

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 19, 2019

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the BRADD Conference Center Bowling Green, KY. Chairman Steve Thurmond called the BRADD meeting to order.

Mayor Larry Dixon, City of Franklin, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Thurmond introduced the first guest speaker Dr. David Oliver, Director of Environmental Health and Safety at WKU. Dr. Oliver presented an opportunity for Counties to participate in a weather station grant. Dr. Oliver described the functions and applications of the weather station that are being used at WKU, and the opportunity for them to be implemented across the BRADD region. The station system would be able to document real time weather data with one minute update intervals, capability to integrate into a WSWX App and Wetherstem website and automated archival of data. Dr. Oliver presented the grant proposal with cost specifications and benefits. This would also create a partnership with WKU and further the educational opportunity for WKU Meteorology students.

Chairman Thurmond introduced the second guest speakers, BRADD staff Ms. Ashley Pennington, Waiver Coordinator, and Ms. Michelle Hines, Associate Director of Aging who presented BRADD Waiver Programs. The Medicaid Waiver Program allows Medicaid recipients to receive care while in their home and is based on qualifying conditions. The aged, blind and disabled populations receive assistance meeting activities of daily living needs. BRADD offers case management services in three areas: Traditional Waiver, allows participants to choose an agency to provide care needs, Participant Directed Services (PDS) allows participants to hire their own caregiver, and Blended Services allow participants to receive services through an agency while using the PDS option. Additionally, BRADD staff provides case management of the Michelle P. Waiver program to adults and children with intellectual or developmental disabilities. These programs allow individuals to remain in their homes and out of long term care facilities.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of May 22, 2019 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mayor Mike Hughes, seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich to approve the May 22, 2019 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No reports.

Council:

Water Management Council: Chair Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Wil Cannon, Water Management Council Chair, for a report. Judge Cannon informed the Council met on Wednesday June 5, 2019 at the BRADD Conference Center. The Council welcomed new Council representative from the Barren River District Health Department, Jama Jepson. BRADD staff Thomas Grubbs gave a brief presentation of the WRIS portal and the KY infrastructure Authority's new online projects and funding dashboards. The Council also reviewed and approved one new drinking water project from the Glasgow Water Company. The next Water Management Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 4th, 2019.

Special Advisors:

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman Comer's representative, provided an update on the House's annual appropriation process, and informed August is the recess month for the Congressman. She encouraged anyone needing to meet him with to being making appointments.

Dr. Donald Butler, Director of Community Action, informed of the relocation process of the Russellville Senior Center and the work being done on the set up for the Auburn Senior Center Nutrition Site. Additionally, Community Action is working with the Edmonson County Headstart and looking to expand programs and begin a childcare program.

Tom Harned, LEAD Executive Director, informed the region is losing the Small Business Development Center located at WKU. WKU sent a letter to the University of Kentucky informing they will no longer be able to host the affiliate entity. Mr. Harned expressed the need for the center throughout the region for the valuable fundamental services it provides for small businesses

including the assistance with small business plans. There are possible alternative entities in the area to help retain the services however, no permanent solution has been found. Mr. Harned expressed the great importance of this service to the region.

Mr. Joe Plunk, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, spoke about the Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow (SHIFT) and the process of projects being scored. Mr. Plunk stated the scoring is based on the statewide significant results. Mr. Plunk informed members an upcoming meeting will be take place for regional specific projects, with discussion on boosting projects needing completion.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park Superintendent, announced the Green River Ferry construction project was adjusted and will being after the July 4th Holiday. There is an upcoming public comment period opportunity for the Cave and Karst environmental assessment. On July 1st the park celebrates its 78th birthday.

STAFF:

Ms. Kim Morrow, GIS Manager, provided updates from the Economic Development Department. Ms. Morrow informed of three upcoming grant opportunities: The Law Enforcement Protection Program (LEPP), EDA Public Works and USDA Community Facilities Grant Program. Ms. Morrow announced the BRADD's project impact report with thirty active projects representing 8 million of investment, 56 applications awaiting approval for 34 million of investment and ten grants in development.

Ms. Michelle Hines, Associate Director of Aging, reminded counties to submit Aging Council Members appointment for expiring terms. The next Aging Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 14 at 10 am, a new members orientation will follow the meeting. Ms. Hines informed seven 100 years olds were honored at the recent Centenarian Luncheon BRADD hosted in honor of Older Americans Month. Ms. Hines stated DAIL will be visiting the region on June 28th for an inspection with the relocation of the Russellville Senior Center programs and Auburn nutrition site.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, informed the Board Members the Executive Council met and approved an amendment for the Board Meeting Schedule for October due to the annual KY Association of Counties Conference. The October BRADD meeting will be held October 30, 2019. An amended schedule is located in the board packet. Mr. Sexton further announced the confirmed Annual Meeting date for Tuesday September 24, 2019 at the Glasgow TJ Samson

Community Center, a save-the-date will be sent soon. Mr. Sexton thanked all members who participated in the recent DAIL Board Member Training. These efforts resulted in Board Members completing 75 percent of the needed 70 percent attendance requirement. Mr. Sexton presented two BRADD staff one-year anniversaries to case managers, Ms. Autumn Estes and Ms. Tonya Harrell. Mr. Sexton informed the Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting and approved the FY 20 and 21 officer slate. Current interim officers were approved to serve a full term and are as follows: Chairman Mr. Steve Thurmond, Vice Chair Judge/Executive Wil Cannon, Secretary Mayor Mark Stratton, and Treasurer Mr. Gary Dillard. Lastly Mr. Sexton reminded members to sign up for the BRADD monthly newsletter and submit any happenings to be included. July 24th is the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

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 seven regional clearinghouse projects. The project descriptions are located 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 seven Regional Clearinghouse Projects. Mayor Dewayne Hatcher seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See attached)

Lastly, Chairman Thurmond provided an opportunity for any of the counties Mayors and Judge/Executives to report any happenings in their communities.

ADJOURN

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



Signed



Approved