

**MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 22, 2020**

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at the BRADD Conference Center Bowling Green, KY. Chairman Steve Thurmond called the BRADD meeting to order.

Chairman Steve Thurmond led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Thurmond welcomed all visitors and guests and representatives of the news media and special guests from the Gateway Area Development District, Mr. Josh Farrow, Executive Director and Ms. Emily Jordan, Executive Assistant.

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Chairman Thurmond introduced the first guest speaker, Congressman Brett Guthrie of the 2nd Congressional District. Congressman Guthrie provided updates from Washington and the committee work he is doing in DC. Congressman Guthrie is involved with the following Committees: House and Energy Commerce, House Committee on Education and Labor. Subcommittee work includes: Energy and Commerce's Oversight and Investigations, Health and Consumer Protection, Education and Labor, and Higher Education and Workforce Investment. Congressman Guthrie spoke about the current political situations affect on work being done.

Chairman Thurmond introduced the next speakers, BRADD Community and Economic Development staff, Ms. Katie Ford, Grants Coordinator, and Ms. Dajana Crockett, Public Administration Specialist. Ms. Ford provided an update on current grant opportunities including: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Application Regional Commission (ARC), Economic Development Authority (EDA), and USDA Rural Development. Ms. Ford provided details for each grant including, eligibility requirements and funding amounts including match requirements. Ms. Dajana Crockett presented on the following grant opportunities: Recreation Trails Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Division of Waste Management series of grants. Ms. Crockett provided a description of each opportunity including the qualifying entities, projects eligibility, funding and match amounts, and due dates. Ms. Crockett's

presentation included a description of the six available grants under the Division for Waste Management which included: Litter Abatement, Illegal Open Dump Remediation, Recycling Household Hazardous Waste Collection, and Composting Crumb Rubber/Tire Derived Product, Rubber Modified Asphalt, and Waste Tire.

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of December 18, 2019 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mayor Mark Stratton, seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes to approve the December 18, 2019 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No reports.

Council: No reports.

Aging Council:

Chairman Thurmond called on Ms. Athalene Crowe, Aging Council Representative, Ms. Crowe, informed the Council on Aging met on January 15, 2020. The members reviewed and approved the Aging Services Review Committee's report, of which the Executive Council will make recommend. Community Action held a ribbon cutting for the new Russellville Senior Center on Wednesday, January 8th. The new facility is located at 201 West 6th Street Russellville, KY. The Barren River Aging Services Staff are updating the FY 21 Aging Services Area Plan to be submitted to DAIL (Department of Aging and Independent Living) by March 31st. An Advancing Stakes Stakeholders meeting will take place on Tuesday January, 28th at 5:00 pm at the BRADD Conference Center. This public meeting provides the opportunity for individuals to provide ideas on the future of aging services and persons with disabilities. Advancing States is working on redesigning these services, and are national leaders in the advancement of the state and are responsible for articulating national policies that support home and community based services for older adults and those with disabilities. Ms. Crowe announced the next meeting will take place on Wednesday March 20, 2020 at 10:00 am at the BRADD Conference Center.

Special Advisors:

Mr. Tom Harned, LEAD Executive Director, provided an update on the efforts made to retain the Small Business Development Center. Mr. Harned informed the University of Kentucky is hiring staff to fill the needed positions with plans to have the program up and going in early March.

Mr. Wes Watt, Transportation Cabinet, provided a brief update on the Monroe County bypass informing the plans to open this year. Mr. Watt is hopeful to get through the remaining winter whether season effortlessly, and stated provisions are in place for possible inclement winter weather.

Ms. Molly Schorer, Mammoth Cave National Park, informed of the upcoming biosphere meeting to be held in Butler Co. and further provided updates on construction projects for the cave rehabilitation project, resurfacing cave trail access and Green River ferry project.

STAFF:

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Planning and Development, informed the board packet contains the project impact report since December, which includes BRADD's grants, 38 active projects, representing \$14 million dollars of investment. There are currently 28 applications awaiting approval, representing \$16 million dollars of investment, additionally there are 21 grant applications in development. Ms. Hathcock further announced the upcoming grant opportunities as provided in the board packet. Those include: KY Office of Highway and Safety, Community Development Block Grants, COPS Microgrant and Hiring Grant, Department of Waste Management, Recreational Trails, Land and Water Conservation Fund, EDA Public Works, and USDA Reconnect Program. Ms. Hathcock provided the due dates for each. Ms. Hathcock further informed of the upcoming DLG Budget workshop to be held in the BRADD Conference Center on February 25 at 9:00 am. Ms. Hathcock encouraged the members to contact the office with any questions, needs or assistance.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, informed recent legislation provided the allocation for funds of 2.4 million dollars supporting a regional Veteran's Nursing Home, to be located in Bowling Green. Representative Michael Meredith credited BRADD for the preparation work and efforts towards this initiative. Mr. Sexton informed the EDA application for a Disaster Resiliency Coordinator has been selected for next round of review. Mr. Sexton informed the program would provide emergency management services to the region and is therefore hopeful, BRADD will move into the next stage of consideration. Mr. Sexton informed BRADD recently submitted an ARC Recovery to work Application, with the South Central KY Workforce Board, to participate in a recovery to work learning

academy. If selected, a team would participate in identifying best practices, gaining technical assistance and resources in the area of substance abuse recovery. This program is provided through an ARC grant to the Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA). Mr. Sexton recognized two, one year, staff anniversaries; Mike Brown and Alpha Taylor, Service Advisors in the Aging Department. Mr. Sexton provided staff position changes including; Emily Phillips who transitioned to Case Manager, Kayla Ertle filling the role of ADRC Coordinator, and retirement of Receptionist, Kathy Dismon. Mr. Sexton informed all Board Members are in need of completing the annual conflict of interest statements for the BRADD and the Long Term Care Ombudsman program. Please see Caleb Speck with any questions. Mr. Sexton reminded the board there will not be a regularly scheduled board meeting in February due to legislative session. The next board meeting will be held March 25, 2020 at 1:00 pm. Mr. Sexton thanked Congressman Guthrie and staff for attending the board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Report:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

Chairman Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Wil Cannon, Vice Chair, who reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD board meeting and considered four regional clearinghouse projects, the description is provided in the board packet. If there are no questions, upon review of the projects the Council recommends approval.

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

2. Aging Committee Report

Chairman Thurmond called on Mayor Mark Stratton. Mayor Stratton reported the Executive Council met today to review and approve the Aging Services Review Committee Report. A copy of the report is provided in the board packet with the unit cost comparison spreadsheet. Mayor Stratton asked for any questions, with none he recommended approval.

Motion: Mayor Mark Stratton made a motion to approve the Aging Services Review Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes. Motion carried. (See attached)

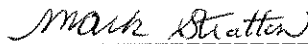
Chairman Thurmond called on all counties for any updates or announcements within the regions counties or cities.

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jim Wilkerson and seconded by Mayor Scotty Turner to adjourn.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steve Thurmond", written above a horizontal dashed line.

Signed, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark Stratten", written above a horizontal dashed line.

Approved, Secretary