

**MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 24, 2019**

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at the Lodge at Mammoth Cave, Mammoth Cave, KY. Chairman Steve Thurmond called the BRADD meeting to order.

Mr. Charlie Hogan, BRADD Board of Director, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDANCE:

It was determined that a quorum was present. (See attached attendance Record). Chairman Steve Thurmond introduced and welcomed Ms. Dawn Devore as Metcalfe County Citizen Member and Executive Council Member.

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of March 27, 2019 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mr. Jim Wilkerson, seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes to approve the March 27, 2019 Board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No reports.

Council: No reports.

Special Advisors:

Mr. Brian Smith, Congressman Brett Guthrie's representative, provided a brief report including the Easter/Passover recess is coming to an end. During this time the Congressman has visited 19 of the 21 counties in his district. Mr. Smith informed of the Congressman's work on the rising cost of insulin and the two upcoming hearings that will be held concerning this topic.

Mr. Timothy Gilliam, Congressman McConnell's representative, reported on the judicial confirmation for the Senators priority. He informed 37 judges have been appointed to the Circuit Court, which results in 20 percent of the total of Circuit Judges across the US. The Congressman recently visited a hemp farm and research facility and is encouraging bankers to react favorably to those investing in the hemp industry. Mr. Gilliam stated of the 42 thousand acres of hemp grown, Kentucky accounts for 75 percent of this production. The Congressman believes Kentucky is on the forefront of the hemp industry. They are now looking into the issues with crop insurance for hemp growers.

Mr. Joe Plunk, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, provided a list of all the projects going on within the region. A great deal of work is being done from construction, bridge work, re-pavement and new road construction. Mr. Plunk informed of lane closures and areas in which to be cautious.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park Superintendent, welcomed all BRADD affiliates to the park and is glad to celebrate National Parks week with the members. He provided various announcements including the spring break season brought in less than 3,000 less visitors than the previous year. The park is gearing up for summer tours with the schedule set to open on May 25th. They will increase the number of tours per day with the summer schedule. Mr. Trimble informed of the recent junior ranger day that was held at the cave. There is an up-coming pre-construction meeting for the Green River Ferry. The park is awaiting two state permits for a canoe launch ramp on the river. A public meeting will be held for concession improvements on May 14th.

STAFF:

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, presented the combined staff report for multiple departments. Mr. Sexton informed the FY 20 annual dues letter has been sent, with invoices to be sent in May for a July 31st due date. Mr. Sexton informed any city or county desiring to change the allocation method to please contact the office. Mr. Sexton expressed appreciation for the continued support of BRADD. The Community and Economic Development Department report included: the counties of Butler, Edmonson and Metcalfe received disaster declaration and are eligible for FEMA HMGP funding. Staff member Dajana Crockett can be contacted regarding this grant. KY homeland security grants are announced and BRADD staff needs to know by May 6th, if possible, those interested in applying. Mr. Sexton provided Aging Department announcements. May is older Americans Month. The BRADD will be honoring the region's centenarians with a luncheon on May 31st at 11:30 am. BRADD hosted the Health Care Decisions Day event at the WKU Glasgow campus. Kentucky Legal

Aid attorneys and staff were preset to help with living wills and advanced directives. Presentations were also provided on long term care services, end of life decisions and services of the BRADD aging programs. This was a networking opportunity is to bring awareness of BRADD Aging and Disability Services in the community. Mr. Sexton informed the FY 2020 Aging Services Donation letters and agreements will be mailed to the Counties and Cities around May 1st. On Behalf of BRADD AAAIL we appreciate your contributions as they help keep vital services in our communities. Mr. Sexton reminded the aging contributions are different from the BRADD annual dues. Ms. Sexton reported on the required DAIL board member training that was communicated earlier in the month. DAIL requires 70% of board members to complete 3 hour training. There are two opportunities remaining to come to BRADD and watch the live training on May 17th or June 12th. Mr. Sexton encouraged members to sign up or contact the office to attend. Additionally, there is an online course option available. Mr. Sexton asked the members to please contact the office for more information. Mr. Sexton presented one staff anniversary to Ms. Amy Carroll, Finance Director for 15 years of service. Mr. Sexton reminded the attendees BRADD has a monthly newsletter that goes out electronically, and encouraged cities or counties to submit information. Mr. Sexton informed May 22nd is the next regular scheduled meeting to be held at the BRADD office.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Executive Council Report:

1. Approve Clearinghouse Projects

Chairman Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Wil Cannon who reported that the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and considered fourteen regional clearinghouse projects. The project descriptions are in the board packet. If there are no questions, upon review of the projects, the Executive Council recommended approval.

Motion: Judge/Executive Wil Cannon made a motion to approve the four Regional Clearinghouse Projects. Mayor Mark Stratton seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See attached)

2. Quarterly Financial Report

Chairman Thurmond called on Mayor Mark Stratton who reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and considered the FY 19 quarter three financial report for period ending March 31, 2019. The report is included in the board packet. In revenue the BRADD has recognized

approximately \$6.71 million through the third quarter. This represents 77 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$6.54 million has been spent for the same period. This represents 76 percent of the annual expenditures budgeted. Mayor Stratton asked if there are no questions he recommends the report be approved.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Mark Stratton, seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes to approve the FY 19 quarter three financial report. Motion Carried. (See attached)

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Chairman Thurmond informed the members Senator Mike Wilson sent his regards with being unable to moderate today's meeting. Several of the other BRADD area Legislators also sent their regards for being unable to attend. Chairman Thurmond moderated this portion of the program and introduced and recognized each presenting Legislator. Those included: Senator C.B. Embry, Representative Michael Meredith, Representative Wilson Stone and Senator Stephen Meredith. Each Legislator spoke about various topics relative to the recent Legislative session and issues and topics they felt strongly about. Topics covered included school safety bill, pension bill and the financial needs and constraints of the state.

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jim Wilkerson, seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich to adjourn.



Signed



Approved