

**EAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**APRIL 13, 2021  
MINUTES**

The East Tennessee Development District's Executive Committee held a meeting on Tuesday April 13, 2021, at the Buddy's BBQ Banquet Hall in Knoxville, TN. The following Executive Committee members were present:

Roland (Trey) Dykes, III, City of Newport Mayor  
Mark Potts, Jefferson County Mayor  
Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor  
Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor  
E.L. Morton, Campbell County Mayor  
Crystal Ottinger, Cocke County Mayor  
Glenn Jacobs, Knox County Mayor  
Brian Langley, Morgan County Executive  
Ron Woody, Roane County Executive  
Jason Bailey, Union County Mayor  
Evelyn Gill, Member at Large

**Guests**

Alan Woods, ETDD  
Stacy Chambers, Monroe County Development Representative  
Anna Beth Walker, Claiborne County Development Representative  
Jane Jolley, Knox County Development Representative  
Jack Qualls, Loudon County Development Representative  
Tammy Merritt, Congressman Fleischmann's Office  
Chelsea Ivens, Senator Blackburn's Office  
Sarah Fansler, Congressman Burchett's Office  
Bert Robinson, TVA  
Gary Human, TN Dept. of ECD  
Mike Arms, ATVG  
Gary Holiway, ETHRA

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Trey Dykes called the meeting to order.

## **MINUTES**

Chairman Trey Dykes presented the minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting to the Executive Committee for approval. Roane County Executive Ron Woody made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, it was seconded by Campbell County Mayor E.L. Morton, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2021 was presented by ETDD Executive Director Rick Yakubic. Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank made the motion to accept the report as presented and it was seconded by Roane County Executive Ron Woody, and it was approved by all.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chairman Trey Dykes asked Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank to present the report on the Nominating Committee. Mayor Frank thanked the following members for their service:

Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor and Chair  
Brian Langley, Morgan County Executive  
Bill Brittain, Hamblen County Mayor  
Crystal Ottinger, Cocke County Mayor  
Jason Bailey, Union County Mayor  
E.L. Morton, Campbell County Mayor

Committee Chairman Terry Frank reported that the Nominating Committee met in person prior to this Executive Committee meeting and the committee proposed the following nominations for the ETDD/ETHRA officers for 2021-2022:

For Chair:	Mr. Mark Potts, Jefferson County Mayor
For Vice-Chair:	Mr. Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor
For Secretary:	Mr. Jeff Tibbals, Scott County Mayor
For Treasurer:	Mr. Brian Langley, Morgan County Executive

Committee Chairman Terry Frank made the motion for the Executive Committee to recommend to the Board of Directors that these candidates will serve as the new officers for the 2021-2022 program year. It was seconded by Roane County Executive Ron Woody and approved by all.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Rick Yakubic, ETDD Executive Director, gave his Director's report:

Mr. Yakubic thanked everyone for attending. He introduced our new Fiscal Officer Alan Woods, and that Mr. Bobrowski is still coming by the office once a week during the transition. He mentioned that our financial assistant left, and that position was open and now filled by Christie Burt and is currently working that position as well as administrative assistant for the current time. Rick is involved in training and still learning his position.

## **Grants Update**

### **TDOT Multi-Modal Grant**

Mr. Yakubic reported that the TDOT Multi-Modal applications were submitted November 6, 2020 for the following communities, Sweetwater for a downtown sidewalk, Anderson County for Norway sidewalks, Rutledge for downtown sidewalks, and Wartburg for downtown sidewalks. We are currently waiting on announcements that we estimate to be in May 2021.

### **FEMA**

Mr. Yakubic reported that our staff submitted FEMA applications on February 12, 2021 and are currently waiting on announcements that we estimate to be in November of 2021. Two of the fire departments listed below could not register with FEMA GO because they do not have their SAM (System for Award Management) account current.

1. Washburn (Grainger County)
2. Roane County
3. Vonore
4. Caryville
5. Mid-South (Scott County)
6. New Market
7. Ridgecrest (Campbell County)

### **ARC Grants**

Mr. Yakubic mentioned that ARC applications were submitted on March 15, 2021 and are currently waiting on announcements that we estimate to be sometime in August 2021. Below is a list of those communities that submitted applications:

1. Cocke County – Waterline Extension into the Parrottsville area
2. Claiborne County – Boat Dock for Fishing Tournaments
3. Loudon – Marina Construction
4. Grainger County – Construction of Classroom for Agriculture Students

## **CDBG Grants**

Mr. Yakubic announced that CDBG grant applications were submitted on April 2, 2021 and are now waiting on announcements estimated to be around September 2021. Below is a list of those applications that were submitted.

1. Claiborne County - Waterline Extension
2. Monroe County - Waterline Extension
3. Jefferson County - Ambulances
4. Blount County - Fire Truck
5. Jellico - Fire Truck
6. Caryville - Fire Hall
7. Harrogate - Wastewater Line Extension
8. Cocke County - Waterline Extension
9. Scott County - EMS Center
10. Campbell County - Fire Truck
11. Loudon - Wastewater Collection System
12. Oakdale – Ambulance
13. Roane County – Ambulance
14. Jefferson City - Wastewater Collection System

## **Recreation Plans**

Mr. Yakubic reported that the benchmark with the State either is May 31 or November 30. We are excited to be able to make this a reality to our communities. In the future, as you make application to the State for recreation, you must have a recreation plan, or you will not be able to apply. ETDD staff can assist our communities with that plan. ETDD assisted plans will provide an extra step that private consultants will not be providing. When we have completed the recreation plan that community will also be Benchmarked with the State of Tennessee that will provide additional points on any recreation grants with the State. We have signed contracts with Loudon, Madisonville, Winfield, and Sweetwater.

## **Infrastructure Grants**

Mr. Yakubic announced that applications are due April 23, 2021. This will allow the utility to do some mapping of their system or do a water loss or wastewater I/I study. This is a \$50,000 grant with a 5% match. The communities we are currently assisting with their utility mapping are Clinton, Rockwood, and Newport Utility.

## **EDI Bullentin**

Mr. Yakubic informed the committee that he received an EDI Bulletin from Lucas Blankenship, a copy is in your packet. This is a list of funding that is available. Look through this and if have any interest or questions, feel free to give us a call.

### **Agribusiness Loan Program**

Mr. Yakubic informed the committee that we are still looking for applications for our new loan program from the TN Dept. of Agriculture. The purpose of the program is to stimulate farm and agribusiness income. We intend to provide low interest financing for the purchase of farm equipment and machinery to create new markets for locally produced farm products. Loans can be for up to \$75,000, 7 years maximum term and we anticipate the interest rate to be around 4%. Loans can be used for building, harvesting equipment, production equipment, fencing, irrigation equipment, grain storage and variety of other things. No rolling stock such as trucks or trailers are eligible. We currently have two loans under this program.

### **Calendar**

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> along with our Annual Business meeting at Rothchild's.

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held sometime later in the year.

Mike Arms mentioned there will be a regional dinner at Chesapeake's in Knoxville. The summer meeting will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> in Huntsville.

### **Other Business**

No other business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, Chairman Trey Dykes entertained a motion to adjourn. Member at Large Evelyn Gill made the motion, it was seconded by Cocke County Mayor Crystal Ottinger, and it was approved by all.