

**Big Sandy Area Development District
Special Called Board of Directors Meeting
August 2, 2017 – 2:30 – District Meeting Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge-Executive Ben Hale
Judge-Executive Tucker Daniel
Judge-Executive Kelly Callaham
Judge-Executive Charles Hardin, by proxy Mr. Mike Wilson
Mayor Les Stapleton
Mayor Bill Mike Runyon
Mayor Edward Daniels
Mayor Jimmy Carter, by proxy Mr. Philip Elswick
Mayor Mike Taylor
Mayor Andrew Scott
Mr. Mark McKenzie
Ms. Nita Collier
Mr. Jerry Fultz
Ms. Susan Howard
Mr. Burl Wells Spurlock

GUESTS PRESENT

Kelly Ward Wallen – ARDF
Bob Scott, KY AML
Aaron Nelson, Floyd County Chronicled Times
Bobby McCool, BSCTC
Stacia Carwell, City of Prestonsburg
Representative Chris Harris
Allen Gillem
Cliff Latta
Representative Larry Brown
Representative Angie Hatton
Senator Ray Jones
Ralph Mullins
Brittainy Branham
William Meade
Justin Adams, AML
Tom Smith
Paul Bailey
Scott Stephens
Aaron Thompson, Governor Bevins Office

Donna Stephens
Dianah Cordell, Magoffin County
Josie Bailey, Magoffin County
Marlene Howard, Magoffin County
Victoria Doucette, R.T.T.
Andrea Begley
Col. Phillip Secrist, USACE – Huntington District
Sharanna Remans, USACE
Shawn Allen, EKB News
Charles Snavelly
Eddie Campbell
Donald Compton
Mike Campbell
George Reed
Michael B. Arnett
Ryan & Shara Wagoner
Josh Turner
James Butler

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Sandy Runyon
Ms. Terry Trimble
Ms. Janice Prater
Ms. Peggy McKenzie
Mr. Brandon Montgomery
Ms. Darlene Walker
Ms. Kristy Hunt
Mr. Steve Jones
Ms. Elizabeth Hamilton
Ms. Tammy Hunter

Ms. Denise Thomas
Mr. Joe Jacobs
Mr. Greg Salyers
Ms. Tara Little
Mr. Jarrod Gibson
Ms. Regina McClure
Ms. Misha Curnutte
Ms. Sandra Justice
Ms. Brenda Powers

The meeting was called to order by Judge-Executive Ben Hale. Sandy Runyon had the pleasure of introducing Congressman Hal Rogers.

The Congressman reminisced about some of the projects he has been successful in securing funding for in the District and the appreciation he has for the people of this region and their resilience.

He said he just came off of 6 years as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee where he managed to get \$8 Billion dollars to combat drug addiction and creation of CARA (Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act). The law now only allows a prescription of a 3 day supply for opioids.

He then shared with the Board and guests the following projects that are receiving approval for funding today:

\$1,900,000 in AML funds for the Royalton Trail Town where they will build cabins and horse barns and make other improvements which should add value to the Dawkins Trail. Congressman Rogers introduced Bob Scott with KY Abandoned Mine Lands, who provided some additional information about the project and the AML pilot program.

\$1,950,000 for the Rails To Trails project which will be built on the abandoned line that runs from Prestonsburg to David. This funding is also provided by the AML pilot program in an effort to increase and enhance tourism in the coal fields.

\$1,000,000 grant to the City of Prestonsburg from PRIDE and the Corps of Engineers for the Big Sandy Waste Water Treatment Plant at Betsy Layne where ultimately 3000 more households and 300 businesses will receive sewer service. Col. Philip Secrist took a moment to speak about what the Corps of Engineers is doing to help alleviate the lack of clean water in the mountains of eastern Kentucky.

Congressman Rogers then took the time to congratulate the Royalton Trail Town Partners and the Sugar Camp Volunteers for all their hard work on trails in their respective areas and to present them with the Hal Rogers Difference Maker Award.

The meeting adjourned.