

**MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 25, 2018**

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at the BRADD Conference Center, Bowling Green, KY. The BRADD meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mayor Dick Doty.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mayor Scotty Turner.

Chairman Doty introduced guest speaker Mrs. Virginia Gray, Government Relations Manager of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Mrs. Gray spoke about the TVA's projects, achievements and services completed throughout a power point presentation highlighting specific projects, goals reached and performance measures. Additionally, Mrs. Gray spoke about the recent TVA bill including a step by step description of how funds would be allocated, including the collaboration with the Department of Local Government and how counties seeking specified projects can receive assistance. Mrs. Gray entertained several questions from board members.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mr. Jim Wilkerson, seconded by Mr. Elroy Larimore to approve the June 20, 2018 Board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No reports.

Council: No reports.

Special Advisors:

Mr. Jon Crosby, Senator Rand Paul's Representative, had no official report but gave an encouraging word about the importance of working together no matter the differences.

Mr. Timothy Gilliam, Congressman McConnell's Representative, gave a brief report informing the Congressman cancelled the August recess. The farm bill to legalize hemp is still being reviewed by the Senate and appears promising.

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman Comer's representative informed that the Congressman's first district is a part of the TVA corridor and Mrs. Virginia Gray is the representative. Mrs. Simpson stated August 7, 2018 Congressman Comer will host a grants workshop in Tompkinsville beginning at 9 am, all are invited to attend. If more information is desired she encouraged everyone to contact her. Mrs. Simpson further updated that the Congressman will be hosting several town hall meetings in August with one in the BRADD region on Wednesday August 15th in Logan County at the new Technical Center. Lastly, Mrs. Simpson stated that the Congressman has been chosen to serve on the farm bill committee.

Isaac Myers, Office of the Governor, informed the Council that the Governor's Local Issues Conference will be held August 15-16, 2018 at the Galt House in Louisville. He reported that the Governor will attend the lunch on Wednesday and the agenda's will be sent out soon. Mr. Myers informed the Governor has been traveling a great deal, most recently to Great Britain and Washington D.C. The Governor has recently signed the work ready scholarship bill which is a two year agreement for students to receive financial assistance now allowing up to an Associate's Degree.

Joe Plunk, District Highway Office, reported that there are several high profile projects occurring on the regional roadways during the summer months. Natcher Parkway is receiving bridge work and upgrades from Bowling Green to Owensboro. Also, road work begins on I-65 near Oakland, expect to see lane closures soon. Mr. Plunk introduced new staff Ben Hunt who replaced Denetria Henderson and Matthew Holder who has been filling in throughout staff transitions.

Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park Superintendent, introduced new staff member Molly Schroer, Management Assistant. Mr. Trimble reported that park attendance has been down by about four percent this year. The public comment has closed for the Houchin Ferry and comments are currently being

reviewed. A construction project is occurring on grand tour route trail. Mr. Trimble informed the park recently conducted a five week environment education program for children in the area to learn stewardship opportunities.

Debbie Hammers, Rural Development Area Specialist, informed the Board of President Trumps recent approval of the Water and Waste Water funding totaling 6 billion dollars. Ms. Hammers informed she would be happy to assist those qualifying for loan assistance in the area.

STAFF:

Ms. Michelle Hines, Associate Director of Aging, Ms. Hines reported the BRADD/AAAIL contracts have been received with state and federal allocations from the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL). BRADD Finance Department is preparing the Aging Services budget to be submitted to DAIL by August 1, 2018. BRADD was notified of budget cuts from state dollars in the amount of \$150,000. Ms. Hines explained BRADD submitted a plan on how the cuts would be absorbed. Ms. Hines has a conference call with DAIL on Friday to discuss the plan. Currently, the plan is to refrain from opening new clients, in efforts to maintain current clients. Ms. Hines described its hoped the cuts will be absorbed by attrition.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, provided various announcement for the Board of Directors and guests in attendance. Mr. Sexton reported that due to the recent organizational restructure a new organizational chart will be released on the website. Mr. Sexton informed review of resumes is currently underway for two open positions, the Associate Director of Economic Development and Infrastructure Management Planner. Mr. Sexton announced the re-appointment of two citizen members Mr. Charlie Hoagn, Barren County and Mr. Elroy Larimore, Hart County. Mr. Sexton recognized one staff member Ms. Dajana Crockett for her one year staff anniversary. Mr. Sexton announced that the BRADD 50th Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m at the venue Old Scott Tobacco Warehouse. Invitations will be sent. The BRADD is currently accepting nominations for the Tim Lee Carter Distinguished Service Award and the William H Natcher Award. Information can be found on the BRADD website, the nomination due date is August 27, 2018. Mr. Sexton announced that the Executive Council approved the nomination of Hong Nguyen and Alecia Johnson as trustees to the BRADD Pension Plan. Mr. Sexton reminded the BRADD does have a monthly newsletter that goes out electronically, submit anything your city or county is doing. The next regularly scheduled board meeting is August 22nd, 2018 at the BRADD office.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Executive Council Report:

1. Approve Clearinghouse Projects

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

Motion: Mr. Steve Thurmond made a motion to approve the two Regional Clearinghouse Projects. The motion was seconded by Mayor Randall Curry. Motion carried. (See attached)

2. Whistleblower Policy

Judge/Executive Tommy Willett reported that the Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting and considered the adoption of the Whistleblower Policy. The policy is provided in the board packet. The BRADD's personnel policies currently contain protections for whistleblowers; however, does not specifically use the term whistleblower. The adoption of this policy is required by KRS 147A.116.

Motion: A motion was made by Judge/Executive Tommy Willett, seconded by Mayor Dewayne Hatcher to approve the Whistleblower Policy as presented. Motion Carried. (See attached)

3. Revolving Loan Fund

Judge/Executive Wil Cannon reported that the Executive Council met prior to the Board meeting and recommends adopting the Revolving Loan Fund Certification. The RLF certification is to be completed twice per year to certify this program to the Economic Development Administration.

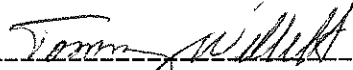
Motion: A motion was made by Judge/Executive Wil Cannon, seconded by Mayor Scotty Turner to approve the Revolving Loan Fund Certification.

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Steve Thurmond, seconded by Mr. Elroy Larimore to adjourn.



Signed



Approved