

**MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 22, 2017**

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at the BRADD Office, Bowling Green, KY. The BRADD meeting was called to order by Chairman Judge/Executive Greg Wilson.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Judge/Executive Michael Hale, Barren County.

Chairman Wilson recognized all guests and representatives of the news media.

Chairman Wilson and Ms. Susan Orlowski made a presentation on assistance for emergency management, and how to begin the process to apply for FEMA money.

ATTENDANCE:

It was determined that a quorum was present. (See attached attendance Record).

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the February 22, 2017 meeting were approved. (See attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers:

Chairman Wilson reported that the Executive Director Search Committee met on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. The committee put together the job description and ad. The position will be advertised from March 24 through April 17th. It will also be put on the BRADD website and be published in the Bowling Green Daily Newspaper. It will also be sent to the other Area Development Districts for their website.

Council:

Judge/Executive Logan Chick, Transportation Council, reported the BRADD Regional Transportation Committee met on February 22nd in the BRADD

Conference Center. The SHIFT model that will be used for prioritizing projects was explained in detail, as well as the plan for the FY 2017 Prioritization Process. The next Council meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 26th.

Judge/Executive David Fields, Water Management Council, reported that the BRADD Water Management Council met on March 1st, 2017. The Council heard from Clem Wethington, with Kentucky Rural Water Association, who gave a presentation to the council regarding KRWA's Compliance Check program. The next council meeting was announced for June 7th at the BRADD Conference Center.

Special Advisors:

Mr. Jon Crosby, Senator Rand Paul's Representative, provided the contact information for their office's FEMA liaison, Mr. Billy Matthews. Mr. Crosby reported that Senator Paul agrees with President Trump on the repeal and replacement of Obamacare and to provide affordable healthcare for everyone.

Mr. Brian Smith, Congressman Brett Guthrie's Representative, reported on the Higher Education and Workforce bills and the Veterans bills that the Congressman is supporting. Brian reported that he is the FEMA contact person for Congressman Guthrie's Office.

Mr. Tim Thomas, Senator Mitch McConnell's Representative, reported on the President's budget proposal. They understand the concerns with the announcement of cuts for the USDA water and wastewater, EDA, CDBG and ARC region. He noted that the final proposal will look different.

Ms. Sandy Simpson, Congressman James Comer's Representative, reported he was able to travel with President Trump on Air Force 1 and was able to discuss the proposed healthcare and how it affects the First District in Kentucky. The townhall meetings are still going on, and he will be in Simpson County at 2:30 on April 10 at the Courthouse.

Mr. Joe Plunk, District Highway Office, reported he is meeting with the Fiscal Courts to discuss the road programs.

STAFF:

Ms. Katie Ford, Grants Coordinator -Ms. Ford reported that the 2017 Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Program will be accepting applications now through the beginning of August. A maximum of \$500,000 can be applied for Community Projects and a maximum of \$1,000,000 for public facilities and

economic development. She announced that BRADD staff was available to assist with the application process and if anyone is interested in applying, please contact Katie, Amy Scott, Susan Orlowski, or Gene as soon as possible.

Ms. Michelle Hines, Aging Services Director, reported that BRADD/AAAIL staff has completed compiling the 2016 Annual Report and copies are available at the front table. BRADD/AAAIL will be submitting the BRADD/AAAIL 2018 Aging Area Plan Update, which is due March 31, 2017. A few drafts are available in and BRADD/AAAIL will make the plan available on the website once it has been submitted. DAIL is asking for nominations for the Kentucky Aging Network Awards for 2017. These awards will honor those individual and agencies that have contributed to the betterment of those aged and disabled within our state. The Categories include: AAAIL Director, Advocate, Caregiver, Case manager/support broker, Ombudsman, Program Coordinator, Senior Center Director, Senior Center 50- and Senior Center 50+ and Volunteer of the Year. Alecia Johnson is compiling the nominations and sending those to DAIL for our Network. If any of you were interested in nominations please let me know after the meeting. The next Aging Council is May 17, 2017 at 10 am.

Ms. Susan Orlowski, Public Administration Specialist reported that the Land & Water Conservation Fund is now open and accepting applications until April 28th. This program funds projects that protect important natural areas, acquire land for outdoor recreation and develop or renovate public outdoor recreation facilities. If you would like the BRADD to assist in the development of an application for Land & Water, please contact Ms. Orlowski after the meeting or email her at susan.orlowski@bradd.org

Ms. Orlowski reported that the BRADD will host three separate sessions of the Natural Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders training on April 19th and 20th. Two classes will be held on the 19th—one at 8:00 AM and one at 1:30 PM—and a third class will be held on the 20th at 8:00 AM. This class will prepare community leaders to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters.

Mr. Erick Roy, Network Administrator, reported that if any assistance is needed regarding computer and software upgrades to contact him and he would provide recommendations.

Mr. Gene Becker, Interim Executive Director, reported that HB 189 has been signed by the Governor. The ADD Directors and KCADD supported the bill. A group of ADD Directors met with the bill sponsors and the State Auditor's office concerning the final draft of the bill. The first edition of the electronic newsletter was sent earlier this month. If you did not receive it and would like to be added to the email list, please let us know. Any suggestions are welcome.

This is a work in progress so we will be tweaking it as we continue. Let us know if anyone has anything going on in your community that you would like announced such as festivals, trainings, or other events, and we can add them to our newsletter, as well as our website. Please contact Ms. Susan Orłowski. The Community Economic Development staff have moved offices in the building, and if you are needing to talk to staff, we are now located in the former workforce offices. We moved to provide space to the Aging Department, which has been expanding..

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Executive Council Report:

1. Approve Clearinghouse Projects

Mayor Dick Doty reported that the Executive Council met prior to this meeting to review 3 Regional Projects and recommends approval.

- **A motion was made by Mayor Dick Doty, seconded by Judge/Executive Michael Hale to approve the 3 Regional Projects as presented. Motion carried. (See attached)**

Chairman Wilson announced that the Area Legislators will be our guest speakers for the April Board meeting and will review the outcome of the legislative session.

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Judge/Executive Terry Martin, seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes to adjourn.



Signed


Approved