

**Upper Cumberland Development District
Executive Committee Meeting**

MINUTES	JUNE 16, 2021	10:00 A.M.	COOKEVILLE, TN
MEETING CALLED BY	Chairman Randy Heady		
TYPE OF MEETING	UCDD Executive Committee Meeting		
FACILITATOR	Chairman Randy Heady		
NOTE TAKER	Sherry Thurman		
MEMBERS PRESENT	Dale Reagan, Tonya Spears, James Mayberry, Tim Stribling, Jimmy Johnson, Randy Heady, Lloyd Williams, Steve Jones, Ben Danner, Jeff Mason, Sarah Marie Smith, Jimmy Haley, Marvin Lusk, Denny Robinson		
MEMBERS ABSENT	Brent Bush, Andy Duggin, Allen Foster, Josh Miller, Harvey Stowers, Jerry Wilmore, Curtis Hayes, Carey Garner, Sam Gibson, Randy Porter, Ricky Shelton, Greg Wilson, Mickey Robinson, Ryle Chastain, Jeff Young, Representative Cameron Sexton, Senator Paul Bailey		
	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL	CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY	
CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Randy Heady called the meeting to order.		
ROLLCALL	Sherry Thurman called the roll and the attendance is recorded above. There was a quorum of the committee members present.		
	APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA	CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY	
DISCUSSION	<p>Chairman Randy Heady advised that the consent agenda consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2021 • FY-2022 UCDD Work Plan • UCDD Complaint Record Retention and Destruction Policies <p>A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda.</p>		
ACTION	<p><u>Motion to Approve</u> Motion made by: Tim Stribling Motion seconded by: Ben Danner Chairman Randy Heady asked for discussion or comments on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>		
	UCDD FINANCIAL REPORT	GINGER STOUT, FINANCE DIRECTOR	
DISCUSSION	<p>Ginger Stout presented the July 1, 2020 through April 20, 2021 financial report for Upper Cumberland Development District.</p> <p>A motion was made to approve the financial report.</p>		

ACTION	<p><u>Motion to Approve</u> Motion made by: Steve Jones Motion seconded by: Dale Reagan Motion carried unanimously.</p>
	<p>CAIC LOANS MEGAN CHOATE, DIRECTOR OF LENDING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT *UPDATE ON PEA RIDGE LOAN</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley gave an update on the Pea Ridge loan. The loan recipient filed bankruptcy and CAIC was in the process of foreclosing on the loan. Danny Rader has been working with CAIC throughout the process. A couple of buyers were interested in the property but CAIC hasn't been able to work out any reasonable sell of the property. The Pea Ridge property will sell at public auction.</p>
	<p>ACTION ITEMS CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY A. Resolution 21-6-1 B. Resolution 21-6-2</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley presented two resolutions for discussion and approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution 21-6-1 In December, 2020, the board approved a resolution dealing with the defederalization of the Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund pool. EDA requested that changes be made to the wording in the resolution. • Resolution 21-6-2 Economic Development Administration provided funding through the CARES Act to support the region's businesses in relation to COVID-19. EDA allowed waivers of three regulations for the new CARES Act funds as well as the existing revolving loan funds. The waivers were set to expire June 30, 2021. EDA has extended the end date of the waivers until June 30, 2022. <p>A motion was made to approve Resolution 21-6-1 and Resolution 21-6-2.</p>
ACTION	<p><u>Motion to Approve</u> Motion made by: James Mayberry Motion seconded by: Steve Jones Chairman Randy Heady asked for discussion on the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. 14 board members voted yes.</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>PROGRAM UPDATES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARK FARLEY</p> <p>Executive Director Mark Farley gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Rescue Plan Funding – A meeting was held recently in Gatlinburg and proposals were presented by the Comptroller's office. Funding for cities will flow through the state and the Horn Group will administer the funds. Counties may need some guidance on what is acceptable. At the end of July or the first of August, the UCDD will host a work session for cities and counties to discuss the regulations. A Save the Date will be sent to everyone.

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redistricts - Several board members contacted the UCDD to assist with redistricts. The state has a process in place to assist the counties. If anyone needs technical assistance contact Chuck Sutherland at the UCDD. • Introduction of new employee – Silas Stoddart will be the RPO Coordinator for Center Hill and he will be working closely with Mark Dudney on the Dale Hollow RPO. Mr. Stoddart will also work on a regional need's assessment for the Upper Cumberland. • Virginia Alexander will be leaving the Development District at the end of June. She is starting her own business in Carthage. • Aging Department – The senior centers contracts will be issued soon. • Jim Shulman, Executive Director of the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability retired. James Dunn will be the new director of TCAD.
	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARK FARLEY *GUEST SPEAKER JUDY ROITMAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TENNESSEE HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>Executive Director Mark Farley introduced Judy Roitman, Executive Director of the Tennessee Health Care Campaign. Mrs. Roitman gave a presentation on rural hospital closures.</p>
DISCUSSION	<p>REGIONAL PARTNERS CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY</p> <p>Chairman Randy Heady introduced the regional partners attending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonya Rimmer with Volunteer Electric. No update presented. • Tara Wohlgemuth with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation advised that septic system permits are up 50% over last year. TDEC will be hiring new septic inspectors. A grant was funded for Virgin Falls for an additional 1400 acres. TDEC is working with counties and cities on local parks and recreation grants. The lodge at Fall Creek Falls is slated for January 1, 2022 opening for the public. • Ranata Mattison with the Tennessee Housing Development Agency announced that Denise McBride retired in February, 2021. If there are constituents in need of COVID relief funds contact Ms. Mattison or go to the THDA website. The funds can be used for utility purposes for renters. • Kurt Heischmidt with the Tennessee Department of Health advised that the health departments are getting back to normal after COVID. COVID testing and vaccines are being administered at the health departments. The health councils will be starting in late summer or early fall. There will be some significant changes to the Healthy Built Environment grant program in the next grant cycle. There were two recipients for the last cycle – City of McMinnville and White County. Mr. Heischmidt announced that he is resigning in July to go back to school and work part-time in the private sector. • Josh Wilkerson with USDA Rural Development advised that USDA employees are beginning to transition back to normal operations. USDA is approaching the second quarter of the fiscal year and most of the grant monies have been expended. Now is a good time to discuss grants or loans needed for next year.

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- Will West with the Tennessee Valley Authority advised that activity is picking up across the region.
- Bonnie Warren with Senator Bill Hagerty's office announced that staff is attending special events in the counties. Ms. Warren has attended events in Clay and Warren counties.
- Chelsea Ivan with Senator Marsha Blackburn's office announced that Senator Blackburn is very passionate about access to rural health care and hospital closures. Senator Blackburn co-chairs the Senate Rural Health Care Caucus.
- Tyler Crevit with Senator Marsha Blackburn's office advised that he covers the southeastern part of the state. If anyone needs assistance contact Senator Blackburn's office.
- Jenny Spurlock with Congressman John Rose's office advised that if constituents have issues with passports give her a call.

OLD BUSINESS **CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY**

DISCUSSION No old business was presented for discussion.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS **CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY**

DISCUSSION There were no public comments presented.

ADJOURN **CHAIRMAN RANDY HEADY**

Chairman Randy Heady advised that he would accept a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion made by: Ben Danner
 Motion seconded by: Jimmy Johnson

ACTION

The UCDD Executive Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the June 16, 2021 meeting.

CONCLUSION
10:45 a.m.


 Randy Heady, Chairman


 Jimmy Johnson, Secretary