

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 26, 2022

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Judge/Executive Mason Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Treasurer Gary Dillard remarked about the services of the Small Business Development Center with Mr. Kevin Yates and encouraged members to utilize the services.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chairman Thurmond introduced the first guest speaker, Ms. Shellie Hampton, Director of Government Affairs with the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo). Ms. Hampton spoke about the upcoming 2023 Legislative session, which will be a short session with only 30 working days. Ms. Hampton spoke about the states' relief efforts from the tornado and flooding disasters. Further, task force updates included: The Emergency Management task forces need for recruitment/retention and training with increased ambulance service expenses. The bourbon barrel task force addressing tax issues for the unreasonable tax assessed on bourbon for each year after the first two years. Ms. Hampton spoke about transportation funding for the electric vehicles fees including charging stations which will charge three cents per kilowatt. Charging stations will be mandated to be placed every 50 miles and less than one mile off an interstate. Further funding updates included the county jail per diem rate increase. The cost effectiveness of jail operations with various expenses and equal standards for all jails including newspaper publication requirements. Ms. Hampton asked for any questions. Members asked about tax configurations comparatively to other states such as Tennessee. Further, questions concerning unfunded mandates, with funds for needed programs.

Chairman Thurmond introduced the second speaker, Ms. Emily Hathcock, BRADDs Associate Director of Community and Economic Development. Ms. Hathcock spoke about the BRADDs Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) five-year update. Ms. Hathcock and her team have developed a creative method to present the information by moving what was historically a large paper document into an interactive website. Ms. Hathcock provided information for what the CEDS update means locally and what can be taken from it. The update was completed after a 15-month planning process with County Steering Committee meetings with efforts to incorporate current goals and

objectives of each area of the region. Further, the hazard mitigation plan which requires FEMA approval, is also incorporated into the website with easy access to information. The website is located at planning.bradd.org. Ms. Hathcock provided a breakdown of the website.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the August 24, 2022 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mayor Larry Dixon, seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich to approve the August 24, 2022 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: Chairman Thurmond reported the BRADD bylaws were amended to align future BRADD officer elections with the calendar year. A nominating committee is needed for the purpose of selecting a slate of Executive Council Officers for 2023-2024. Chairman Thurmond appointed the following nominating Committee: Mayor Dwayne Hatcher as Chair, Mayor Randall Curry, Mr. Sam Terry, Ms. Debbie Hammers, Judge/Executive Wil Cannon and Judge/Executive Harold Stilts. Chairman Thurmond thanked all for their willingness to serve.

Council Reports:

Aging Council:

Chairman Thurmond called on Mr. Jesse Varner, Aging Council Chairman. Mr. Varner reported the Aging Council met on Wednesday October 19, 2022 at 10:00 am at the BRADD Conference Center. The Barren River Mental Health and Aging Coalition recently held a Mental Health and Aging Conference on October 20th at the Carroll Knicely Center, with over 200 participants and vendors in attendance. Mr. Varner announced BRADD will be requesting proposals for Title IIID Health Promotion and Disease Prevention services. The application packets will be available to potential applicants to pick up on Tuesday, November 1st at the BRADD office. Aging Council members will be asked to review the Aging

Services Review Committee's recommendations on these proposals at the next Aging Council meeting. BRADD is hosting a food drive as organized by intern, Oomai Hsar. The collection of non-perishable food items during the month of October can be dropped off at the BRADD office or any of the three Independence Bank locations in Bowling Green. The University of Kentucky is offering a study for individuals diagnosed with Type II diabetes, specifically, to study social supports. Those eligible to participate in the study will be compensated for their time. Please see Michelle Hines for further information on this study and eligibility requirements. The next Aging Council meeting is set for Wednesday, January 18th, 2023 at 10am at the BRADD Conference Center.

Regional Transportation Committee:

Judge/Executive Dennis Harper reported the BRADD Regional Transportation Committee met in a special-called session prior to today's board meeting. The committee reviewed and approved changes to the bylaws and approve regional goals and objectives. With no other business, the Committee adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 11 am in the BRADD Conference Center.

Water Management Council:

Mayor Michael Hughes reported the Council met on September 7th, for the first meeting of the new fiscal year. A presentation was made by Mr. Vince Guenthner, from Louisville Water Company, about using water and sewer infrastructure projects to encourage economic growth. Ms. Morgan Hershey also provided information about the new funding opportunities this year, namely the second round of Cleaner Water grants and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds. The council approved new and amended project profiles as well as the scoring criteria for KIA's call for projects. Morgan Hershey announced commitment meetings for the second round of cleaner water will occur soon, with a deadline of October 10th. The WMC will be electing a new Chairman and Vice Chairman during the December 7th meeting, nominations are accepted up until then. The council will have a bylaw review at the December meeting. The council will have a special-called meeting on November 2nd at 10 am via zoom to approve any final profile edits before the project-ranking meeting in December. Zoom call-in information will be emailed to committee members closer to the meeting date. The next regular meeting of the Water Management Council will be at 10 am on December 7, 2022, at the BRADD Conference Center.

Economic Development Committee:

Mayor Dewayne Hatcher informed the BRADD Regional Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday September 7, 2022 at the BRADD Conference Center. The committee reviewed and approved the full update of the regional comprehensive economic development strategy required by the economic development authority. The update can be viewed by visiting planning.bradd.org. After review, the committee recommended the CEDS for approval by the board. A proposed resolution will be presented later in the meeting. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the BRADD Conference Center. Mayor Hatcher informed all questions should be directed to Ms. Emily Hathcock.

Special Advisors:

Mr. Clark Arnold, Senator Rand Paul's Representative, reported there will be a reallocation of COVID funds towards other natural disasters.

Mr. Joe Plunk, representing KYTC, informed contracts are wrapping up several projects for the season. Mr. Plunk reminded transportation is not just about construction, much prep work goes into the planning process. In the next five years federal funding will be available to help move projects forward. Mr. Plunk encouraged the members to follow Mr. Wes Watt for public and media information.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park Superintendent, provided various park announcements and updates including continued closure of the Green River Ferry. Low water levels continue to persist on the Green River due to the drought conditions. Mr. Trimble informed now is a good time to Kayak on the Nolin River. Further, a new trail tour called wondering woods will be opening soon.

Staff Reports:

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, provided various announcements and updates. Mr. Sexton introduced new staff since the August Board Meeting. From the Aging Department: Waiver Case managers' Ms. Katelyn Miller, Ms. Katie White, and Case Manager Ms. Rose Florea. In Finance, Ms. Sharon Woods. Mr. Sexton presented one staff 10-year anniversary to Ms. Cody Moats. Mr. Sexton announced the Executive Council approved the re-appointment and new appointment of Revolving Loan Fund Committee Members. The members packet contains a project impact report detailing the 59 active projects representing over \$33.5 million in investment. There are 194 funding applications awaiting approval representing over 291 million dollars of

investment. There are 44 projects in development. BRADD will release a request for proposal for the completion of a feasibility study to connect existing transit providers. The Executive Council approved two resolutions. A regional cybersecurity application through the KY Office of Homeland Security (KOHA) to develop and implement cyber incident response plans. A Brownfield Assessment application through Environment Protection Agency (EPA) to provide phase one and two environmental reviews to potential brownfield properties within the region. Mr. Sexton informed the Board BRADD received a NADO impact award at the recent annual conference for the CEDS project. Mr. Sexton commended Ms. Hathcock and the Community and Economic Development Department for their efforts on this nationally recognized process. BRADD will offer a planning and zoning training opportunity on Monday November 7th. Mr. Sexton announced the BRADD Chairman Steve Thurmond was re-appointed to serve as Citizen Member of Simpson County for another three-year term. Mr. Sexton informed there would not be a Board of Directors meeting in the month of November, the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

Mayor Michael Hughes reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and considered four regional clearinghouse projects. The project descriptions were provided in the board packet. Upon review of the projects, the Executive Council recommended approval.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve four regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mark Stratton. Motion carried. (See attached)

2. Quarter One Financials

Judge/Executive Dennis Harper reported the Executive Council met prior and considered the fiscal year 2023 quarter one financials. A copy of the report ending September 30, 2022 is provide in the members packet. In revenue, BRADD recognized approximately \$4.23 million. This represents 24 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$4.15 million has been spend for the same period representing 24 percent of the annual expenditures budgeted. Judge Harper asked for any questions.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2023 quarter one financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Michael Hughes. Motion carried. (See attached)

3. CEDS Resolution

Mayor Dwayne Hatcher reported the Executive Council met prior and reviewed and approved the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Resolution. The rewrite includes a five-year plan update for the future growth and revitalization of the region. BRADD staff provided a presentation earlier on the plan update. A copy of the resolution is provided in the member's packet.

Motion: Mayor Dwayne Hatcher made a motion to approve the CEDS Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Mason Barnes. Motion carried. (See attached)

Special Recognition:

Chairman Thurmond announced Mr. Michael Stoyonovich was recently named 2022 Veteran of the year. Members applauded Mr. Stoyonovich for his service.

ADJOURN

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



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary