

MINUTES

KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KIPDA)

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

MEETING CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM AND STREAMED ON THE AGENCY'S YOUTUBE PAGE

January 10, 2022

The Regional Planning Council of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency met at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2023, via Zoom video conference. Members in attendance were:

Mr. Ryan Libke, Planning and Zoning, Shelby County, Kentucky
Mr. Jim Urban, Director of Planning & Zoning, Oldham County, Kentucky
Honorable Scott Bates, Judge/Executive, Henry County, Kentucky
Honorable Scott Travis, Judge/Executive, Spencer County, Kentucky
Ms. Julie Sweazy, Planning and Zoning, Spencer County, Kentucky
Honorable Jon Park, representing Honorable Dan Ison, Judge/Executive, Shelby County, Kentucky
Mr. Brian Fogle, representing Honorable David Voegele, Judge/Executive, Oldham County, Kentucky
Ms. Rachel Casey, Representing Mike King of Louisville Metro Government, Jefferson County, Kentucky
Ms. Emily Liu, Louisville Metro Government, Jefferson County, Kentucky
Mr. Keith Griffie, Chief Financial Officer, Bullitt County, Kentucky
Honorable John Ogburn, Judge/Executive, Trimble County, Kentucky

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

REPRESENTING

Felicia Harper	KIPDA
Rachael Miller	KIPDA
Justin Carter	KIPDA
Jennifer Wilson	KIPDA
Dustin Duncan	KIPDA

Ryan Lloyd	KIPDA
Jennifer Wilson	KIPDA
Dustin Duncan	KIPDA
Randall Embry	KIPDA
Diana Arnold	Trimble County
Tony Mattingly	Louisville Metro Government
Amanda LeMaster	Office of Energy Policy

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Libke called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROLL CALL

Ms. Miller called roll. A quorum was present.

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5, 2022

Mr. Urban moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, July 12, 2022, Regional Planning Council meeting. Deputy Judge Jon Park seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

KIPDA UPDATES

Mr. Lloyd stated that a Hazard Mitigation Grant was recently awarded to Lebanon Junction for a new pump station. There are also ongoing Cleaner Water Grant projects which include things like water line extensions and other rehabilitation projects for drinking water and wastewater. The second round of Cleaner Water Grant funding was received in late 2022 which will allow first round projects that have funding gaps to be funded, as well as starting some new projects.

There are also four new State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan projects Louisville Metro Sewer District. Some of those projects include the rehabilitation of pump stations and the expansion of water treatment centers.

Mr. Lloyd stated that there are many newly elected leaders, and Ms. Harper and Mr. Haley have been visiting new officials to gauge their need for new projects and what priorities they have in mind.

Ms. Harper reviewed the list of council members and updated it with the newly elected officials in the region.

COUNTY QUARTERLY UPDATES

BULLITT COUNTY

Mr. Griffie updated the council on Bullitt County's work on KY-44 that will begin soon, and he reported that the new elementary school is now open. He recapped the last Bullitt County fiscal court meeting where the I-245 and I-65 intersection project was discussed. The project will be a huge investment for the department of tourism in Bullitt County. At least one large hotel, a tourism center, and restaurants will be built. Mr. Griffie also reported that there are mostly new members on the fiscal court since the recent election.

HENRY COUNTY

Judge Bates introduced himself as the new Henry County Judge/Executive. He stated that the Trimble County Planning and Zoning department has been busy with new building permits and construction, such as an approximately 190 single-family home subdivision that will be built in Eminence. He also stated that he has met with the county sewer engineer regarding plans for upgrades to the county sewer system.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Ms. Liu recapped the recent opening of Top Golf in St. Matthews and the increase in county revenue from permit application fees due to increased economic development activities for 2023. She also gave a recap on the county's plans to update its Comprehensive with data from the 2020 Census.

Mr. Mattingly recapped Jefferson County's street project activities, such as the 9th Street project and the Broadway Street downtown overhaul. He stated that the final draft of the corridor plan for Preston Highway in conjunction with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will soon be released. Also, Jefferson County will be

working with KYTC on several upcoming projects such as a Bardstown Road safety study and a road project on Northwestern Parkway.

OLDHAM COUNTY

Mr. Urban recapped Oldham County's infrastructure improvement activities. He reported that a new assisted living facility will open soon, a new animal control facility will be constructed, and the aquatic center is being renovated.

Mr. Fogle gave a recap on the activities of Oldham County's planning and zoning department regarding permit applications and residential zoning changes.

SHELBY COUNTY

Deputy Judge Park provided a recap of the KY-53 project that is now open after the widening that has been ongoing since 2020. The project not only included widening the road to four lanes, but also the reconfiguration of traffic signals, and the addition of a median and walking paths. The county is now looking at the possibility of widening more areas of KY-53. He also reported that the county is continuing to maintain the balance between rural agriculture growth and the growth of commercial, residential, and industrial sectors.

Mr. Libke gave a recap on the progress of the 5-year Comprehensive Plan for Shelby County and the City of Shelbyville and reported that the City of Simpsonville plans to complete their own plan. He also recapped the ongoings of the Shelby County planning and zoning department.

SPENCER COUNTY

Ms. Sweazy provided the council with a recap of the recent Spencer County elections results and stated that four of the five county magistrates are newly elected. There has been a proposition to expand the farmers market and increase the area of land for an expansion of the county animal shelter. She also recapped the ongoing activities of the Shelby County planning and zoning department.

Judge Travis reported on plans regarding the need to improve city water service and stated that the county is also looking at expanding its sewer system in the

future. Also, the county has hired additional employees to handle matters of economic development and tourism.

TRIMBLE COUNTY

Judge Ogburn introduced himself and Ms. Arnold. He stated that he has spoken at length with Mr. Haley and Ms. Harper regarding his role as it relates to KIPDA as the Trimble County Judge/Executive, and he reported that there are several much-needed, new water and wastewater projects in the works in Trimble County.

ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENERGY SECURITY

Ms. LeMaster, Energy Assurance and Efficiency Coordinator gave the council a presentation on her role with the Office of Energy Policy. The Office of Energy Policy (OEP) was created through an Energy and Environment Cabinet Reorganization during the 2018 Kentucky General Assembly. The OEP retains many functions of the former Department for Energy Development and Independence, but it has a more streamlined organizational structure in order to approach energy policy issues and energy programs in a manner that reflects current challenges and opportunities.

OEP hopes to address energy policy with a commonsense approach that ensures the Commonwealth thrives amid rapid changes occurring in the production, delivery, and use of energy. For example, affordable electricity is a primary driver of the Commonwealth's economy, but the pathways necessary to ensure continuing affordability and reliability of Kentucky's energy sectors are becoming more complex.

The Office of Energy Policy believes in its mission to utilize Kentucky's energy resources for the betterment of the Commonwealth while protecting and improving our environment. It hopes to achieve a better understanding; communicating about how rapid changes occurring in the energy sector, such as advancements and cost reductions in certain technologies; federal and other states' policies; and market forces; place pressure on existing energy systems, but also present new opportunities for energy users and producers.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Harper suggested that the council meetings begin using the hybrid system again so that members can attend in person if they choose or via Zoom. The council members agreed, and the hybrid meeting method will be used going forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regional Planning Council meeting will be held on April 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the Burke Conference Room and via Zoom video conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Travis moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sweazy seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.