

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 28, 2021

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2021. Chairman Steve Thurmond called the BRADD meeting to order.

Mr. Gary Larimore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Thurmond welcomed all board members, special advisors and attendees to the BRADD July Board Meeting. Mr. Chair recognized special guest Mr. Mike Burris Executive Director of the Lincoln Trail ADD.

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Chairman Thurmond introduced the meeting speaker BRADD employee Ms. Alecia Johnson, Associate Director of Aging. Ms. Johnson spoke about the BRADD Aging Departments Programs and Services through a power point presentation entitled, "Linking People and Programs". BRADD has a variety of services and programs for the aged, blind and disabled populations, which work to allow them to remain in their home and community. BRADD Aging Programs receive funding from the Federal, State and Local Governments. Many services are contracted through community partners. BRADD has a Resource Center in which individuals may call to receive access to community assistance. Ms. Johnson provided a list and summary description of each of the BRADD service programs and encouraged members to view the BRADD website at www.bradd.org for additional program details and explanations. Ms. Johnson informed a BRADD staff is available to speak or present at City Council or Fiscal Court meetings. Ms. Johnson encouraged members to contact the BRADD office for additional information.

RECGEONITION OF FIRST DIRECTOR EMERITUS:

Chairman Thurmond informed the members BRADD recently updated the By-laws to include a new membership classification for Director Emeritus. This was

done in efforts to honor and recognize dedicated members of the BRADD, for distinction of service, and support of the BRADDs mission. The revered role is to be used in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors. The member must met specific qualifications as outlined in the by-laws. Mr. Chairman informed the first BRADD Director Emeritus is being presented to past Chairman, founding Board of Director, Mr. Elroy Larimore. Chairman Thurmond spoke about the impact of Mr. Larimore throughout the history of BRADD and how he personally, mentored him when he became a Board Member. Members stood in applause for this special recognition, with Mr. Larimore's wife and son Gary present.

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of June 23, 2021 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mr. Elroy Larimore, seconded by Mayor Dewayne Hatcher to approve the June 23, 2021 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No Report

Council Reports: No Report

Special Advisors Report:

Mr. Mark Lord, Congressman Brett Guthrie's representative, provided a brief update informing August is the Congressman's recess period, he will be making stops in the district. On August 6, 2021 a Broadband Roundtable will be held for officials to better understand the needs and ensure their reflection in Legislation.

Mr. Gilbert Mischel, Congressman McConnell's representative, recess will take place during August and the Senator will be traveling. Mr. Mischel spoke about the states support of vaccinations and the encouragement in receiving them.

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman Comers representative, informed how much the Congressman appreciated representing the first district. He will be in Metcalfe County next week and Logan County later in the month. Mrs. Simpson spoke about the work on the infrastructure plan in the House.

Mr. Doug Taylor, KY Rural and Municipal Aid, informed it's the end of the fiscal year and a busy time at the Road Department. Those receiving any exceeded projections on project will receive payments in August. New paving requests are being received.

Mr. Wes Watt, KY Transportation Department, informed much repair is occurring across the district. Interstate 65 will have ongoing road improvements with an expected projected completion date of November.

Mr. Jay Graves, Mammoth Cave National Park, provided various updates and announcements. Park visitation has increased but cave tours are still limited to 70 percent. Many projects continue to be ongoing around the park campus.

Staff:

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Economic Development, reported the board packet contains a project impact report detailing 49 active projects representing \$23.8 million of investment. There are 18 project applications awaiting approval and 91 grant applications in development. Also included in the board packet is a listing of the planning steering committee meetings for August. Ms. Hathcock encouraged members to contact the office with questions or needed assistance.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, expressed appreciation to Mr. Elroy Larimore for his service and dedication to the BRADD. Mr. Sexton recognized two staff one-year anniversaries. Mr. Jacob Barker Infrastructure Management Planner and Mr. Nate Heisler Regional Transportation Planner. Mr. Sexton presented Dr. Victoria Gordon a "Friend of BRADD" recognition for her partnership and role as Special Advisor to the BRADD Board. Dr. Gordon recently retired from WKU Political Science Department. Mr. Sexton spoke about the successes of the internship partnership Dr. Gordon assisted with through WKU. Mr. Sexton asked BRADD staff having participated in the internship program and students of political Science and Master of Public Administration programs to stand. Dr. Gordon expressed her appreciation to BRADD for the recognition and recalled the many collaborative projects over the years. Mr. Sexton announced there will be a possible date change for the Annual Meeting in September. Nominations for the Tim Lee Carter and William H Natcher Awards will continue to be accepted through August 23. Mr. Sexton informed Mrs. Dell Hall has been reappointed for another three-year Allen County Citizen Member term. The next BRADD Board meeting will take place on Tuesday August 24, 2021.

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 three 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 three regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Dennis Harper. Motion carried. (see attached)

2. Regional Broadband Feasibility Study

Mayor Mark Stratton reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board meeting and considered a proposal for the regional broadband feasibility study. In response to BRADDs RFP, BRADD received three inquiries and one submitted response from Breaking Point Solutions, LLC for a total project total cost of \$96,384. The study will contain individualized county specific content for further expanded Broadband opportunities. The members packet contains a summary of the proposal. The Executive Council recommends approval.

Motion: Mayor Mark Stratton made a motion to approve Breaking Point Solutions LLC to complete the Regional Broadband Feasibility Study. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Joe Choate. Motion carried. (See attached)

ADJOURN

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

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Signed, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Stratton", written over a horizontal dashed line.

Approved, Secretary