

**Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts**  
**Quarterly Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 10:00 am EST**  
**Room 9-A, Central Bank Center, Lexington, Kentucky**

**Board Members Present:**

Mayor Les Stapleton (BSADD) Chair	Judge Brad Schneider (GRADD)
Mr. Steve Thurmond (BRADD) 1st Vice-Chair	Judge Wil Cannon (BRADD)
Mayor Rita Dotson (PuADD) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair	Judge Chuck Caudill (KRADD)
Judge John Phelps, Jr. (LCADD) Secretary	Judge Stephanie A. Holbrook (BTADD)
Judge Rick Stiltner (Gateway ADD) Treasurer	Judge Matthew Wireman (BSADD)
Judge Casey Ellis (NKADD) Past Chair	Judge Tina K. Teegarden (BTADD)
Judge Kenny Wilson (PuADD)	Judge John Frank (LCADD)
Judge Bobby Carpenter (FIVCO)	Mayor Harold Sloan (FIVCO)
Judge Orbrey Gritton (BGADD)	Judge Steve Tribble (PeADD)
Ms. Penny Robinson (CVADD)	Judge Scott Alexander (KRADD)
Mayor Al Botts (Gateway)	Ms. Kendra Scott (LTADD)
Mr. George Spragens (LTADD)	Judge Jerry Summers (KIPDA)
Judge Shane Gabbard (CVADD)	Mr. Bart Frazier (PeADD)
Judge Stephen Henry (GRADD, Proxy for Judge Al Mattingly)	

**KCADD Staff**

Tony Wilder, Executive Director  
Bill Cooper, Business Development Manager

**Guests:**

Judge Adam O’Nan, Union County

**Call to Order:** Chair Stapleton called the meeting to order and welcomed all members including those via ZOOM and the many staff members and guests present. Executive Director Wilder proceeded with the call of the roll which indicated that all 15 ADDs were represented thereby allowing the Chair to declare a quorum.

**Scott Young, Executive Director, Kentucky Rural Water Association:** Chair Stapleton then recognized our special guest Mr. Scott Young, Executive Director of the Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA) and invited him to address the Council. Mr. Young overviewed his background and stressed the value of the existing partnership with the ADDs. He cited GIS/mapping collaboration, utility training and mutual involvement with Water Management Councils as evidence of that partnership. He also noted the role the Barren River ADD played in establishing the KRWA.

Young also overviewed KRWA programs and made reference to their strong emphasis on training and recruiting utility managers given the fact that 60% of the current managers/superintendents across Kentucky are near or at retirement age. In addition, he cited their continuous outreach efforts at the high school level to encourage interested students to consider this career track. He also advised KRWA offers apprenticeship opportunities to interested students through their Utility Management Institute.

Young closed by expressing his gratitude for the opportunity to address the KCADD and his desire to continue the strong partnership with the ADDs. Chair Stapleton expressed appreciation to Mr. Young for providing his time and insight on behalf of the Council.

**Approval of August 17, 2022 KCADD Minutes and the October 26, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting:** Chair Stapleton called for approval of the minutes from the August Council meeting. **Judge John Phelps offered a motion to approve with Judge Bobby Carpenter issued a second. All members voted in favor.**

Chair Stapleton then called for the consideration of the minutes from the October 26, 2022 meeting of the KCADD Executive Committee. **Judge Rick Stiltner offered a motion to approve and Judge Casey Ellis issued a second. All members voted in favor.**

**KCADD Financial Report:** Chair Stapleton then called upon Treasurer Rick Stiltner to deliver his finance report. Stiltner overviewed the Statement of Revenues and Expenses declaring the financial condition to be sound and cited that total year to date expenses were at the 31%. He concluded by citing the healthy October ending balance in checking of \$473,357.91. **Judge John Phelps offered the motion to approve the Financial Report as presented and Judge Chuck Caudill issued a second. All members voted in favor.**

**Business Development Manager Report:** Chair Stapleton then recognized Business Development Manager Bill Cooper and invited him to offer his report. Cooper overviewed his attendance of monthly meetings with the AAA and ADD Directors and also cited his having attended three national webinars/ZOOM meetings covering the topics of Health Care contracts and partnerships, Business Acumen and a White house Conference on Hunger and Nutrition.

He also advised he had attended relevant Legislative Committee meetings, one of which being the Medicaid Oversight Task Force which presented him the opportunity to have face to face contact with Aetna representatives. This encounter precipitated further subsequent discussions that resulted in the setting of an onsite meeting in Louisville with Aetna leadership on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Said meeting will be attended by Cooper, Wilder and KIPDA Executive Director Haley and Aging staff from GRADD and BGADD. Both he and Wilder stressed the significance of this breakthrough and pledged to follow-up with a report next meeting.

Cooper concluded by reporting we have been honored by being selected by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to participate in a National Learning Collaborative that ultimately will lead to the Kentucky Healthcare Connections being designated a Community Care Hub. The Collaborative will involve a year of meetings and inaction and he pledged to keep the Council informed regarding this initiative.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Executive Director Search/Committee Action:** Chair Stapleton proceeded to Old Business where he overviewed the process for selecting a New Executive Director in the wake of Executive Director Wilder's announced retirement. `Stapleton advised the Search Committee numbers five with three members from the Council and two members to represent the ADD Directors. The Committee will be comprised of the following: Chair Les Stapleton; Ist Vice Chair Steve Thurmond; Treasurer Rick Stiltner; PeADD Executive Director Jason Vincent and BRADD Executive Director Eric Sexton.

**Approval of Bid for Entrance Repair:** Chair Stapleton proceeded to the matter of the Executive Committee's recommendation of a bid proposal for repair of the front stone entrance at the KCADD

Offices in Frankfort. Executive Director Wilder directed the members to the Executive Committee minutes authorizing him to award the low bidder, Stone Age Masonry, the contract for the above project. There were no objections from the members and Wilder will offer future progress reports regarding the project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Legislative Priorities for 2023 Legislative Session:** Chair Stapleton proceeded to New Business and called upon Executive Director Wilder to report on priorities for the upcoming Legislative Session. Wilder opened by recapping the successes realized by the ADD's in the previous session and followed by citing the lack of any real "burning issues" impacting the ADD's as we approach the coming session. He did however, mention the importance of monitoring the Medicaid Taskforce for future actions that may impact the ADDs both positively and negatively.

**Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2023 KCADD Officers:** Chair Stapleton then proceeded to the appointment of the Nominating Committee to select Officers for 2023. The Chair put forth Judge Brad Schneider as Chair to be joined by Mayor Harold Slone and citizen member Kendra Scott. All members accepted their appointment and the Committee will present their report at the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council meeting.

**Next KCADD Meet Dates:** The Chair recognized Executive Director Wilder who presented details regarding the upcoming Legislative Breakfast and the subsequent above mentioned Council meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Consideration of Infrastructure Development Staff Person:** The Chair recognized GWADD Executive Director Josh Farrow to articulate the proposed creation of an Infrastructure Development staff person to be placed administratively under the umbrella of the KCADD. Farrow likened the position to that of the Business Development Manager but strictly devoted to Infrastructure Development duties would include providing education, coordination, assistance at the ADD level statewide and to interface with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. He advised that at this time there is no certainty as to how the position will evolve but noted that one of the current ADD planners could emerge as a potential candidate or they may look outside the ADD network. Farrow requested input from the members and committed to keep the Council advised regarding this process.

**Executive Director's Report:** Chair Stapleton then recognized Executive Director Wilder to deliver his report. Wilder, citing the fact of his imminent retirement elected to offer parting comments that overviewed the positive state of the ADDs and to express that it has been an honor and privilege to serve the ADDs. He concluded by wishing the ADDs and council members all the best in the future.

The Chair conveyed his appreciation to Wilder and presented him with a plaque and a gift from the KCADD.

**Adjournment:** Chair Stapleton called for a motion to adjourn and **Judge John Phelps followed with a motion to adjourn and Judge Bobby Carpenter issued a second. All members voted in favor.**