

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 15, 2021

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 15, 2021. BRADD Treasurer Mr. Gary Dillard presided as acting Chairman and called the BRADD meeting to order.

Mr. Michael Stoyonovich, Edmonson County Citizen Member led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Dillard welcomed all board members, special advisors, and attendees to the BRADD December Board Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Chairman Thurmond introduced the meeting speaker, Kentucky State Auditor Mike Harmon. Mr. Harmon informed in efforts to increase transparency and push for more oversight of Area Development Districts (ADDs), House Bill 189 was created leading towards this effort. This would give the KY State Auditor the first right of refusal in auditing ADDs to ensure all 15 districts are operating appropriately and ensure a consistent reporting framework. The bill provided a much higher level of assurance of the states audit. Mr. Harmon described how ADDs provide a very valuable role in the Commonwealth and therefore the creation of HB 189 with state auditing will simply ensure the highest level of transparency and accountability to increase public confidence in the work being provided. Mr. Harmon introduced Mr. James Royse, Executive Director of Office of Local Government Audits. Mr. Royse informed an abbreviated copy of the audit report was provided in the member's packet. The BRADD received a clean opinion which is the highest opinion for that category. Mr. Royse informed there was only one finding related to financial preparation and presentation. In accordance to General Auditing standards, the process of holding funds with different classifications on financial statements.

Chairman Dillard introduced the second guest speaker, Mr. Jim DeCesare presenting "You Decide KY", changes in tax codes benefiting local governments. Mr. DeCesare spoke about the tax code changes in that modernization is needed

as there has been no change since 1891. The changing times call for an adaption to new ways. Mr. DeCesare described how the Kentucky constitution is more limiting towards local government tax code ruling than the Federal Constitution. You Decide KY would allow local government authorities to make the best decisions for their governmental entity. For example, KY is only one of seventeen states collecting occupational tax. This would give governments the ability to remove this and decide alternate revenue streams. Mr. DeCesare encouraged members to visit youdecideKY.com to find out more information.

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of August 24, 2021 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mayor Larry Dixon, seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich to approve the August 24, 2021 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No Report

Council Reports:

Aging Council Report:

Chairman Dillard called on Mr. Jesse Varner, Aging Council Chairman. Mr. Varner reported the Council on Aging recently met on Wednesday November 17th 2021. The Council heard a presentation on Medicare, including Medicare Part D open enrollment by Ms. Bobbie Esters of Kentucky Legal Aid. BRADD staff reported they are participating in the 'Be a Santa to a Senior' initiative to collect Christmas gifts for seniors and disabled individuals served. Staff will wrap and deliver those gifts to clients in need for Christmas. BRADD is currently asking the public to complete a needs assessment. The results will be used to better understand what the needs of the aging/disabled community are and how BRADD can better target funds to best serve the community. The assessment is available on the BRADD website through the month of December. Mr. Varner announced the next Aging Council meeting will take place January 14, 2022 at 10:00 am at the BRADD Conference Center.

Water Management Council:

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Mason Barnes who reported the BRADD Water Management Council met on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 and again on Wednesday December 8, 2021 for a special called meeting. The Council reviewed and approved the FY 2022 project rankings to be used in the current KIS SRF call for projects cycle. The Council also approved several new drinking water and clean water projects as well as a few narrative and budget revisions to existing projects. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 10 am at the BRADD Office. Questions should be directed to BRADD staff Morgan Hershey.

Regional Transportation Council:

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Dennis Harper who reported the Council recently met on December 1, 2021. The committee approved the minutes from the September 16, 2021 meeting, regional goals and objectives, and the annual bylaws review. The group discussed the Kentucky Long Range Transportation Plan Survey. The Council heard KYTC updates from Mr. Joe Plunk. Any questions should be directed to BRADD staff, Mr. Nate Heisler.

Economic Development Committee:

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Tim Flener who reported the the Committee recently met on December 1, 2021 and heard a presentation from Megan Scargorodski with the Kentucky Mesonet at WKU. Megan gave an overview of the Kentucky Mesonet and the services it has available to the communities. The Committee also reviewed the previously established Regional Goals and Objective and added language to the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Goals to better reflect the overarching goal of protecting lives. Lastly, the Committee reviewed and discussed potential regional project to be incorporated into the final plan. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 2, 2022 at 1 pm at the BRADD Office. Questions should be directed to Ms. Emily Hathcock.

