

# BRADDventures

## **NEW WATER PLAN GOAL: SERVE ALL**

The Barren River Area Water Management Planning Council assembled for the first meeting November 29, reviewing maps and data from the BRADD archives. Barren County Judge/Executive Freddie Travis was elected chairman of the Council, which includes, local officials, the heads of all water utilities, and representatives of other agencies such as the Mammoth Cave RC&D, the District Health Department, and local planning commissions.

Under legislation enacted earlier this year, the new Council must develop an Area Water Management Plan by next July. The plan a) must review sources of surface and groundwater for adequacy of supply and protection; b) must establish priorities for serving areas not now adequately served; and, c) must review the service areas of both drinking water and waste water facilities. The review of facilities includes technical, managerial, and financial capacities with the ultimate intent of merging facilities for economies of scale and efficiency.

BRADD Services Coordinator Jack Eversole told the Council members that the planning process may find that extending water lines to every un-served home is not a "real world possibility. And if we can't run water lines there, we'll never be able to run sewer lines." Some alternatives were discussed, including protected wells and individual storage tanks.

A goal of the process, as stated by Governor Patton and the General Assembly, is to assure that every home has potable water by 2020. A second goal is to assure that the cost to the consumer is reasonable. The regional plans prepared by Kentucky's 15 Area Development Districts will become the Kentucky Water Management Plan. The plans will be reviewed by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. Russellville Mayor Shirlee Yassney and Munfordville attorney Damon Talley are members of the KIA Board.

## **REP. LEWIS TALKS TO THE BRADD BOARD**

Congressman Ron Lewis joined in the November meeting of the BRADD Board. Noting that the Florida vote count seemed to be resolved, he said the new Congress would have the burden of bringing the governing process back together.

He joked about the great interest in the election coverage and said he hadn't "watched as much TV since I was a kid."

He said there will be major issues before the next Congress. He said he hoped the political divisions will not continue to prevent addressing the issues. The Second District Congressman said, "At the end of the day, when there is a majority opinion on an issue, we need to stand up and move on to the next one. I hope the divisiveness, which has sprung up around the presidential contest will not prevent that from happening.

Rep. Lewis told the Board members that in the new session, he will re-introduce a bill to add Metcalfe, Hart, and Edmonson Counties to the Appalachian Regional Commission program. Presently, only Monroe County is included.

Rep. Lewis was introduced by BRADD Board Chairman Mike Buchanon. He was accompanied by his District staff director, Keith Rogers.

*The traditional BRADD holiday open house on December 18 will follow the 1 p.m. Board of Directors meeting. Area members of the General Assembly will be special guests for the meeting. The members will be discussing legislative aims for the new session beginning February, 2001.*

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**Leaders from Logan County have been recognized for two exemplary projects this year.**

The Governor's Local Issues Conference in August brought recognition of the Logan-Todd Water Project, which was given the Commissioner's Award for Regional Development. The project is a joint effort of the two counties assisted by the Pennyrite and Barren River ADDs. For Logan Countians, the multi-million dollar project means piping a dependable supply of water from the Cumberland River. In the photo, Logan County Judge/Executive John Guion and Russellville Mayor Shirlee Yassney accept the award from then-Commissioner Bob Arnold.

In Portland, Oregon, Auburn's Mayor Oscar Wren represents Logan County to accept an Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organization's President Terry Sherwood. The Award recognizes the state-of-the art Emergency Telecommunications Center, coordinating communications for 18 public service agencies. The services can be shared with other local governments in the area.

The NADO Award was presented by BRADD Vice Chairman Mike Jennings to Logan County Sheriff Danny Blick, Center Director Sam Bard, Judge Guion and Mayor Yassney. Mr. Bard, guided a Logan County technical committee, assisted by BRADD staff, in developing the project idea into fruition.

State Senator Brett Guthrie presents Judge Guion with an Area Development Fund check to help defray the cost of the project.

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# CHANGES

Dot Darby-Paschall began duties as BRADD Executive Director October 1. In years past, she served as a planner (health and manpower) and as Assistant Director of the ADD before being named director of government relations for the Baptist HealthCare System. She has appeared on the Frankfort scene in every legislative session since she went as a student intern from Western Kentucky University. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Western and a law degree acquired in Nashville. She also is certified as a mediator in Kentucky. She succeeds Jack Eversole, who was named Executive Director in September of 1968. He is continuing with the BRADD as Services Coordinator on a part-time basis. His work will be related to the new water management planning program and major project assistance.

Former Butler County Judge/Executive David Martin resigned recently to become Executive Director of the Kentucky County Judge/Executives Association. He and Javene have moved to Frankfort, where he will man the KCJEA office and she is assisting in the office of the Kentucky Council of ADDs. As Butler County Judge/Executive, David served for 14 years. He served two years as Chairman of the BRADD.

Hugh C. Evans was appointed by Governor Patton to replace Judge Martin as the Butler County Judge/Executive. Judge/Executive Evans is a retired Tennessee Valley Authority staff member. He has been a farm operator and active in Butler County affairs for many years. The appointment will continue through 2002.

Jody Lassiter is the new Commissioner of the Department of Local Government. In November of last year, he brought members of the Governor's Constituent Services staff to meet with the BRADD Board. A native of Calloway County, the new Commissioner has served as staff attorney for the Kentucky Court of Appeals. He succeeds Bob Arnold, who has been named Executve Director of the Kentucky Association of Counties.

Dr. Shelly Arsneault is now leading efforts of the Center For Local Governments. She is a member of the Western Kentucky University Department of Government faculty. The Center is a joint effort of the University and the BRADD to assist local governments in obtaining access to University expertise and resources.

Dr. Arsneault takes the position established about 15 years ago for the late Dr. Wayne Hoffman. In addition to helping local governments, the Center helps develop intern and practicum posts for WKU students. Many of the interns also provide assistance to local governments with a variety of technical skills. The BRADD intern program *began in the mid-1970's*.

In addition to the BRADD, the assistance has been provided to Green River, Lincoln Trail, Lake Cumberland, and Pennyriale ADDs.

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## KENTUCKY ADDS SPONSOR LOAN PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Julie Petersen, with Ross, Sinclaire & Associates, recently presented BRADD Board members with information on innovative tax-free financing for Kentucky counties, cities, and special districts. The programs are available to purchase fire trucks, 911 systems, office buildings, police cars, or other public projects including water, gas, and sewer projects.

She said the small issuer program has a minimum loan size of \$25,000 and a maximum of \$5 million. A long term municipal borrowing program has a \$250,000 minimum and can extend to 30 years. Ms. Petersen noted the KCADD programs are available along with loan programs are available along with programs sponsored by KLC and KACO. Some of the terms, details, and application processes are different. One advantage of the KCADD program is the seven to ten days turn-around time on applications. Information on the programs may be obtained from BRADD Economic Development staff.

### KCADD'S NEW INFORMATION OFFICER VISITS BRADD BOARD

Jack Couch was a fall BRADD board meeting visitor. The former Trimble County Judge/Executive recently was named Information Office of the Kentucky Council of ADDs. He took the post originally held by James Everett. Mr. Couch will represent the interests of ADD Board members in Frankfort. The KCADD offices are at 620 Capitol Avenue.

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