

**MINUTES  
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
August 26, 2020**

**TIME & PLACE:**

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 26, 2020 both at the BRADD Conference Center and virtually through zoom meeting media. Chairman Steve Thurmond called the BRADD meeting to order.

Mr. Barclay Trimble led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Thurmond welcomed all Board Members and Special Advisors, both virtually and in-person, after not having met for six months due to the corona virus pandemic.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Chairman Thurmond introduced guest speakers from Simpson County Jail, Mr. Brent Deweese Chief Deputy Jailer and Ms. Tabia Hopkins, Office Administrator. Mr. Deweese began the presentation with a description of the jails work release program. The program is designed to develop soft skills through training in preparing inmates to leave the facility for job placement within the community. Mr. Deweese informed the goal is to develop skills in people to be self sustaining upon release and prevent further repeat crime. Of Simpson County's 82 participants in the program 80 percent have not returned to jail. Ms. Hopkins explained the details of the program which included the process an inmate undergoes to be considered. Inmates complete an interview process, participate in training courses and can advance onto the final level of job placement. Ms. Hopkins describe the process has standards of which participants have to abide, which therefore result in less disciplinary problems.

**MINUTES:**

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of January 22, 2020 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

**Motion was made by Mayor Randall Curry, seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich to approve the January 22, 2020 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Officers:** No reports.

## **Council:**

### **Water Management Council**

Chairman Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Wil Cannon who reported the BRADD Water Management Council met on Thursday, June 25, 2020 via Zoom. The Council heard presentations from Heather Stevenson and Matt Glass, of KRWA, about upcoming Pride Series CEU webinars, commissioner webinar trainings seeking approval, as well as recruitment of operator apprenticeship availability, and from Don Shierer, of KIA, regarding stimulus funding uncertainty. The Council reviewed and approved one new wastewater project. The next Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 2nd, 2020 via Zoom, and virtual invites to the meeting have been sent by email to all involved parties. If you have any questions please direct them to Jacob Barker.

### **Aging Council:**

Chairman Thurmond called on Mr. Jesse Varner, Aging Council Chairman, Mr. Varner informed The Barren River Council on Aging met on August 19th, 2020 via Zoom and Conference Call. New officers for FY 21 were elected. The council approved the following officers: Jessie Varner as 1st Chair, Athalene Crowe as Vice Chairperson, and Vickie Walker as 2nd Vice Chairperson. Mr. Varner informed the FY 21 Programs and Services Report was reviewed and approved by Council members, a copy was included in the Board packet. Mr. Varner stated the next Aging Council meeting will take place on November 18, 2020 at 10:00 am at the BRADD Conference Center or by zoom meeting.

### **Special Advisors:**

**Mr. Alex Caudill**, DLG Office of the Governor Representative, introduced himself and included the counties he represents: Butler, Edmonson and Hart. He informed of the 200 CARES application received 150 have already been approved and encouraged any remaining applicant to submit their application as 19 million dollars have been allocated to the BRADD region.

**Mr. Elton Tomas**, DLG Office of the Governor Representative, introduced himself and the counties served include: Barren, Logan, Simpson, Warren, Allen, Metcalfe and Monroe. Mr. Thomas also informed of the CARES funding and the need for applications to be received.

**Mr. Tom Harned**, LEAD Executive Director, provided an update Small Business Development Center in that two business coaches have been hired. Mr. Harned has shared their contact information with Caleb at BRADD and encouraged anyone needing their services to reach out. They are currently working from home but are planned to be housed at WKU.

**Mr. Joe Plunk**, Transportation Cabinet, provided a brief update on regional road work. COIVD has slowed work progress with some crews being suspended due to COVID. Mr. Plunk informed a great deal of resurfacing still remains. Exit 7 on to I-165 is taking bids for a new interchange. The Tompkinsville by-pass is on the final stage of completion and should be finished soon.

**Mr. Barclay Trimble**, Mammoth Cave National Park Superintendent, after mandatory closure the park reopened June 1<sup>st</sup> for self guided tours only. They continue to be sold out daily. River use has expanded. A possible fee increase on tours is expected in 2021. Construction on ferry ramps continues. The park has undergone several paving and resurfacing projects.

#### **STAFF:**

**Mr. Eric Sexton**, Executive Director, provided an agency update for each month since the last board meeting six months ago in January. In February, Debbie Hammers was appointed as Butler County Citizen Member. In April BRADD held a regional zoom reopening brainstorming session which included Congressman James Comer. Curbside meal pick up began at Senior Centers with an increase in meals served. GIS Manager Kim Morrow created a COVID dashboard to help regional leaders navigate COVID data. Logan County Citizen Member Jim Wilkerson was reappointed for another three year term. In May BRADD received an additional \$100,000 for the Revolving Loan Fund program for small businesses. It was well received and BRADD requested additional funding. The EDA awarded BRADD a competitive grant to fund a Disaster Resilience Coordinator. In June BRADD hosted a virtual meeting with DLG Commissioner Dennis Keene including a local community CARES Act question and answer session. BRADD received a 2020 Excellence in Regional Transportation award from the National Association of Development Organizations for bringing Glasgow Transit online to Google maps. In July Gary Dillard and Lewis Carter were reappointed as Citizen Members for Warren and Monroe Counties. BRADD hosted a virtual meet and greet with DAIL Commissioner Victoria Elrigde.

BRADD Revolving Loan Fund was approved for an additional \$250,000. In August, Mr. Sexton reported BRADD received \$392,000 from EDA and DLG for efforts towards economic disaster resiliency planning. BRADD released a series of getting to know BRADD videos in efforts to help promote and educate our community. Mr. Sexton reported on staff changes since January. The Community and Economic Development department hired Jacob Barker, Infrastructure Management Planner, Nate Heisler, Regional Transportation Planner and Kaycee Bunch, Resiliency Planner. Staff Dajana Crockett was hired as the Disaster Resiliency Coordinator and former intern Mary Adams was hired to replace Dajana as the Public Administration Specialist. The Aging department hired new Waiver Case Manager Ted Barrett and Aging Case Manager Faye Butler. In Finance/Administration, JoAnne Byrnes was hired as the new receptionist. Mr. Sexton reported on behalf of the Community and Economic Development Department, as of July 31, 2020 BRADD has 46 active projects representing 20 million dollars of investment, 42 applications awaiting approval representing \$5.1 million and 26 applications in development. There will be both Regional Transportation Council and Water management Council meetings on September 2, 2020 conducted via zoom. From the Aging Services Department, Mr. Sexton informed the BRADD staff raised funds for the Alzheimer's Association through a yard sale effort raising \$650.00. Since March BRADD has served an average of 3,500 meals per week. BRADD/AAAIL continues to open and serve new clients. Lastly, Mr. Sexton reflected on the BRADD founding director Jack Eversole, who recently passed, and the vision he had for the agency and accredited much of today's successes to that vision. The next board meeting will be held September 23, 2020 at 1:00 pm both virtually and in person. It will serve as the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and the annual report will be released.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Executive Council Report:**

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

Chairman Thurmond called on Mayor Billy Phelps, Executive Council Member, who reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD board meeting and considered three 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: Mayor Billy Phelps made a motion to approve the three Clearinghouse Projects. Mayor Scotty Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried. (See attached)**

## **2. Quarter Four Financials**

Chairman Thurmond called on Mayor Scotty Turner, Executive Council Member, who reported the board packets contain the FY 20 financial report for the fourth quarter ending June 30, 2020. In revenue, BRADD has recognized approximately \$10.22 million through the fourth quarter of FY20. This represents 101 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$10 million has been spent for the same period. This represents 101 percent of the annual expenditures budgeted. If there are no questions, he moved the report be accepted for filing.

**Motion: Mayor Scotty Turner made a motion to approved the FY 20 quarter four financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Billy Phelps. Motion carried. (See attached)**

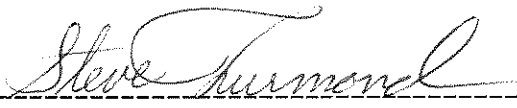
## **3. Aging Program and Services**

Chairman Thurmond called on Mayor Dwayne Hatcher, Executive Council Member. Mayor Hatcher reported the Executive Council met today to review and approve the FY 21 Aging Program and Services Report. A copy of the report is provided in the board packet with state and federal fund allocations represented. Mayor Hatcher asked for any questions, with none he recommended approval.

**Motion: Mayor Dwayne Hatcher made a motion to approve the FY 21 Aging Program and Services Report. The motion was seconded by Mayor Randall Curry. Motion carried. (See attached)**

**ADJOURN**

**With no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Dwayne Hatcher and seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich to adjourn.**

  
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Signed, Chairman

  
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Approved, Secretary