

**MINUTES**  
**BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**January 23, 2019**

**TIME & PLACE:**

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at the BRADD Conference Center, Bowling Green, 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.

Chairman Thurmond introduced all newly elected officials asking each to stand and introduce themselves and the county or city they represent.

Chairman Thurmond introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Shellie Hampton, Director of Governmental Relations with the Kentucky Association of Counties. Ms. Hampton congratulated all newly elected officials on their office. Ms. Hampton provided information about KACo including the 10 county elected offices and 11 member legislative committee. Ms. Hampton spoke about the need for transportation infrastructure funds, local tax reform, with updates on the Pension Reform bill, and the School Safety Bill. Ms. Hampton expressed the importance to members to build relationships with area Legislators, educating them about the specifics of each represented county and city. Ms. Hampton opened the floor to questions which led to discussions on pension reform and specifics for CERS contributing members. Ms. Hampton encouraged all members to contact her with any questions they may have regarding KACo.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**MINUTES:**

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of December 19, 2018 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

**Motion was made by Mr. Jim Wilkerson, seconded by Judge/Executive Logan Chick to approve the December 19, 2018 Board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Officers:** No reports.

## **Council:**

**Aging Council,** Chair Thurmond introduced Ms. Mary Ann Henry as the new Aging Council Chair. Ms. Henry is the manager of the Auburn Senior Center and has been an active member of the Aging Council representing Logan County. Ms. Henry reported, Aging Council Members reviewed and approved the Aging Services Review Committee's report. The Executive Council will make those recommendations to the BRADD Board. Ms. Henry informed the BRADD/AAAIL worked with Home Instead's Be a Santa to a Senior Project again this year to help bring gifts to needy seniors in the area. Together through this project, gifts were provided to 100 participants. BRADD Case Managers have been working to deliver the presents to clients. Ms. Henry announced the Senior Advocacy Day at the State Capital will be held on February 5th, 2019. Aging Council members were provided an informational flyer on this event. She encouraged interested members to please see Alecia or Michelle for more information. Ms. Henry further informed the Caregiver Program's Personal Care Drive in November received several packages of diapers, bottles of laundry detergent, lotion, shampoo, body wash, and cleaning supplies of which will be distributed to needy clients. Ms. Henry informed the 2019 ADRC Resource Guide is now available as well as the Aging Services Annual reports. These documents can be found on the BRADD website. Lastly Ms. Henry announced the next Aging Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 10:00 am at the BRADD Conference Center.

## **Special Advisors:**

**Mr. Timothy Gilliam,** Senator Mitch McConnell's representative, gave an update on the Government shut down informing back pay will be distributed to all workers. The Senator suggests the Democrats come together and negotiate with the President in order to get the Government re-opened.

**Mrs. Sandy Simpson,** Congressman Comer's representative, congratulated all newly elected officials on their office. Ms. Simpson reported the Congressman wants the Government opened back up. Congressman Comer was recently recognized in New Orleans for Outstanding Congressman of the Year as awarded by Farm Bureau. Ms. Simpson informed new officials of the case work and flagship office in Tompkinsville and encouraged members to call the office with any assistance they may need.

**Isaac Myers**, Office of the Governor, reported the state's current 5.3 billion dollars in investment, which is the second best ever. The Department for Local Government will host a budget workshop at the BRADD Office on March 14, 2019. Mr. Myers further informed the new drivers license start date has been set for March.

**Dr. Don Butler**, of Community Action, reported the Government shut down has not affected the services or programs administered through Community Action.

**Tom Harned**, LEAD Executive Director, informed the aluminum industry is on the rise. As of recent, several local aluminum industries have announced almost one billion dollars worth of growth just within the neighboring counties in the South Central Kentucky region. This regional increase alone is projected to generate near 659 jobs.

**Joe Plunk**, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, informed all new members of the District Highway Office located in Bowling Green, introduced staff and encouraged members to contact them with any questions. Mr. Plunk informed the District Office serves all the BRADD counties except Hart. Mr. Plunk announced meetings will be taking place in each of the counties in efforts to prioritize projects for the next budget cycle. Reports indicate 8.6 billion dollars worth of needs with a 2.6 billion dollar projected revenue. There is a great deal of need throughout the region. The county specific meetings are important to determine the areas of greatest need.

#### **STAFF:**

**Mr. Eric Sexton**, Executive Director, extended an invitation for the KCADD Legislative Breakfast and quarterly board meeting in Frankfort on February 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 am EST. Mr. Sexton proceeded to provide updates to the Board on the Joint Funding Agreement (JFA). Last month, the Executive Council authorized an appeal statement to be sent to the Governor for the FY 18 JFA contract in the last effort to recoup the almost \$58,000 withheld funds. BRADD area legislators were copied on the letter with supporting documentation. The supporting documents included; the correspondence letter from DLGs Commissioner Dunahoo to the ADD claiming mismanagement and irresponsibility, and the BRADDs response to DLG clarifying the factual misrepresentations. Mr. Sexton stated on the same day last month a clean audit was presented, with no findings for FY 18, and further substantiated by the state auditors review. Mr. Sexton informed the Board the appeal letter was received by the Governor's office and Mr. Sexton was informed an investigation is underway; however, a timeline for a response could not be given. Mr. Sexton continued to speak on the remaining questions and concerns for the FY 19 JFA

contract. The contract does not follow the legislative intent nor budget language as set by the General Assembly. Mr. Sexton stated Senator Stephen Meredith, Co-Chair of the state contract review committee, has called a meeting with the DLG Commissioner on February 12th concerning the FY 19 JFA contract. Mr. Sexton revealed, DLG Commissioner accepted an invite to speak with the KADD (KY Association of District Directors) Committee. While the meeting held January 11<sup>th</sup> was not as productive as hoped, DLG General Counsel, Greg Ladd indicated some minor changes would be made and sent to the ADDs within a couple weeks. Mr. Sexton distributed the latest letter to the Board Members that was sent to Commissioner Dunahoo by the ADDs after summarizing the priority concerns for the JFA FY 19 contract. Mr. Sexton further shared a confidential letter dated November 19<sup>th</sup> sent from DLG Commissioner Dunahoo, two Cabinet Secretaries and two of their commissioners and addressed to the State Auditor. Mr. Sexton described the letter as it contained slanderous and unsubstantial allegations against all Area Development Districts and requested the auditor's assistance. The auditor responded in a letter dated December 18<sup>th</sup> asking for clarification of DLG, stating the ADDs have been very compliant with HB 189 law. The auditor's office asked DLG to provide more specific information if they have concerns. To date, DLG has not been able to provide those details. Mr. Sexton informed the ADD's had to submit an Open Records Request in order to receive the letter. Mr. Sexton further described the confidential letter was leaked to the Lexington Herald Leader and an article was published Friday. The article entitled, "Colossal mismanagement. Bevin Administration wants to reform of development districts". Mr. Sexton described the shock it presented in the lack of understanding and regard for what the Area Development Districts stand for. HB 189 brought the ADDs to greater fiscal transparency and Mr. Sexton revealed as records indicate, BRADD is one of the most transparent agencies in the commonwealth. Mr. Sexton has been able to meet with the majority of the BRADD area legislators seeking their support to ensure their legislative intent is carried out. Mr. Sexton continues to keep an updated timeline on the FY 18 and 19 JFA issues and will share with any Board Member as desired. Mr. Sexton continued to provide announcements and updates including the newly elected officials training at the BRADD Conference Center on Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> 11 - 2pm. DLG has approved this for three hours of training. Mr. Sexton announced the BRADD Water Council meeting for March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Mr. Sexton informed BRADD will host DLG's County Budget Workshop on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and KACo will also participate. Mr. Sexton informed the next regular scheduled board meeting is March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Executive Council Report:**

#### **1. Approve Clearinghouse Projects**

Chairman Thurmond called on Mayor Billy Phelps who reported that the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and considered three 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: Mayor Billy Phelps made a motion to approve the three Regional Clearinghouse Projects. Mr. Jim Wilkerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See attached)**

#### **2. Aging Requests for Proposals**

Chairman Thurmond called on Mayor Billy Phelps. Mayor Phelps informed, the Executive Council met prior to the board meeting and reviewed the Aging Services Review Committee Report. A copy of the report can be found in the board packet. If there are no questions, upon review the Executive Council recommends approval.

**Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Billy Phelps, seconded by Judge/Executive Logan Chick to approve the Aging Requests for Proposals. Motion Carried. (See attached)**

#### **3. Quarterly Financials Report**

Chairman Thurmond called on Mr. Gary Dillard. Mr. Dillard reported the Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting and reviewed the FY 2019 financial report for the second quarter ending December 31, 2018. In revenue BRADD recognized approximately 4.51 million through the second quarter of FY 19. This represents 52 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. Mr. Dillard asked if there are no questions the Executive Council recommends approval.

**Motion: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to approve the FY 2018 quarter two financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich. Motion carried. (See attached)**

#### **4. Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Resolution**

Chairman Thurmond called on Mr. Gary Dillard. Mr. Dillard reported the Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting and considered the RLF resolution, a semi-annual update to ensure compliance and operations in

accordance with the plans policies and procedures. If there are no questions, the Executive Council recommends approval.

**Motion: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to approve the RLF Resolution. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Dennis Harper. Motion carried. (See attached)**

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jim Wilkerson, seconded by Judge/Executive Michael Buchanon to adjourn.

  
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Signed  
  
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Approved