

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 22, 2022

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Ms. Dawn Devore, Metcalfe County Citizen Member, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Thurmond held a moment of silence for the life and service of former State Representative Wilson Stone. Chairman Thurmond welcomed all board members, special advisors, and attendees to the BRADD June Board Meeting. Chairman Thurmond introduced a guest, Ms. Laura Rigsby, Field Assistant of Senator McConnell's Office attending on behalf of Mr. Gilbert Mischel. Judge/Executive Wil Cannon introduced his guest Mr. Scott Lindsey, Edmonson County Deputy Judge.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chairman Thurmond introduced the meeting speaker, Mr. JD Chaney, Executive Director of the Kentucky League of Cities. Mr. Chaney spoke about the various changes and restructure of KLC. With efforts of progress occurring with the expansion of staff and budgets, and the development of a strategic plan. Areas of focus have included diversification, insurance revisions and the agency mission. Mr. Chaney spoke about the mission driven organization and the ability to forgo charging fees for many of the provided services. KLC exists to support the local governments in moving Kentucky cities forward. Mr. Chaney spoke about the successful latest session in that 31 KLC items were on the agenda, 26 of which became law. He further spoke about the need to seek structurally balanced budgets and diversify revenue. The challenge for local governments to work together is greatly needed for the best benefit of the state. For example, when cities and counties are found competing for the same funds, they need to come together as they will greatly benefit funding possibilities. Mr. Chaney further spoke about the Governor's removal of the once proposed gas tax considering the current increases. The 2013 pension change has been found to impact retention; the CERS board will continue to work to make the rate more affordable to help supplement the increased rate. Mr. Chaney praised the BRADD in the essential functions and partnerships provided. Mr. Chaney informed the annual KLC Conference would take place this year in Owensboro, September 20-23.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mayor Randall Curry, seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes to approve the May 25, 2022 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No Report

Council Reports:

Water Management Council:

Judge/Executive Wil Cannon reported the Water Management Council met on June 1, 2022, at the BRADD Conference Center at 10am. A presentation was made from Philip Ross, from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, and Collin Glover, from the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency. Topics included services offered free of charge to assess and advise state and local governments, including utilities, about cybersecurity best practices. Additionally, the Council endorsed five new project profiles, and five amended project profiles. Staff member Morgan Hershey made announcements regarding the Cleaner Water program, and requested utilities prepare project profiles in anticipation of the next funding cycle. Morgan also informed that the next Water Council Meeting will focus on the different forms of funding and encouraged all interested parties to attend. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7th at 10am in the BRADD Conference Center.

Regional Transportation Committee:

Ms. Emily Hathcock reported the Committee met on June 1, 2022, in the BRADD Conference Center at 11am. Guest speaker, Keith Lovan, with KYTC Division of Planning, provided an overview of future projects to help expand bike/ped programs throughout Kentucky. Further, Philip Ross, from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, and Collin Glover, from the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency spoke about several services offered for free to assess and advise state and local governments about cybersecurity best practices. Kevin Young and Joe Plunk, from KYTC provided updates. The

highway plan is in place with a two-year budget and the Cromwell exit in Butler County is slated to be done by Aug. 1st. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7th at 11am in the BRADD Conference Center.

Economic Development Committee:

Mayor Dwayne Hatcher reported on June 1, 2022, the BRADD Economic Development Committee met at the BRADD Conference Center at 1pm. After a presentation from Philip Ross, from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, and Collin Glover, from the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency the committee discussed cyber security concerns throughout the region. Ms. Hathcock made announcements regarding several upcoming training opportunities, including a Brownfield Information Session scheduled for next Thursday, June 30. Emily also mentioned that the next Economic Development Committee will focus on the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update and encouraged all interested parties to attend. With no other business, the Council adjourned. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7th at 1pm in the BRADD Conference Center.

Special Advisors:

Mr. Jim Decesare, Logan Economic Alliance for Development, LEAD, informed the Small Business Development Center, located in Bowling Green, provides monthly office hours in Russellville. Currently contributing governments are Allen County, Logan County, Warren County, Bowling Green and the City of Morgantown. Mr. Decesare expressed the need for increased local participation of the governments to keep the entity in operation. The Center provides vital services to small businesses in the region.

Mr. Wes Watt, representing KYTC, provided various road work updates throughout the district, specifically, the major I-65 project which is still in its beginning stages, will eventually be down to one lane. Mr. Watt encouraged motorists to check travel apps if traveling through the area. Further, the Louie B. Nunn Expressway is receiving a total resurfacing. Mr. Watt encouraged gas purchase in the state of KY as the tax goes to support the state.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park Superintendent, provided various park announcements and updates including visitation increases for the month. Mr. Trimble spoke about new hires to help with the Green River Ferry process. Mr. Trimble is proud of KY's first national Blueway and spoke about a promotional video which is in production. Mr. Trimble spoke about the supply chain issues delaying the park's concession renovations.

Chris Cumens, SKYCTC, provided an update concerning a new incentive for receiving college credit. The aim is for 60 percent of Kentuckians to receive college credentials or degrees by 2030. In the BRADD region, less than 50 percent of high school graduates enter secondary education. The merit-based scholarship will provide financial value to students based on their GPA of dual credit courses taken. The aim is to draw students with lower GPAs into college, trade, or credential programs. Mr. Cumens provided promotional material to the members concerning this incentive.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Alecia Johnson, Associate Director of Aging, reported the Butler County Senior Center was approved for relocation and opened June 14th at the new location. An open house will be held in July. The new location is 104 North Warren Street, Morgantown, KY. Ms. Johnson informed some Aging Council member terms will expire this year, letters will be sent to Mayors, Judges, and Senior Centers requesting the appointment of new members. New officer nominations will take place at the next Aging Council meeting in August. Aging donation requests will be sent out in July, with an August 31st due date. These donations are voluntary, but much appreciated, as the additional funding goes to the requirement of grant match and helps with budget cuts that may occur with services. June 15th was World Elder Abuse Prevention Day, and the Barren River Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition, which includes some BRADD staff, worked with Just Love Coffee in Bowling Green to raise funds for the local coalition and raise awareness of elder abuse prevention.

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Economic Development, reported the members packet contains the project impact report. As of June 13th, BRADD is administering 62 active projects that represents over \$32 million of investment. 176 funding applications are awaiting approval representing over \$236 million of investment. Many of these are Cleaner Water related projects. 40 projects in development, including applications to FEMA, Division of Waste Management, and the Land & Water Conservation Fund. Last week BRADD released broadband feasibility studies for each county in the region. The feasibility studies can be viewed online at planning.bradd.org. Over the next several weeks contacts will be made to county judges to begin setting up times for in-depth review of each county's plan. Ideally, each county will need a broadband committee formed to look at how best to implement increased broadband coverage within the community. Ms. Hathcock suggested new committees could be formed or the existing steering committees could be used, making sure specific stakeholders are included. BRADD will offer a DLG/KLC accredited training opportunity next week regarding Brownfields. KY EXCEL and

Tetra Tech will be present Thursday, June 30, from 9am to noon to review the EPA's Brownfield Program, Brownfield Assessment and Clean-up Grants, and other opportunities. Attendance is encouraged, particularly for those with buildings or property in the community that are presumed to be undevelopable due to environmental contamination. The Brownfield Program is not a regulatory arm of EPA, but instead focuses on redevelopment of viable property.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, recognized two new hires, Ms. Haley Penrod, Public Administration Specialist in the Economic Development Division, and Mr. Kevin Nguyen, Waiver Case Manager in the Aging Division.

Mr. Sexton informed the BRADD Regional Broadband Symposium was held last Thursday with a summary of the event to be forthcoming. The county level broadband feasibility studies were released. Phase two will include a deeper dive into how the data from the study can be best utilized. Mr. Sexton announced preliminary favorability with the FLAPP Grant which will fund a feasibility study for a 23 mile multi-use trail from downtown BG to Mammoth Cave. Mr. Sexton recognized Aging Council chairman, Mr. Jesse Varner for his theatrical work in a play at the Barnlot Theater in Edmonton, with additional upcoming shows this weekend. Mr. Sexton thanked Mr. Varner for always representing BRADD well in the region. Lastly, Mr. Sexton informed the next BRADD Board Meeting will be held July 27, 2022 at 1 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

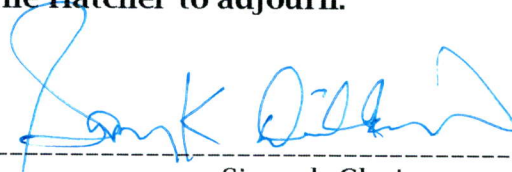

1. Clearinghouse Projects

Judge/Executive Wil Cannon reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and considered nine regional clearinghouse projects. The 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 nine regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes. Motion carried. (see attached)

ADJOURN

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

Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary