

**PRELIMINARY  
MINUTES**

**BUILD KANSAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

February 26, 2025  
Room 112-N—Statehouse

**Members Present**

Representative Troy Waymaster, Chairperson  
Senator Rick Billinger, Vice-chairperson  
Senator Tim Shallenburger  
Representative Shannon Francis  
Representative Kyle Hoffman  
Representative Lindsay Vaughn

**Members Absent**

Senator J. R. Claeys  
Senator Pat Pettey  
Representative Henry Helgerson

**Staff Present**

Chardae Caine, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Chris Waggoner, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Wolters, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Susan McClacherty, Committee Assistant

**Conferees**

Matthew Volz, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

**Tuesday, February 26  
Afternoon Session**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Waymaster called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

**Presentation on the Build Kansas Fund Structure**

Matthew Volz, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub, on behalf of the Build Kansas Steering Committee, provided an overview of the structure of the Build Kansas Fund to help local communities get awards through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and provide funding matches for competitive grant programs. ([Attachment 1](#))

**Build Kansas Fund Performance**

Mr. Volz provided an update on the performance of the Build Kansas Fund including applications, approved funds, return on investment, and projects within the economic development districts.

**Presentation on Kansas Infrastructure Hub/Build Kansas Fund Update**

Mr. Volz provided updates on the Grant Assistance Program, a new webinar series, and the third Kansas Infrastructure Summit.

**Presentation on Applications to the Build Kansas Matching Grant Fund**

The following new applications were reviewed:

1. #2025-083-SCKEDD is from the Wichita Airport Authority for a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Infrastructure Grant in support of funding a project to rehabilitate the taxiway and apron, reconstruct guidance signs, and improve service roads. The entity is requesting \$1.3 million and contributing a local match of \$149,425. This request has a potential to unlock \$13.4 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$14.9 million. ([Attachment 2](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

2. #2025-087-SCKEDD is from the City of Wichita for funding a Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) project for mitigation of street flooding and reduction of the floodplain, upgrades to storm sewer, and street reconstruction. The entity is requesting \$9.0 million and contributing a local match of \$477,080. This request has potential to unlock \$38.1 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$47.7 million. ([Attachment 3](#))

*Chairperson Waymaster moved, and Senator Shallenburger seconded, to send the project back to the City of Wichita for discussion of additional matching local funds. Motion carried.*

The following Build Kansas Fund applications amendments were made due to the federal award being less than the amount applied for and which impacts the Kansas Build Fund amount with the difference being placed back into the Build Kansas Fund for redistribution:

- #2024-004-NCRPC–The Build Kansas Fund original award of \$745,566 to the Salina Airport Authority was reduced to \$337,847;
- #2024-062-GP–The Build Kansas Fund original award of \$37,344 to Morton County was reduced to \$26,250; and
- #2025-073-NoEDD–The Build Kansas Fund original award of \$525,000 to Osage County was reduced to \$149,000.

Chairperson Waymaster confirmed the Kansas Build Fund adjustments can be made with the Kansas State Treasurer’s office without further action from the Committee.

### **Committee Discussion, Advise, and Recommendations**

Chairperson Waymaster opened the floor for discussion.

The Committee discussed the freezing of funds for grant money and its impact on the number of active grants programs.

Members of the Kansas Infrastructure Hub plan to visit the Northwest Kansas Economic Group, Northwest Kansas Planning Commission, and the City of Hays on February 26, 2025.

Next month, it is anticipated that Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant applications from the cities of Hays and Russell will be reviewed by the Committee.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Prepared by Susan McClacherty  
Edited by Chardae Caine

Approved by the Committee on:

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(Date)