Special Advisors Report:

Mr. Clark Arnold, Senator Rand Paul's representative, provided remarks on the Senators tours of tornado devastation. The Senator is working with charities to aid in the effort.

Mr. Gilbert Mischel, Congressman McConnell's representative, provided a brief update including the Senators visit to the tornado devastation areas and assistance efforts. The Build Back Better bill is not expected to be passed.

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman Comers Representative, informed members reaching out for FEMA assistance to please contact the Congressman's Office for any needed assistance in the process. The Congressman's case work continues for all areas of service.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave Superintendent, provided park updates including condolences to the recent devastation. Park visitation is 98 percent higher overall than last year. Mr. Trimble spoke about the ongoing concession improvement project at the park which will largely benefit park amenities.

Staff:

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Economic Development, reported the board packet contains a project impact report detailing 48 active projects representing \$24.8 million of investment. There are 82 project applications awaiting approval and 90 grant applications in development. Ms. Hathcock informed BRADD recently completed an annual update to the Community and Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) printed copies are available.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, expressed thanks to Mr. Gary Dillard for filling in as Chairman in Mr. Thurmond's absence. Mr. Sexton's quote of the month came from the audit report, "we did not identify or obtain any information to suspect fraudulent activity". Mr. Sexton thanked BRADD staff for their hard work resulting in a good audit report. Mr. Sexton recognized new employees Ms. Morgan Hershey, as the Community Development Specialist, Ms. Lydia Newton as Waiver Case Manager, and Ms. Jenna Simmons, Receptionist/Aging Assistant. Mr. Sexton recognized a one-year staff anniversary to Mr. Christian Stanley and a 15-year anniversary to Ms. Kim Morrow. Mr. Sexton presented a plaque to Ms. Suzanne Allison in recognition of her retirement from BRADD effective December 31, 2021. Mr. Sexton expressed thanks to Ms. Allison for her dedicated and loyal work. Ms. Kim Morrow made a presentation on behalf of the KY Association of Mapping Professionals of which she is a board officer member. Ms. Morrow recognized BRADD staff Nate Heisler for his recent award for best web application on dashboards and Ms. Chelsea Carroll for best story map for her project, "This is Your Logan County Story Map". Mr. Sexton announced the BRADD Board Meeting dates for 2022 have been approved and encouraged members to pick up a copy of the new schedule. Also available to the members were BRADD mugs, annual reports and CEDS reports. Mr. Sexton announced the next BRADD Board Meeting would be held on Wednesday January 26, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

Judge/Executive Dennis Harper reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and considered two regional clearinghouse projects. The project descriptions were provided in the board packet. Upon review of the projects, the Council recommended approval.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve two regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Harold Stilts. Motion carried. (see attached)

2. Quarter One Financials

Mr. Gary Dillard reported the Executive Council met and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2022 financial report for the first quarter ending September 30, 2021, a summary is provided in the members packet. In revenue, BRADD has recognized approximately \$2.9 million. This represents 26 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$2.8 million has been spent for the same period representing 28 percent percent of the annual expenditures budgeted.

Motion: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2022 quarter one financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Dennis Harper. Motion carried. (See attached)

3. FY 21 Audit

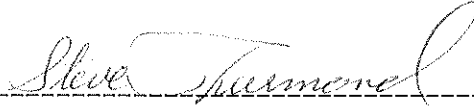
Mayor Billy Phelps reported the Executive Committee met prior to the board meeting and considered and approved the Fiscal Year 2021 audit. You heard a review of the audit from the State Auditor's office earlier in this meeting. Mayor Phelps recommended approval.

Motion: Mayor Billy Phelps made a motion to approved FY 21 audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Tim Flener. Motion carried. (See attached)


Lastly, Chairman Dillard recognized two staff who recently received a certificate of achievement from the Department of Local Government for a successful completion of the Kentucky's 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administrators training, Ms. Mary Adams and Mr. Eric Sexton.

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Billy Phelps and seconded by Mayor Bob Greer to adjourn.

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Signed, Chairman

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Approved, Secretary