

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 26, 2022

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2022. BRADD Chairman Steve Thurmond called the BRADD Board Meeting to order.

Mayor David Burch, City of Scottsville, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Thurmond welcomed all board members, special advisors, and attendees to the BRADD January Board Meeting. Chairman Thurmond recognized special guest in attendance, Congressman Brett Guthrie, and invited him to address the Board. Congressman Guthrie informed another BRADD county, Logan County, has been added to his district. He further spoke about the pending budget, and the need of its passing for the new year. He further spoke about his committee work which included efforts towards illegalizing the drug fentanyl. The very deadly and potent drug is not technically illegal and is causing great harm and concern. The Congressman spoke about the tornado relief efforts and the process of FEMA providing aid.

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Chairman Thurmond introduced the first guest speaker, Ms. Tauheedah Mateen, Public Affairs Specialist with the Small Business Administration. Ms. Mateen informed the availability of low interest rate loans for those in declared counties of tornado disaster. Those of which include Hart, Barren, Logan and Warren. Ms. Mateen described there is available assistance for homeowners with relocation and refinancing. Renters are only eligible to claim personal property loss. Further, Ms. Mateen informed SBA would not duplicate insurance funds and that administrative loan limits are waived for businesses that are major sources of employment. The loans are eligible to be modified throughout the process. There is an 18-month deferral until the first payment is due. Ms. Mateen advised the first step for all individual's seeking assistance is to register with FEMA, all businesses should apply directly with SBA. Ms. Mateen encouraged members to act as the deadline to apply is February 11, 2022. Currently, 26 million dollars have been loaned through the SBA.

Chairman Thurmond introduced the second guest speaker, BRADD staff Ms. Cody Moats, Program Services Coordinator. Ms. Moats provided a power point presentation on the BRADD aging programs for Homecare and Title III. These programs provide in-home services to qualified aged blind and disabled persons in the region. The service includes respite care, personal care, homemaking and escort service. The services are provided by Caring with A Smile and Comfort Keepers. Another service area is the home delivered meals. A, growing program which currently has a waiting list. Ms. Moats instructed anyone can make a referral to be placed on the waiting list. Priority consideration is given to those with the highest need ranking. Ms. Moats introduced the BRADD case management staff who oversee the provision of these services and which counties they cover.

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With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mayor Mike Hughes, seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich to approve the December 15, 2021 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No Report

Council Reports:

Aging Council Report:

Chairman Thurmond called on Mr. Jesse Varner, Aging Council Chairman. Mr. Varner reported the Council on Aging recently met on January 14, 2022. The Council received and approved the Aging Services Review Committee report, which the Executive Council will make the recommendation to the Board. BRADD staff received numerous donations for the Santa's secret helper donation drive in December resulting in over 60 clients receiving Christmas presents. BRADD received a grant from CDC to help encourage COVID vaccinations for seniors. A transportation voucher has been created to help pay for rides to and from vaccination appointments. BRADD is continuing to open clients for services during the pandemic, anyone in need of assistance is encouraged to contact the Resource Center. The next Aging Council meeting will be held Wednesday March 16, 2022 at 10 am.

Special Advisors Report:

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman Comers Representative, provided a brief update, and expressed agreement with Congressman Guthrie's sentiments on fentanyl and its increased abuse as it was the number one drug killer in 2021. Congressman Comer also supports the illegalization of the drug. Mrs. Simpson encouraged members to reach out to Congressman Comers Office for assistance.

Mr. Alex Caudill, Governor's Representative, informed the tornado efforts remain the top priority for the Governor. Mr. Caudill informed the Governor will be in the region next week for the Tyson Factory groundbreaking and check presentations for the states funding of several water and wastewater projects. Mr. Caudill informed the members the BRADD region would receive a new DLG representative, former State Representative, Ms. Martha Jane King. Mr. Caudill informed he will continue to be available to provide assistance but will be covering a different region of the state.

Mr. Joe Plunk, Transportation Department, Mr. Plunk spoke about the various road work in the region including the clean up process from the December tornados, snow events and routine maintenance and filling potholes. Mr. Plunk spoke about numerous projects out to be bid. County meetings will be held with fiscal courts and Judge/Executives. Further, Mr. Plunk announced the highway plan had been released.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave Superintendent, provided park updates including increased visitation. Mr. Trimble spoke about various park projects and the delay with some projects due to supply chain issues. New sidewalks are in progress along with much trail work.

Staff:

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Economic Development, reported the board packet contains a project impact report detailing 54 active projects representing \$32.2 million of investment. There are 174 project applications awaiting approval and 20 grant applications in development. Ms. Hathcock informed the Transportation Cabinet road review project is concluding, with only a few weeks left to make changes for any county and city roads. The Cabinet for Economic Development has asked BRADD to assist in reviewing sites available for development, including reviewing the accuracy of site listings on the state's database. Ms. Hathcock will work with Economic Developers throughout the region for this update process. Ms. Hathcock informed the county strategic

planning process is nearing completion. By the end of February each county steering committee will have reviewed their draft strategic plan with plans to adopt the finalized plan in March. Members can visit planning.bradd.org to review finalized plans. Ms. Hathcock explained an overview presentation of the effort will be presented at the March BRADD board meeting.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, recognized one new staff Mr. Zach Korte, Staff Accountant. Mr. Sexton recognized a one-year staff anniversary from November for Ms. Alexius Holder. Mr. Sexton informed the Executive Council approved the release of BRADDs audit request for proposal for Fiscal Year 2022. Further, BRADD has released two press releases recently, a grant announcement, in partnership with WKU, funding an active shooter training. And a release of CDC funds for a transportation voucher program elderly to COVID-19 vaccination appointments. Additionally, the Executive Council approved a resolution authorizing BRADD to apply for a grant through the Eastern Federal Lands Access program to fund a feasibility study for the construction of a 23-mile trail connecting Bowling Green to Park City. This will be a project in conjunction with the City of Bowling Green's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). BRADD will be the host site for the annual DLG budget workshop on February 25, 2022. Mr. Sexton asked all BRADD Board of Directors to complete the annual BRADD Conflict of Interest and Ombudsman Conflict of interest statements. These are asked to be completed to disclose any possible conflicts with the operations of BRADD or the Ombudsman Aging program. Mr. Sexton informed members to submit the forms to Caleb for filing. Mr. Sexton announced there will not be a February Board of Directors meeting due to the Legislative session. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

Mayor Dwayne Hatcher reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and considered twelve regional clearinghouse projects. The project descriptions were provided in the board packet. All projects pertained to water and wastewater improvement. Upon review of the projects, the Council recommended approval.

Motion: Mayor Dwayne Hatcher made a motion to approve twelve regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes. Motion carried. (see attached)

2. Quarter Two Financials

Mayor Mark Stratton reported the Executive Council met and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2022 financial report for the second quarter ending December 31, 2021, a summary is provided in the members packet. In revenue, BRADD has recognized approximately \$5.76 million. This represents 52 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$5.67 million has been spent for the same period representing 51 percent percent of the annual expenditures budgeted.

Motion: Mayor Mark Stratton made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2022 quarter two financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Larry Dixon. Motion carried. (See attached)

3. Aging Review Committee


Mayor Mark Stratton reported the Executive Committee met prior to the board meeting and considered and approved the Aging Service Review Committee Report. A copy of the report and unit cost comparison sheet is provided in the packet which details programs that will need to be re-bid.

Motion: Mayor Mark Stratton made a motion to approve the Aging Services Review Committee Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dwayne Hatcher. Motion carried. (See attached)

Lastly, Chairman Thurmond called on representatives present from each county for a roundtable announcement and update from their respective county. Chairman Thurmond recognized Allen County Citizen Member, Mrs. Dell Hall for her continued support and contribution of the mission of the BRADD.

ADJOURN

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



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary