

**MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 30, 2019**

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at the BRADD Conference Center Bowling Green, KY. Chairman Steve Thurmond called the BRADD meeting to order.

Mr. Wayne Thomas, City of Russellville, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Thurmond welcomed all visitors and guests. Chairman Thurmond recognized those in attendance wearing pink in honor and memory of those who survived, are fighting and have lost the fight to breast cancer. Chair Thurmond introduced and welcomed newly appointed Barren County Citizen Member Mr. Sam Terry, and also recognized the City of Scottsville's interim Mayor David Burch.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of August 21, 2019 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mayor Mike Hughes, seconded by Mrs. Dell Hall to approve the August 21, 2019 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No reports.

Council:

Water Management Council:

Chairman Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Wil Cannon. Judge Cannon reported the Water Management Council met on September 4th. The Council heard a presentation by Lee Anne Bledsoe, Assistant Director of the Crawford Hydrology lab at WKU. There were no new or amended projects presented to the Council. The project priority ranking criteria for FY 2020 were reviewed and

approved. Finally, the Council voted to elect Hart County Judge/Executive Joe Choate to the position of Council Vice-Chair. The FY 2020 call for projects window is currently open. The next Water management Council meeting will be held on Wednesday December 4th at the BRADD Conference Center.

Special Advisors:

Mr. Jon Crosby, Senator Rand Paul's Representative, reported on Friday November 1st there will be a tax payer advocacy service workshop addressing issues with federal tax liens. The event is to be held at the WKU Knicley Center at South Campus.

Mr. Brian Smith, Congressman Brett Guthrie's Representative, provided a brief report on recent legislation to support continuous pharmaceutical manufacturing in efforts to reduce the number of drug shortages.

Dr. Don Butler, Executive Director of Community Action, reported an update on the Russellville Senior Center which is near completion, with one final inspection remaining. Dr. Butler informed the heating assistance program will begin on November 4th. Over six thousand families were served last year. Dr. Butler informed the Office of Transportation and Delivery approved Medicaid transport program that Community Action will begin implementing.

Mr. Wes Watt, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, gave a brief report on preparations being made for the winter months. The Cabinet is well stocked on supplies and materials and all staff has been trained on winter weather preparedness.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park, informed the park experienced strong visitation this month. He provided an update on the Green River Ferry maintenance progress. Mr. Trimble informed road work is occurring to the roadways into the park to widen the shoulders. Trail construction projects are underway and there will be a Cave Sing on December 1st that Mr. Trimble encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Eric Kennedy, Rural Development, informed funding is available under continuing resolution. He announced Mrs. Debbie Hammer's retirement effective November 8th.

STAFF:

Ms. Michelle Hines, Associate Director of Aging, informed Medicare Part D open enrollment begins October 15th and ends December 7th. The Schedule is listed on the BRADD website. Ms. Hines informed the Barren River Mental Health and Aging Coalition Conference was held at the Carroll Knicely Center on Wednesday October 23rd with 225 attending participants. November is National Family Caregiver Month, in support; BRADD will be holding an adult diaper and personal care drive throughout the month of November. Collected items will be distributed to needy caregiver and care recipients throughout the BRADD region. Ms. Hines further informed the board packet contains a copy of the BRADD's request for proposals schedule including Community Care, Title III D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion and Personal Care Attendant Program Services. The schedule will be released on the BRADD website on Friday November 1st. RFPs will be accepted on or before 2 pm December 13th. Ms. Hines disclosed the next Aging Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 10 am at the BRADD Office.

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Planning and Development, informed the board packet contains the project impact report since August 21, which includes BRADD's grants, 40 active projects, representing \$11 million dollars of investment. There are currently 41 applications awaiting approval, representing just under \$46 million dollars of investment, additionally there are three grant applications in development.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, informed the board members the BRADD's 51st Annual Meeting was a success and well attended. The FY 19 BRADD Annual Report was released and additional copies are available to those who did not receive one. Mr. Sexton provided an update on the special committee LRC working group meeting, which is winding down with final recommendations to be made next month. Mr. Sexton stated BRADD will host an upcoming training for Water Systems Management and Finance on November 12th from 5:30-8:00 pm as provided by the partnering National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). The training has been approved for credit hours with DLG and KLC. You may register online or contact a BRADD staff. Mr. Sexton announced the reappointment of Simpson County Citizen Member Steve Thurmond for a three year term expiring August 2022. Mr. Sexton presented a one year staff anniversary to Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Economic Development, as of September. Mr. Sexton recognized WKU intern Mary Adams and her work with the Administration and Economic Development Departments. Mr. Sexton informed Congressman Comer's representative Mrs. Sandy Simpson sends her regards as she was unable to attend. Likewise, Mr. Timothy Gilliam, representing Senator McConnell sends his regards. Lastly, Mr. Sexton informed there will not be a November Board Meeting due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The December meeting will be held a week earlier on December 18th, 2019.

Guest Speaker:

Chairman Thurmond welcomed guest speaker, Mrs. Holly Hopkins Scoville, Manager of Stakeholder Relations for Kentucky Wired. Mrs. Scoville provided an insightful update on the progress with Kentucky's communication network in relation to broadband and fiber optics. Mrs. Scoville described the makeup of the fiber with its outer covering consisting of glass surrounding 288 strands of wire. Additionally, she described the installation and distribution process of the service. It is first being provided to government offices with the expectation for the remainder fiber to be offered to private homes. KY Wired is contracting with utility companies to attach the fiber to existing poles. Mrs. Scoville informed Kentucky will be number one in offering high speed broadband services with the completion of this project. She encouraged everyone to visit kywiredproject.com for continued updates. The anticipated project completion date is October 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Report:

1. Quarter One Financials

Chairman Thurmond called on Mr. Gary Dillard, Treasurer, who reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board meeting and considered the FY 20 quarter one financial report for period ending September 30, 2019. The report is included in the board packet. In revenue the BRADD has recognized approximately \$2.48 million through the first quarter of FY 20. This represents 27 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$2.39 million has been spent for the same period. This represents 26 percent of the annual expenditures budgeted. Mr. Dillard asked for any questions, if none he recommends Board approval.

Motion: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to approve the FY 20 quarter one financials. Judge/Executive Dennis Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See attached).

2. Clearinghouse Projects

Chairman Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Wil Cannon, Vice Chair, 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: Judge/Executive Wil Cannon made a motion to approve the three Regional Clearinghouse Projects. Mr. Michael Stoyonovich seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See attached)

3. CEDS Resolution


Chairman Thurmond called on Mayor Mark Stratton. Mayor Stratton informed the BRADD Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting and considered the annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update (CEDS) for fiscal year 2019-2020. The update contains new data from the census and is a participation requirement to be updated.

Motion: Mayor Mark Stratton made a motion to approve the CEDS Resolution update. The motion was seconded by Mayor Billy Phelps. Motion carried. (See attached)


Chairman Thurmond recognized Mr. Wayne Thomas for his retirement from the City of Russellville as Utilities Director for 20 plus years. Chairman Thurmond thanked Mr. Thomas for his contributions to the BRADD over his tenure. Mr. Chair called on each county represented for any official present to provide updates, announcements or happenings in their communities.

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Judge/Executive Logan Chick, seconded by Mayor Mark Stratton to adjourn.



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary