

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 24, 2019

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at the BRADD Conference Center Bowling Green, KY. Chairman Steve Thurmond called the BRADD meeting to order.

Chairman Thurmond announced with great sorrow the passing of BRADD Board Member Mr. Charlie Hogan, Barren County Citizen Member. Mr. Chairman informed Mr. Hogan was appointed to the BRADD Board of Directors on July 24, 2009, ten years ago today. Furthermore, Mr. Hogan had perfect attendance throughout his service except for missing last month's meeting. Chairman Thurmond asked the members to stand in a moment of honorary silence for Mr. Charlie Hogan. Mr. Chair called on Barren County Judge/Executive Michael Hale who recognized Mr. Hogan's accomplishments and shared memories and wisdom imparted from the late Mr. Hogan.

Judge/Executive Michael Hale, Barren County, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in honor of Mr. Charlie Hogan, his service to our country and his faithful willingness to routinely lead the Pledge of Allegiance for BRADD Board Meetings.

Chairman Thurmond introduced the first speaker Mayor Billy Phelps, City of Morgantown. Mayor Phelps presented an overview of all the changes taking place within the city. Mayor Phelps spoke about the cities near bankruptcy state when he entered as Mayor, now transformed with the capability to tackle projects to renovate, recreate and revitalize the City of Morgantown. Specifically, Mayor Phelps spoke about the "More Like Home" initiative for this revitalization process. Some of the projects have included; MOGO public bus transportation system, city pool renovations, public bicycles, sidewalk improvements, City Hall restoration, dog park creation, façade improvement, trail town certification, young adult summer worker program, and Guinness World Record holder. Mayor Phelps thanked the BRADD for their assistance and help in obtaining grants for many of the projects and encouraged other officials to use the BRADD services.

Chairman Thurmond introduced the second speaker, BRADD staff Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Planning and Development. Ms. Hathcock presented a departmental overview of the services provided by the Economic Development Department. Ms. Hathcock informed the BRADD is a one stop shop for local elected leaders, community stakeholders and economic

developers, who are looking to enhance the quality of life for citizens and attract/expand business within the region. Ms. Hathcock spoke about the provided list of the regularly administered departmental grants. Ms. Hathcock introduced the department staff and encouraged the members to contact them with any questions or needs.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of June 19, 2019 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mayor Mike Hughes, seconded by Mayor Larry Dixon to approve the June 19, 2019 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No reports.

Council: No reports.

Special Advisors:

Mr. Jon Crosby, Senator Rand Paul's Representative, provided a brief update that the Senator is approaching the August recess and will be traveling across the state. He plans to be in the BRADD region at some point. Mr. Crosby encouraged the members to contact them with any needs during this time.

Mr. Timothy Gilliam, Senator McConnell's Representative, reported the Senator will be in August recess and will be in Metcalfe and Simpson Counties on Monday August 26th, 2019.

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman Comer's representative, announced the Congressman will be in the BRADD region the last two weeks of his August recess.

Mr. Isaac Myers, Office of the Governor, reported the Senate passed Governor Bevin's pension-relief bill. Provisions were set forth for quasi-governmental agencies. Mr. Myers informed a quarter billion dollars of excess state funds will be put into the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System. Mr. Myers informed of the upcoming Governors Local Issues Conference in August and stated to be on the lookout for the full itinerary to be released soon.

Mr. Wes Watt, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, spoke about road work updates including Allen County blasting on KY 100 bridge, Butler County KY 70 bridge to re-open today, and Warren County resurfacing on I-165. Mr. Watt informed members to expect increased traffic near the Corvette Museum on August 28th as the anniversary meeting is projected to decrease traffic flow with the expected caravans of corvettes arriving.

Mr. Bruce Powell, Mammoth Cave National Park, park visitation is down by three percent so far for 2019. The public comment for the Cave and Karst Management plan ends on July 30th. Construction on the Green River Ferry plans to begin on August 5th. The Mammoth Cave Biosphere Reserve Council will meet in September.

STAFF:

Ms. Michelle Hines, Associate Director of Aging, informed on July 22nd Congressman Brett Guthrie hosted a senior focused roundtable discussion event. Several agencies including BRADD, KY Legal Aid, AARP and Community Action were present to discuss the needs of seniors in the Congressman's district. Discussions ensued about reauthorization of the Older American Act, the need for senior program funding and rising costs of prescription drugs. Ms. Hines informed the board packet contains a flyer for the August food drive BRADD is hosting beginning August 12th. Collected food items will be taken to seniors on the BRADD waiting list and current clients throughout the region. Ms. Hines included the Auburn Senior Center is now serving meals; a lunchtime meal will be served to seniors who attend the center on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. Ms. Hines informed the next Aging Council meeting will be held on August 14th, 2019 at the BRADD Office.

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Planning and Development, informed the board packet contains the project impact report which includes the BRADD's active grants of currently 32 projects, representing just under \$9 million dollars of investment. There are 62 applications awaiting approval, representing just over \$37 million dollars of investment, additionally there are four grant applications in development. Ms. Hathcock informed of upcoming grant opportunities as provided in the board packet, including Litter Abatement

and Illegal open dump grants. Ms. Hathcock also informed of an upcoming training opportunity with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management covering topics on developing, implementing and enforcing ordinances, which will be held on August 20th at the BRADD Office.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, informed the Board Members the BRADD's 51st Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 24th at noon at the TJ Samson Community Center in Glasgow. Formal invitations will be sent. In conjunction with the Annual Meeting, nominations are being accepted for the Tim L. Carter and William H. Natcher awards. The nomination forms were provided in the board packets, are located on the BRADD website, and are due back by August 26, 2019. Mr. Sexton announced the re-appointment of Edmonson County Citizen Member Mr. Michael Stoyonovich, to serve a three year term expiring June 2022. Mr. Sexton introduced newest staff member Mr. Tyler Graham as the new Regional Transportation Planner. Mr. Sexton presented two staff one year anniversaries to Aging staff, Ms. Brooke Edwards and Ms. Shari Quinn. Mr. Sexton informed the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday August 21st, a week earlier, due to the Governor's Local Issues Conference.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Executive Council Report:

1. Approve Clearinghouse Projects

Chairman Thurmond called on Mayor Mark Stratton who reported that the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and considered three 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: Mayor Mark Stratton made a motion to approve the three Regional Clearinghouse Projects. Mayor Scotty Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See attached)

Lastly, Chairman Thurmond asked all the elected officials by a show of hand who has contacted the BRADD Office within the last 30 days. Mr. Thurmond encouraged all those who did not raise their hand to contact the BRADD on ways they can provide services to their local community. Mr. Thurmond further announced the funeral arrangements for Board Member Mr. Charlie Hogan. Chair Thurmond reminded the members a transportation committee meeting will follow the Board Meeting.

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Mark Stratton, seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes to adjourn.

Mark Stratton

Signed Approved

Steve Turmond

Approved Signed