

**PRELIMINARY  
MINUTES**

**BUILD KANSAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

March 14, 2024  
Room 548-S—Statehouse

**Members Present**

Senator Ty Masterson, Chairperson  
Representative Troy Waymaster, Vice-chairperson  
Senator J.R. Claeys  
Senator Usha Reddi  
Senator Tim Shallenburger  
Representative Shannon Francis  
Representative Henry Helgerson  
Representative Kyle Hoffman  
Representative Lindsay Vaughn

**Members Absent**

All members present.

**Staff Present**

Eric Adell, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Chardae Caine, Legislative Research Department  
Murl Riedel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Chris Waggoner, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Nancy Fontaine, Committee Assistant

**Conferees**

Vanessa Lamoreaux, Senior Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Masterson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Approval of December 18, 2023 Minutes**

*Representative Waymaster moved, Senator Claeys seconded, approval of the minutes for December 18, 2023. The motion carried.*

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

Staff distributed a document displaying the current Build Kansas Matching Grant Fund balance. ([Attachment 1](#))

The Chairperson recognized Vanessa Lamoreaux, Kansas Infrastructure Hub, on behalf of the Build Kansas Steering Committee. Ms. Lamoreaux provided a brief overview of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the grant application process, and presented 12 applications for review.

The following applications were reviewed:

1. #2024-008-NCRPC is from the City of Concordia to support a U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant for construction of a box hanger, installation of associated utilities, pavement marking, and erosion control at the Blosser Municipal Airport. The local match requirement is 10.0 percent. The City is seeking \$12,555 from the Build Kansas Fund, which would unlock \$113,000 in federal funds for the first year of the project. The Steering Committee recommended approval. ([Attachment 2](#))

*Senator Claeys moved, Representative Waymaster seconded, to approve this application and to recommend to the State Treasurer that it be funded. The motion carried.*

2. # 2024-012-NCRPC is from the City of Concordia to support a USDOT, FAA grant for design and construction of a box hanger and corresponding improvements at the Blosser Municipal Airport. There is a local match requirement of 10.0 percent for each year of the funding allotment. The City is seeking \$12,555, which has the potential to unlock \$113,000 in federal funds for the second year of the project. The Steering Committee recommended approval. ([Attachment 3](#))

*Senator Claeys moved, Representative Helgerson seconded, to approve this application and to recommend to the State Treasurer that it be funded. The motion carried.*

3. # 2024-010-GP is from the City of Dodge City to support a U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation grant for a project supporting wastewater reuse through managed aquifer recharge. The local match requirement is 75.0 percent. The City is contributing \$22,750,000 and is seeking \$20,000,000 from the Build Kansas Fund. This would unlock \$14,250,000 in federal funds. The applicant is also exploring funding through the Kansas Water Office. The Steering Committee recommended approval. ([Attachment 4](#))

*Senator Claeys moved, Representative Francis seconded, to approve \$20,000,000 or the difference between that amount and any amount awarded by the Kansas Water Office. The Committee recommends to the State Treasurer that the application be funded as noted. The motion carried.*

4. # 2024-011-GP is from the Port Authority of Stafford County to support a USDOT grant to establish a public railroad transload facility serving South Central Kansas. There is a local match requirement of 20.0 percent. The Authority is contributing \$5,250,000 and is seeking \$5,000,000 from the Build Kansas Fund. This would unlock \$25,000,000 in federal funds. The Steering Committee recommended approval. ([Attachment 5](#))

*Senator Claeys moved, Representative Waymaster seconded, to approve this application and to recommend to the State Treasurer that it be funded. The motion carried.*

5. # 2024-013-NCRPC is from Dickinson County to support a USDOT grant to connect Dickinson County into the Kansas Statewide Interoperable Communications System. The local match requirement is 10.0 percent. The County is requesting \$300,000, which would unlock \$3,000,000 in federal funds. The Steering Committee recommended approval. ([Attachment 6](#))

*Senator Claeys moved, Representative Waymaster seconded, to approve this application and to recommend to the State Treasurer that it be funded. The motion carried.*

6. #2024-014-NCRPC is from the City of Abilene to support a USDOT grant to enhance infrastructure around the I-70/Exit 272 route. The local match requirement is 10.0 percent. The City is seeking \$1,100,000, which would unlock \$9,900,000 in federal funds. The Steering Committee recommended approval. ([Attachment 7](#))

*Senator Claeys moved, Representative Waymaster seconded, to approve this application and to recommend to the State Treasurer that it be funded. The motion carried.*

7. # 2024-015-NWKPDC is from the City of Hays to support a U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant to help with the cost of the R9 Wellfield and Pipeline Project. The local match requirement is 25.0 percent. The City is seeking \$12,500,000, which would unlock \$50,000,000 in federal funds. The Steering Committee recommended approval. Discussion ensued concerning why the application came from the City of Hays when the City of Russell also shares the water rights to the R9 site. Ms. Lamoreaux clarified that while multiple entities may collaborate on a project, only one entity can submit an application. ([Attachment 8](#))

*Representative Waymaster moved, Senator Claeys seconded, to approve this application, contingent upon documentation demonstrating collaboration between the cities of Hays and Russell. The Committee recommends to the State Treasurer that the application be funded as noted. The motion carried.*

8. # 2024-016-FHRC is from the City of Manhattan to support a USDOT, FAA grant for the Hangar Development and Construction Project. The local match requirement is 10.0 percent. The City is seeking \$282,000, which would unlock \$2,538,000 in federal funds. The Steering Committee recommended approval. ([Attachment 9](#))

*Senator Claeys moved, Senator Reddi seconded, to approve this application and to recommend to the State Treasurer that it be funded. The motion carried.*

9. # 2024-017-MARC is from the Leavenworth Waterworks Board to support a U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA grant for redundancy and modernization of water treatment facilities serving approximately 55,000 customers, which will increase capacity and eliminate dependency on water from the Missouri River. Attachment 11 incorrectly states the match requirement is 10.0 percent. The correct local match requirement is 25.0 percent. The Board is seeking \$10,000,000, which would unlock \$30,000,000 in federal funds. The Steering Committee recommended approval. ([Attachment 10](#))

*Senator Claeys moved, Senator Reddi seconded, to approve this application and to recommend to the State Treasurer that it be funded. The motion carried.*

10. # 2024-018-MARC is from the City of Edgerton to support a USDOT grant to enable development of a transportation study encompassing residential development, BNSF Intermodal

Facility expansion, a logistics park, and residential development. There is a local match requirement of 20.0 percent. The City is seeking \$520,000, which would unlock \$2,080,000 in federal funds. The Steering Committee recommended approval. Members expressed concern regarding use of Build Kansas funding for planning projects and the applicant's previous efforts to construct a fitness center. Following discussion, there was consensus to delay action on this item and to discuss it further at the next meeting. ([Attachment 11](#))

11. # 2024-020-GP is from the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District 3 to support a US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation grant to eliminate infiltration and evaporation losses and reduce the spread of uranium contamination into the High Plains Ogallala Aquifer. The local match requirement is 50.0 percent. The District is seeking \$500,000, which would unlock \$500,000 in federal funds. The applicant is also exploring funding through the Kansas Water Office. The Steering Committee recommended approval. ([Attachment 12](#))

*Representative Francis moved to approve this application.*

*Representative Vaughn made a substitute motion, Representative Helgerson seconded, to approve \$500,000 or the difference between that amount and any amount awarded by the Kansas Water Office. The Committee recommends to the State Treasurer that the application be funded as noted. The motion carried.*

12. #2024-021-GP is from Hamilton County to support a USDOT grant for a road surface transportation project. The local match requirement is 20.0 percent. The County is contributing \$185,000 and seeking \$2,331,300 from the Build Kansas Fund, which would unlock \$9,325,200 in federal funds. The Steering Committee recommended approval. ([Attachment 13](#))

*Representative Francis moved, Representative Helgerson seconded, to approve this application and to recommend to the State Treasurer that it be funded. The motion carried.*

## **Adjourn**

Chairperson Masterson adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Prepared by Nancy Fontaine  
Edited by Murl Riedel

Approved by the Committee on:

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(Date)