

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 24, 2021

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Chairman Steve Thurmond called the BRADD meeting to order.

Chief of Police, Heather Childress, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Thurmond welcomed all board members, special advisors and attendees to the BRADD August Board Meeting. Mr. Chair introduced new Board Member Mr. John Bunnell, as the new Hart County Citizen Member.

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Chairman Thurmond introduced the meeting speaker Ms. Kayla Carter, Research Associate for the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo). Ms. Carter provided a presentation concerning the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding requirements. Ms. Carter informed \$867.8 million has been allocated in American Rescue Plan Act funds. The deadline to obligate funds is December 31, 2024. Ms. Carter informed the U.S. Treasury continues to make finalizations to required guidelines. Ms. Carter explained the process of the reporting requirements and processes in place for using the funds. Ms. Carter presented a list of frequently asked questions concerning the reporting requirements. Lastly Ms. Carter informed there are other funding sources available to assist with the match requirements. The Economic Development Authority (EDA) has designated funds available for qualifying entities. Ms. Carter opened the floor for any questions.

MINUTES:

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

Motion was made by Mayor Randall Curry, seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich to approve the July 28, 2021 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No Report

Council Reports:

Water Management Council:

Chairman Thurmond called on Judge/Executive Joe Choate who informed the Board the BRADD Water Management Council met on Tuesday August 10, 2021 at the BRADD Conference Center. The Council briefly discussed guidelines and concerns surrounding the American Rescue Plan Act as it pertains to water and wastewater infrastructure in the region. The council reviewed and approved 25 new water projects, as well as eight new wastewater projects. The Council also reviewed and approved a budget and scope of work updates for four existing water projects. The next Council meeting will be held on September 1, 2021 at 9:30 am via Zoom. Please direct any questions to BRADD staff Jacob Barker.

Aging Council :

Chairman Thurmond called on Mr. Jesse Varner, Aging Council Chairman. Mr. Varner reported The Barren River Council on Aging met on August 18th, 2021 in the BRADD Conference Center, with a virtual option available. The Council elected new officers for FY 22. Mr. Jessie Varner as 1st Chair, Ms. Athalene Hollinsworth as Vice Chairperson, and Ms. Vickie Walker as 2nd Vice Chairperson. Council members were informed of recent events at BRADD including a yard sale fundraiser for Alzheimer's Association, where over \$225 was raised. A recent food drive was also held to provide food to clients in need. Mr. Varner further reported, BRADD received a rate increase request from GA Foods which was discussed and approved by the council. The Executive Council will provide more information on this request. The FY 22 Aging Programs and Services Report was reviewed and approved by Council members. A copy is provided in the board packet with a recommendation from the Executive Council. An orientation training was held for members during the meeting. The next meeting will take place on November 17, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Special Advisors Report:

Mr. Mark Lord, Congressman Brett Guthrie's representative, provided remarks on the Afghanistan exit, the 3.5 trillion-dollar Infrastructure bill, and updates from the recently held roundtable discussions on broadband.

Mr. Gilbert Mischel, Congressman McConnell's representative, provided a brief update including the Senate recess which is underway. Further, information on the recently passed infrastructure bill which has now moved to the House of Representatives. Mr. Mischel informed field staff are traveling this month to meet with regional leaders and encouraged members to call with any needed assistance with federal grants.

Mr. Alex Caudill, Office of the Governor Field Representative, recognized the recent work in Metcalfe County for the expanding industrial park. Mr. Caudill informed a new field representative is in transition replacing Mr. Elton Thomas.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave Superintendent, provided park updates including July park visitation has increased from previous year. A fall schedule has been released for tours which will be booked at a reduced capacity. Mr. Trimble spoke about the Parks International Dark Sky designation efforts, and the concession renovation project.

Staff:

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Economic Development, reported the board packet contains a project impact report detailing 54 active projects representing \$26 million of investment. There are 33 project applications awaiting approval and 63 grant applications in development.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, recognized two staff one-year anniversaries. Mr. Ted Barrett, Case Manager, and Ms. Kaycee Bunch Disaster Resiliency Planner. Mr. Sexton introduced new staff Case Manager, Ms. Rebekah Edwards, who was a previous Aging Department intern. Mr. Sexton informed BRADD staff Mary Adams is providing assistance with ARPA funding requirements and encouraged members to reach out to her with any questions. Mr. Sexton provided an update on the regional broadband feasibility study with Breaking Point Solutions which is underway. Mr. Sexton announced the BRADD Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at The Hidden Homestead with formal invitation to be sent. Mr. Sexton welcomed new BRADD Hart County Citizen Member Mr. John Bunnell.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

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

2. Quarter Four Financials

Mr. Gary Dillard reported the Executive Council met and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021 financial report for the quarter ending June 30, 2021, a summary is provided in the members packet. In revenue, BRADD has recognized approximately \$11.2 million through the fourth quarter of FY 2021. This represents 95 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$10.82 million has been spent for the same period representing 95 percent of the annual expenditures budgeted.

Motion: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2021 quarter four financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Larry Dixon. Motion carried. (See attached)

3. Provider Rate Increase

Mayor Billy Phelps reported the Executive Committee reviewed a request from GA Foods, the service provider of frozen and shelf stable meals. GA has requested a 6 percent increase to their current unit rate to account for the rising costs during the pandemic. The Committee recommends approval of the 6 percent increase for the current year contract effective September 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Motion: Mayor Billy Phelps made a motion to approved GA Foods 6 percent rate increase for the current year contract. The motion was seconded by Mayor Larry Dixon. Motion carried. (See attached)

4. Aging Programs and Services

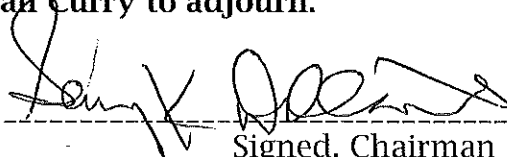
Mayor Billy Phelps reported the Executive Committee met prior to the meeting and approved the FY 2022 Aging Programs and Services Report, highlighting the funds received for the various programs operated through the BRADD/AAAIL. A copy is provided in the board packet. The Executive Council recommends approval.

Motion: Mayor Billy Phelps made a motion to approve the FY 22 Aging Programs and Services report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dewayne Hatcher. Motion carried. (See attached)

Lastly, Chairman Thurmond called Board Members representing County or City Governments, to provide an update on happenings or events across the region.

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Judge/Executive Joe Choate and seconded by Mayor Randall Curry to adjourn.



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary