

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 22, 2019

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the BRADD Conference Center Bowling Green, KY. Chairman Steve Thurmond called the BRADD meeting to order.

Judge/Executive Wil Cannon, BRADD Vice Chair, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Thurmond introduced the guest speaker Lieutenant Governor Jenean Hampton. Ms. Hampton began with a brief personal history, including her childhood, upbringing and professional experience. Ms. Hampton described her path to becoming Lieutenant Governor. Ms. Hampton discussed the initiatives she has worked towards while in the position. Some of those included the business pitch contest for Kentucky high school students. The stem challenge for middle school girls and the work she has done with youth enduring challenging circumstances. Ms. Hampton is concerned about the country's youth and the many challenges they face with bullying, poverty and social media among many more. Ms. Hampton spoke about the hopelessness she has seen in many students and kids. She encouraged the members to share their journey and life story with youth; how they became what they are, including the "speed bumps" or obstacles that made the journey challenging. Ms. Hampton has enjoyed the position of Lieutenant Governor and the opportunity she has to serve constituents across the Commonwealth.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of April 24, 2019 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mayor Billy Phelps, seconded by Ms. Dell Hall to approve the April 24, 2019 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No reports.

Council:

Aging Council: Chair Thurmond called on Ms. Mary Ann Henry, Aging Council Chair. Ms. Henry informed the Healthcare determination day took place on Tuesday April 16 at the WKU Glasgow Campus, which provided components of long term care planning. May is Older Americans month with the theme, "Connect, Create and Contribute". In celebration, the BRADD is hosting a Centenarian luncheon on May 31st. Independence Bank has donated lunch for the participants. For Aging Council members with expiring terms, reappointment letters will be sent to the Mayors, Judges and Senior Centers. New Aging Council Officers will be elected at the next meeting with an orientation for new members to follow the meeting.

Special Advisors:

Mr. Brian Smith, Congressman Brett Guthrie's representative, informed the Congressman is entering the summer travel season. Mr. Smith informed Washington D.C. tourists to contact the office for a capitol tour experience. The staff will also try to assist tourists with a White House tour, when possible.

Mr. Timothy Gilliam, Congressman McConnell's representative, reported on the tobacco free youth act which raises the smoking age from 18 to 21. The number of high school smokers has increased to 45 percent. Mr. Gilliam introduced intern Garrett Edmonds as his guest.

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman Comer's representative, informed the Congressman is working hard to represent this region in Congress. Mrs. Simpson expressed thanks to the regional Judge/Executives for allowing her to host constituent meetings in their counties.

Mr. Isaac Myers, Office of the Governor, provided updates for upcoming projects and grants including: Hazard Mitigation, which includes four of the BRADD counties for natural disaster declaration, the Waste Tire fund, Homeland Security grant, CDBG application, and the Land and Water grants. Mr. Myers informed the Beautify the Bluegrass initiative with Kentucky Living Magazine is occurring again this year.

Mr. Mark Lord, Congressman Brett Guthrie's representative, informed the Congressman will be in Butler and Barren Counties soon and is expected to be taking a trip to Europe in the near future.

Senator C.B. Embry, informed members the Senate is now entering the interim committee session with the FY 2020 regular session upcoming. Senator Embry predicts a special session for pension will be called with the possibility of a controversy around a simple or super majority approval with different results depending on the approval type.

Mr. Joe Plunk, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, provided the KY Transportation Cabinet's mission statement prefacing the importance of safety. Mr. Plunk received information from the KY State Police detailing the number of Commonwealth citizens who have perished in car accidents this year alone, the number totals 245 citizen lives lost on Kentucky roadways. Mr. Plunk encouraged all to share the importance of safe driving in their communities.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park Superintendent, provided a brief update on the work being done to the ferry ramp. During the construction process they've had to remove muscles from the water which has totaled 1700 being removed. Park visitation has increased and looks to be steady for the coming summer months.

Ms. Debbie Hammers, Rural Development, informed members to see her for any project funding needs as she has financial assistance opportunities. Ms. Hammers introduced her colleague Mr. Eric Kennedy working with the housing program.

STAFF:

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Economic Development, informed the members the board packet contains upcoming grant opportunities for FEMA: Hazard Mitigation, CDBG, USDA Rural Community Development Initiative, EDA Public Works, and EPA: Recreation Economy for Rural Communities. Additionally, Ms. Hathcock referenced a project impact report including active projects, amount of investments, applications awaiting approval, and applications in development.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, informed the Board Members the Executive Council met and approved an amendment for the Board Meeting Schedule for August due to the Governors Local Issues Conference. The August BRADD meeting will be held a week earlier on August 21, 2019. An amended schedule is located in the board packet. The DAIL Board Member Training requires 70 percent of Board Member participation. The last live opportunity will be June 12 from 12-3 pm. Mr. Sexton encouraged all members who have not participated to please sign up to help meet this contract requirement. Mr. Sexton presented two staff anniversaries, Ms. Hong Nguyen for 15 years of

service, and Ms. Marie Green for one year of service. Mr. Sexton reminded anyone not signed up to receive the BRADD newsletter to please let the BRADD staff know, additionally counties and cities may submit any happenings they desire to be included. Mr. Sexton informed the next BRADD Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday June 19th at the BRADD Office. It will be held a week earlier due to the KCJEA Conference.

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 twenty nine 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 twenty nine Regional Clearinghouse Projects. Mayor Mike Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See attached)

2. Auburn Senior Center Nutrition Site

Chairman Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Wil Cannon who reported the BRADD AAAIL received a request from Community Action of Southern Kentucky to serve Title III congregate meals and supportive services three days per week out of the Auburn Senior Center. This request is a demonstration based on needs within the community, and will be reviewed to establish the continued need on an annual basis. It is anticipated for services to begin July 1, 2019.

Motion: A motion was made by Judge/Executive Wil Cannon, seconded by Judge/Executive Mitchell Page to approve the Auburn Senior Center Nutrition Site. (See attached)

3. FY 2020 Budget

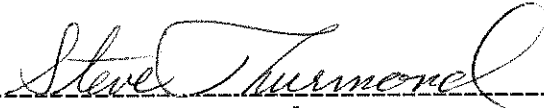
Chairman Thurmond called Mr. Gary Dillard who reported the BRADD Executive Council met prior to the board meeting and considered the FY 2020 budget. A summary page of the FY 20 budget is located in the board packet. For FY 20 BRADD has a budget of approximately 8.8 million in revenue and 8.8 million in revenue. Mr. Dillard asked for any questions.

Motion: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to approve the FY 20 budget, the motion was seconded by Mayor Scotty Turner. Motion carried. (See attached)

In additional announcements and updates, Chairman Thurmond recognized Mayor Mike Hughes, of Auburn, for the work being done for the City. Mayor Hughes was featured in the Kentucky City Magazine for his work with the Senior Center and new fire station. Chair Thurmond also encouraged all Board Members to participate in the DAIL Board Member Training as there is a possibility for the BRADD to lose 5 percent of the Aging Contract if 70% board attendance is not met. Mr. Thurmond informed the next training is June 12th at 12 noon at the BRADD Office. Several more members are needed to meet the percentage. Mr. Thurmond also announced he is glad to see the population growth all across the region as described in a recent BG Daily News article. However, Chairman Thurmond challenged the members to recognize the increased responsibility to the citizens across the region.

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Bob Greer, seconded by Judge/Executive Mitchell Page to adjourn.



Signed



Approved