

**PRELIMINARY  
MINUTES**

**BUILD KANSAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

March 18, 2025  
Room 112-N—Statehouse

**Members Present**

Representative Troy Waymaster, Chairperson  
Senator Rick Billinger, Vice-chairperson  
Senator J. R. Claeys  
Senator Tim Shallenburger  
Representative Shannon Francis  
Representative Henry Helgersen  
Representative Kyle Hoffman  
Representative Lindsay Vaughn

**Members Absent**

Senator Pat Pettey

**Staff Present**

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

**Conferees**

Matthew Volz, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

**Tuesday, March 18  
Afternoon Session**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Waymaster called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.

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

Matthew Volz, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub (Hub), on behalf of the Build Kansas Steering Committee, provided a review of the Build Kansas Fund applications, Hub updates, and an overview of the Hub dashboards. ([Attachment 1](#))

The following new applications were reviewed:

1. #2025-086-SEKRPC is from Crawford County Rural Water District #5 for a WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Project to upgrade metering of its entire water system and for improvements at two water treatment plants. The entity is requesting \$365,250 and contributing a local match of \$10,000 and in-kind contribution of \$8,750.00. The request has the potential to unlock \$1.1 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$1.5 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 project for mitigation of street flooding and reduction of the floodplain, upgrades to storm sewer, and street reconstruction. The entity is requesting \$7.1 million and contributing a local match of \$2.4 million. This request has the potential to unlock \$38.2 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$47.8 million. ([Attachment 3](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

3. #2025-088-MARC is from the City of Gardner for a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Infrastructure Grant in support of funding a project to purchase and clear land, secure air rights, and preserve an approach slope near the Gardner airport runway. The entity is requesting \$24,736 and contributing a local match of \$2,749. This request has the potential to unlock \$522,215 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$549,700. ([Attachment 4](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

4. #2025-090-NWKPDPC is from the City of Hays for a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant for a project to provide long-term water supply sustainability for the cities of Hays and Russell. The entity is requesting \$15.8 million and contributing a local match of \$833,333. Other additional project contribution totals \$68.3 million. This request has the potential to unlock \$50.0 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$135.0 million. ([Attachment 5](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

5. #2025-092-GP is from the Hugoton Municipal Airport for an FAA American Infrastructure Grant to improve the runway, taxiway, lighting, signage, and electrical infrastructure. The entity is requesting \$18,249 and contributing a local match of \$18,249. This request has the potential to unlock \$328,482 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$364,980. ([Attachment 6](#))

Mr. Volz informed the committee of a potential conflict of interest as his wife works for the engineering company that was hired by the Hugoton Municipal Airport, but his wife is not working on this project and is not an airport engineer.

There was consensus to approve this application.

6. #2025-094-SEKRPC is from the City of Coffeyville for a BRIC grant to install two storm sirens to enhance severe weather alert coverage, improve public safety, and ensure all city residents receive timely emergency warnings. The entity is requesting \$9,053 and contributing a local match of \$6,035. This request has the potential to unlock \$45,264 of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$60,352. ([Attachment 7](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

7. #2025-097-MARC is from the Leavenworth Waterworks Board for a BRIC grant to add a full second treatment train to Leavenworth Water Works' South Treatment Plant. The entity is requesting \$11.3 million and contributing a local match of \$596,250. This request has the potential to unlock \$35.8 million of federal funds, for a total project cost of \$47.7 million. ([Attachment 8](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

### **Committee Discussion, Advice, and Recommendations**

The Executive Director indicated \$34.6 million from the Build Kansas Fund was committed to projects prior to the meeting, and \$45.0 million from the Build Kansas Fund had not been committed. Chairperson Waymaster highlighted the \$34.7 million approved during the meeting and another \$10.3 million awaiting federal grant awards.

The Executive Director indicated several federal grant programs are paused for a 90-day review of the new administration. Some programs are going to be rescinded. Most grant programs will have their rules rewritten and republished and then be pushed back out.

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Representative Hoffman moved, and Representative Helgerson seconded, to adopt the minutes for the January 27 and February 26, 2025, meetings. The motion carried.*

### **Adjourn**

Chairperson Waymaster adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Prepared by Susan McClacherty  
Edited by Chardae Caine

Approved by the Committee on:

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(Date)