

**MINUTES  
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
December 14, 2022**

**TIME & PLACE:**

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Judge/Executive Harold Stilts led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Thurmond welcomed all guests in attendance and recognized Mr. Tom Harned as the new Logan County Citizen Member representative. Introduction of guests included, Edmonson County Judge/Executive-Elect Scott Lindsey, Glasgow Mayor-Elect Henry Royse and Barren County Deputy Judge Beau Jones. Chairman Thurmond welcomed all incoming officials.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Chairman Thurmond introduced guest speaker, Mr. Lanny White, BRADD auditor with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram. Mr. White informed BRADD received an unmodified, or clean opinion, for the fiscal year 2022 audit. In the Government Audit Standards letter, two areas of internal control weakness were noted as suggestions or opportunities to strengthen internal controls. A copy of the auditor's letter was provided in the members packet for review. Further, Mr. White discussed the BRADDs assets and liabilities as well as the total revenues and expenses for the fiscal year. Mr. White spoke about the BRADDs largest program, the Waiver program, being the primary driver of increase in net change. Mr. White reported an overall good audit review of the BRADDs financial management.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**MINUTES:**

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the October 26, 2022 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

**Motion was made by Judge/Executive Dennis Harper, seconded by Mr. Tom Harned to approve the October 26, 2022 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Officers:** No report

**Council Reports:** No report

**Special Advisors:**

**Mr. Gilbert Mischel**, Senator McConnell's Representative, welcomed all new officials present, informed an extension may be needed to pass the budget. The Senator is hopeful there will not be a government shut down for the end of the year. Mr. Mischel informed he is always available to help answer any questions.

**Mr. Mark Lord**, Congressman Brett Guthrie's Representative, spoke about the redistricting effective January 3<sup>rd</sup> which will result in adding Logan County into the second District. Congress budget approval is underway. Congressman Guthrie will become Chairman of the Health and Energy Subforce Committee. Mr. Lord commented the KY delegation will hold leadership positions.

**Mrs. Sandy Simpson**, Congressman Comer's Representative, spoke about the House and Senate budget limbo. Expressed thanks to BRADD Chairman Steve Thurmond for his job well done. Mrs. Simpson spoke about the wonderful new Congressional delegation and Congressman Comer will hold the position of Chairman of the Oversight Committee.

**Mrs. Martha Jane King**, Governors Representative, spoke about the growth and development opportunities for 2023 with KY holding the top place as the battery capitol of the world. Mrs. King spoke about what the growth and development opportunities would mean locally. Further, she spoke about non-partisan efforts for all parties to continue to work together.

**Mr. Wes Watt**, KY Department of Transportation, provided project updates as many of the big projects come to a close. Mr. Watt encouraged members to follow the KYTC social media for the latest updates for the upcoming snow and ice season.

**Mr. Barclay Trimble**, Mammoth Cave National Park Superintendent, provided various park announcements and updates including five percent tourism increase. The Cave Sing event was very successful and well attended. There are two new cave tours, including the grand historic and wondering woods.



## **Staff Reports:**

**Ms. Alecia Johnson**, Associate Director of Aging, informed BRADD is requesting proposals for Title IIID Health Promotion and Disease Prevention services. The application packets are available for potential applicants to pick up. The Aging Services Review Committee, Aging Council, and the Board of Directors will review and approve proposals received in January. BRADD is hosting a Christmas drive for elderly clients in need. Items will be wrapped and delivered to clients during the holiday season. The Ombudsman Program is hosting a blanket drive for residents of long-term care facilities. