

**MINUTES**  
**BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**August 21, 2019**

**TIME & PLACE:**

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at the BRADD Conference Center Bowling Green, KY. Vice Chair Wil Cannon called the BRADD meeting to order.

Judge/Executive Tim Flener, Butler County, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice Chair Cannon welcomed all visitors and guests and introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Russell Clark of the National Park Service speaking on the Green River Blueways Trail Master Plan. Mr. Clark spoke about the rivers trail conservation assistance program and the help it brings to the local communities and the motto, "Americas best to the Community". Mr. Clark provided a history of this service, and how it began with some of the first services it supplied. Mr. Clark thanked the BRADD for assistance throughout the programs existence. Mr. Clark spoke about accomplishments of the community and projects administered. Mr. Clark described the application process in which trails and park planning can be acquired. Mr. Clark spoke about the different access sites along the Green river, and stated continued efforts are needed for future planning of river recreation and safe access to the Green River.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**MINUTES:**

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

**Motion was made by Mr. Elroy Larimore, seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes to approve the July 24, 2019 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Officers:** No reports.

**Council:**

**Revolving Loan Fund:**

Vice Chair Cannon called on Mr. Kent McBrayer, Chairman of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee. Mr. McBrayer reported the committee would like to report to the Board semi-annually to keep abreast of the committee's activity. Mr. McBrayer informed the board packet contains a summary sheet of the RLF since its inception in the 1990s. There are currently two active loans representing \$200,000 of RLF investment which has led to the creation of 100 jobs in the region. In the program's history, 23 loans have been repaid, representing 1,567,282.00 dollars of investment and around 1,113 jobs created. Additionally, four loans have been written off representing a loss of 142,872.00. Mr. McBrayer informed the members the program currently has around \$300,000 of funding to loan and encouraged members to spread the word about the RLF funding opportunities.

**Aging Council:**

Vice Chair Cannon called on Mr. Jesse Varner, Aging Council representative. Mr. Varner reported the Aging Council met on Wednesday August 14, 2019. The Council approved the FY 20 Aging Program Services report. A copy of the report is listed in the board packet. The nomination committee met prior to the Aging Council meeting to determine a slate of officers for FY 2020. The Council approved: Mr. Jesse Varner, First Chair, Athalene Crow, Second Chair, and Yvonne Campbell as Third Chair. An orientation was held for all members during the meeting. Mr. Varner announced the BRADD is hosting a food drive through August 23<sup>rd</sup> to collect non perishable goods for seniors in need. The Mental Health and Aging Conference will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Carroll Knicely Center. The next Aging Council meeting will be held on Wednesday November 20, 2019 at 10 am.

**Special Advisors:**

**Mr. Timothy Gilliam**, Senator McConnell's Representative, reported the Senators upcoming visit to the BRADD region has been cancelled due to the Senators shoulder injury and surgery.

**Mr. Tom Harned**, LEAD Executive Director, provided an update on the loss of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Mr. Harned stated an informal committee has been formed in efforts to continue providing the services of the

SBDC. The University of Kentucky has agreed to provide half of the required match. Commitments have been made for almost half of the remaining match. Mr. Harned expressed the importance of the center including the services it provides to many small businesses within the region. Mr. Harned is hopeful the needed partnerships will occur in efforts to retain this beneficial regional entity.

**Mr. Wes Watt**, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, spoke about major road work updates including Allen Counties closure of two bridges and resurfacing projects in Butler County. Mr. Watt informed members to expect increased traffic near the Corvette Museum on the afternoon of August 28<sup>th</sup> as the 25th anniversary meeting is projected to decrease traffic flow with the expected caravans of corvettes arriving.

**Mr. Barclay Trimble**, Mammoth Cave National Park, introduced guest, Ms. Jessie Cooper as the parks new Executive Assistant. Park visitation was down for the month of July by about 2,000 visitors. August numbers look to be stronger. The Green River Ferry construction project has begun. Mr. Trimble informed of the upcoming construction on the cave interior, three bids were received, with work scheduled to begin after Labor Day. Mr. Trimble announced in honor of the cave's birthday celebration on August 25<sup>th</sup> free cave tours will be available. There is an upcoming public comment period for the environmental concession input. The next Biosphere Reserve Advisory Council meeting will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> in the snowball dining room in the cave.

#### **STAFF:**

**Ms. Emily Hathcock**, Associate Director of Planning and Development, informed the board packet contains the project impact report since July 24, which includes BRADD's grants, 33 active projects, representing just under \$9.8 million dollars of investment. There are currently 65 applications awaiting approval, representing just over \$48 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 encouraged all members to contact her or any of the Economic Development staff with any needs.

**Mr. Eric Sexton**, Executive Director, informed the board members the BRADD's 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> at noon at the TJ Samson Community Center in Glasgow, please RSVP your attendance. Nominations for the Tim Lee Carter and William H. Natcher awards are being accepted until August 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sexton provided a report on behalf of Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman Comer's Representative, who was unable to

attend. There are two upcoming town hall meetings in the region with Congressman Comer on September 3rd at 5pm in Metcalfe County and September 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in Allen County. Mr. Sexton announced the BRADD food drive has been extended through August 30<sup>th</sup> and encouraged members to help contribute to this cause. Mr. Sexton and Vice Chair Cannon presented two staff one year anniversary awards. Ms. Jannah Lee, PCAP Coordinator/Service Advisor, of the Aging Department and Mr. Thomas Grubbs, Infrastructure Management Planner, of the Economic Development Department. Mr. Sexton announced the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held the fifth Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, due to the KACo Conference.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Executive Council Report:**

#### **1. Approve Clearinghouse Projects**

Vice Chair Cannon called on Mr. Gary Dillard, Treasurer, who reported that the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and considered five 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: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to approve the five Regional Clearinghouse Projects. Mayor Mike Hughes seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See attached)**

#### **2. Quarter Four Financials**

Vice Chair Cannon called on Mr. Gary Dillard, Treasurer, who reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board meeting and considered the FY 19 quarter four financials report for period ending June 30, 2019. The report is included in the board packet. In revenue the BRADD has recognized approximately 9.2 million through the end of fiscal year 2019. This represents 105 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately 9 million has been spent for the same period. This represents 104 percent of the annual expenditures budgeted. Mr. Dillard informed the net profit of fiscal year 19 totaled \$262,994.00. Mr. Dillard asked for any questions, if none he recommends Board approval and commends the BRADD on an outstanding financial management.

**Motion: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to approve the FY 19 quarter four financials. Judge/Executive Dennis Harper seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See attached).**

### 3. FY 20 Aging Programs and Services

Vice Chair Cannon called on Mayor Mark Stratton, Secretary. Mayor Stratton informed the Executive Council met prior to the Board meeting and considered the FY 20 Aging Programs and Services report. A copy is provided in the Board packet. If there are no questions Mayor Stratton recommended approval.

**Motion: Mayor Mark Stratton made a motion to approve the FY 20 Aging Programs and Services report. The motion was seconded by Mayor Scotty Turner. Motion carried. (See attached)**

### 4. Revolving Loan Fund

Vice Chair Cannon called on Mayor Mark Stratton. Mayor Stratton informed the packets contain the RLF certification resolution as presented to the Executive Council. The certification is to be completed twice per year to certify the program to the Economic Development Administration.

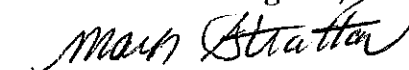
**Motion: Mayor Mark Stratton made a motion to approve the Revolving Loan Fund resolution. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dwayne Hatcher. Motion carried. (See attached)**

### ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Judge/Executive Joe Choate, seconded by Mayor Randall Curry to adjourn.



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary