 2023 meeting included Advisory Council Member Training and the approval of the Area Plan Revision. He reminded everyone that May is Older Americans Month and the theme for 2023 is Aging Unbound. He also indicated that June is World Elder Abuse month and there will be a rally at the Capitol rotunda in Frankfort on June 15th. The next meeting will be held on May 10, 2023 at the Bluegrass ADD.

Bluegrass Economic Development Advisory Council

Logan Hart gave the report for the Bluegrass Economic Development Advisory Council. Logan indicated that Katie Smith, Deputy Secretary of KCED was the guest speaker at the December 15, 2022 meeting. She reviewed KPDI program.

Bluegrass Regional Planning Council

Pete Beaty reported that the Bluegrass Regional Planning Council met on March 28, 2023. Eastman Johnson updated the group on services provided by the Bluegrass ADD. The next meeting will be held on May 23, 2023.

Regional Transportation Council

Alex Sergent reported that the Bluegrass Regional Transportation Council met on March 13, 2023. The council talked about a proposed joint meeting between the Regional Transportation Council and the Tourism, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Advisory Council. The Annual Work Plan was updated and details of SHIFT planning for March and April were shared.

Tourism, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Advisory Council

Logan Hart reported that THRAC met on March 9, 2023. The council talked about a Facebook page for area events. They agreed to focus on events to prevent duplication from tourism pages. The next THRAC meeting will be held on May 11, 2023.

A motion was made by Judge Mike Williams to approve all of the Committees and Councils Reports. The motion was seconded by Robert Blanton. The motion carried.

KIRPs (Kentucky Intergovernmental Review Process)

Mayor Blythe indicated that there are seven KIRPs on the list to approve.

1. Jessamine County Jenette Industrial Park Phase 3 Acquisition and Improvements
2. Solar Energy and Efficient Refrigeration for Salad Days Farm
3. Harrodsburg Anderson Dean Improvements
4. Mercer Anderson Dean Park Improvements
5. Harrodsburg ADP Trail
6. Cynthia – Country Club Area Pump Station Replacement
7. Richmond Irvine Road Outfall Sewer

It was brought to staff's attention that some of the information listed in the KIRPs report is incorrect. Staff will correct information below:

- Mercer Anderson Dean Improvements
 - Mercer County will be applying for the Recreational Trails Program to reseal the trail around Anderson-Dean Park. The total grant will be \$60,000 including 20% from Mercer County Fiscal Court.
- Harrodsburg Anderson Dean Improvements
 - This is a joint application between city and county, with the city as the fiscal agent. This project is only for a playground and a sprinkler system.

A motion was made by Mayor James Smith to approve the KIRPs. The motion was seconded by James Caudill. The motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Blythe asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Judge Donnie Watson. The motion was seconded by James Caudill. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.



These minutes and attachments having been approved by the Executive Committee of the Bluegrass Area Development District on May 24, 2023 are hereby made part of the permanent records of the district.



Chair
Mayor Robert Blythe