

**MINUTES**  
**BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**May 26, 2021**

**TIME & PLACE:**

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2021 both in person and virtually through Zoom. Chairman Steve Thurmond called the BRADD meeting to order.

Mayor Randall Curry, City of Horse Cave, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Thurmond welcomed all board members, special advisors and attendees both virtually and in person to the BRADD May Board Meeting. Chairman Thurmond provided a special welcome to Congressman Brett Guthrie in attendance.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Chairman Thurmond introduced BRADD staff for a presentation on GIS BRADD; The Road Ahead. Ms. Kim Morrow, GIS Manager and Mr. Nate Heisler Regional Transportation Planner. Ms. Morrow began the presentation concerning Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Ms. Morrow defined GIS as the use of computer databases used for tying data together for long term planning and decision making process. Ms. Morrow provided and described a list of seven new GIS services available from BRADD. Services include: Story Mapping, (an interactive method to map tours and project information), Crowdsourcing Mapping, (used in mass data collection), Reapportionment Assistance, (including boundary redistricting), Next Generation 911, (mapping related to 911 dispatch operations), Web application road closures, (identifies road closures), Cemetery Mapping, (includes GPS mapping with sub foot accuracy), Zoning Map including property location information. Lastly, the Interactive Dashboard BRADD created using real time COVID-19 information. Further, Mr. Nate Heisler presented the new regional transportation interactive dashboard including the latest technology features associated with the system. Users can easily track, obtain and collect useful data and information related to roads, traffic, conditions and factors related to travel for further development and planning purposes. BRADD staff are available for a one-on-one presentation and to provide further details about the resources available to the regions communities.

## **MINUTES:**

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of April 28, 2021 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

**Motion was made by Mayor Mike Hughes, seconded by Mayor Randall Curry to approve the April 28, 2021 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Officers:** No Report

## **Council Reports:**

### **Aging Council:**

Chairman Thurmond called on Mr. Jesse Varner, Aging Council Chair. Mr. Varner reported The Barren River Council on Aging met on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 via Zoom and Conference Call. Aging Council members reviewed and approved the Adairville Senior Center report. The Executive Council will make those recommendations to the BRADD Board. A presentation on scams was given by Lindsey Hix with the Office of the Inspector General's Office. Letters will be going out to Senior Centers, Mayors, and Judges within the next few week to nominate Aging Council members upcoming terms. The next Aging Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 10:00 am. An orientation for new members will take place during that meeting.

## **Special Advisors Report:**

**Congressman Brett Guthrie**, provided an update on the past session including work continued despite the COVID pandemic. He informed many committee meetings continued to occur. Congressman Guthrie spoke about changes experienced from the pandemic. He further spoke on the confusion associated with the COVID fund guidelines and provided an example of broadband expansion as a use for the funds. He informed a possible infrastructure bill is on the horizon.

**Mr. Gilbert Mischel**, Congressman McConnell's representative, introduced himself as the new representative of the Congressman. He provided a brief report concerning disagreements of the infrastructure bill on the constitution of the inclusions.

**Mrs. Sandy Simpson**, Congressman Comer's Representative, informed August is the Congressman's recess and encouraged members to take advantage of this time and schedule a meeting with the Congressman. Mrs. Simpson informed the Congressman continues to remain busy with committee meetings and virtual meetings.

**Mr. Alex Caudill**, Representative of the Governor, commented about the recent groundbreaking for the Hart County T. Marzetti expansion.

**Mr. Elton Thomas**, Representative of the Governor, provided an update concerning the number of Kentuckians receiving the COVID vaccinations and the Governors visit to Bowling Green.

**Mr. Joe Plunk**, Department of Transportation, informed many resurfacing and road project are underway throughout the district. Mr. Plunk provided details about the I-65 ongoing road work including the lane changes and the use of barrier walls. Mr. Plunk spoke about planning and zoning developments and questions should be directed to KYTC concerning possible impacts.

**Mr. Barclay Trimble**, Superintendent, Mammoth Cave National Park, introduced Deputy Superintendent Jay Grass. Mr. Trimble informed park visitation has increased, modified cave tours will begin. The sewer project is nearing completion, as is the Bonnieville Road project. Park concessions will transfer to temporary structures during building updates.

#### **Staff:**

**Ms. Emily Hathcock**, Associate Director of Economic Development, reported the board packet contains a project impact report detailing 47 active projects representing \$23 million of investment. There are nine project applications awaiting approval and 26 grant applications in development. Also included in the board packet is a listing of the new planning steering committee meetings, Ms. Hathcock informed some meetings will move to in-person. The latest schedule will be released in the June newsletter. Ms. Hathcock stressed the importance of participation for goal setting and planning action steps for the future. Ms. Hathcock informed members to see the website at [planning.bradd.org](http://planning.bradd.org) for additional details and information. Ms. Hathcock informed RLF funds are available for loan and BRADD currently has two grant announcements for CDBG and Hazard Mitigation funding. Ms. Hathcock encouraged members to contact the office with questions or needed assistance.

**Ms. Alecia Johnson**, Associate Director of Aging, reported May is Older American's Month, with the theme "Communities of Strength". BRADD will honor those who have turned 100 years or older in 2021, please send information to

BRADD Office. Senior Centers held events this month to recognize Older Americans, which were previously emailed to the members. BRADD has worked with local health departments, mobile health clinics, and pharmacies to secure COVID vaccination opportunities for homebound elderly and disabled individuals who need the vaccine. BRADD continues to share information about COVID-19 resources and information to clients and callers. BRADD ordered shelf stable meals for home delivery meal clients as well as those who are receiving congregate meals from Senior Centers. Curbside congregate meals continue to be served until Senior Centers can reopen. While no official date has been set at this time, there have been discussions on ways to reopen the centers safely once they are able to do so. Ms. Johnson informed BRADD is currently seeking individuals for the Caregiver Support Program. If you know of anyone who is caring for an elderly loved one and may benefit from assistance through this program, please contact Caregiver Coordinator Tamara Prather. Services are continuing to be provided during the pandemic to help meet the needs of elderly and disabled persons across the region. If you know of anyone who may need assistance, please have them call the BRADD Resource Center at 1-800-395-7654.

**Mr. Eric Sexton**, Executive Director, introduced new BRADD staff. CED Intern Drew Benningfield, Aging Intern and Part time COVID meals assistant Rebekah Edwards, ADRC Coordinator Mikayla Iler, and Waiver Case Manager Kimberly Proctor. Mr. Sexton recognized one staff anniversary Mr. Erick Roy, Network Administrator with 15 years of service. Mr. Sexton informed Scottsville Mayor David Burch is currently hosting an informative podcast related to the community's vision. Mr. Sexton encouraged Board members to contact the office if anyone is interested in participating in a broadband feasibility study as the group will examine possibilities of filling funding gaps. Mr. Sexton informed the next BRADD Board meeting will be held Wednesday June 23, 2021 at 1:00 pm with a continued option of hybrid meeting attendance.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Executive Council Reports:**

#### **1. FY 2022 Budget**

Chairman Thurmond called on Mr. Gary Dillard, Treasurer. Mr. Dillard informed the Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting and reviewed the FY 2022 budget. A one page summary is included in the board packet. BRADD has a budget of approximately \$11.2 million in revenue and \$11.15 in expenditures.

**Motion: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to approve the FY 2022 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Dennis Harper. Motion carried. (See attached)**

## **2. FY 2022 Cost Allocation Plan**

Chairman Thurmond called on Mr. Gary Dillard, Treasurer, Mr. Dillard informed the BRADD Executive met prior and reviewed the FY 22 Cost Allocation Plan. The Plan guides the fiscal operations for the agency and has been developed to ensure that BRADD's financial management system is efficient and equitable to ensure that fairness in the distribution of cost is achieved. A copy has been sent out by email in the board packet.

**Motion: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Cost Allocation Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dwayne Hatcher. Motion carried. (See attached)**

## **3. Senior Center Update**

Chairman Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Wil Cannon who reported the BRADD Executive Council met prior to review and approve the relocation of BRADD services from the Adairville Senior Center to the Russellville Senior Center, due to the City of Adairville and Community Actions closure of the Center. Judge Cannon informed the board packet contained a detailed copy of the report.

**Motion: Judge/Executive Wil Cannon made a motion to approve the relocation of BRADD services from the Adairville Senior Center to the Russellville Senior Center effective June 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich. Motion carried. (See attached)**

## **4. Clearinghouse Projects**

Judge/Executive Wil Cannon reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board meeting and considered four regional clearinghouse projects. Project descriptions were provided in the board packet. Upon review of the projects, the Council recommended approval.

**Motion: Judge/Executive Wil Cannon made a motion to approve four regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Dennis Harper. Motion carried. (see attached)**

## 5. BRADD Officer Bylaws Amendment

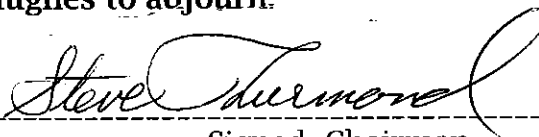
Chairman Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Wil Cannon who reported, previously sent in the board member packet was a bylaws amendment for consideration. This amendment modifies article six, section two, asking current officers to remain in their current positions, due in part, to the pandemic and to realign the current officer election cycle to coincide with the state election cycle. This will mean the current BRADD officers will serve until December 2022. All other provisions of this section would remain the same. Earlier, the Executive Council reviewed the amendment and found it to be in order for approval by the full Board of Directors.

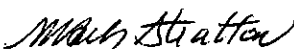
**Motion: Judge/Executive Wil Cannon made a motion to amend the BRADD bylaws Article six Section two to adopt the new officer election cycle. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Tim Flener. Motion carried. (see attached)**

Lastly, Chairman Thurmond called on a Judge/Executive and/or Mayor representative of each county present for a county spotlight update. Many informed of the upcoming happenings and events scheduled.

## ADJOURN

**With no further business, a motion was made by Judge/Executive Logan Chick and seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes to adjourn.**

  
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Signed, Chairman

  
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Approved, Secretary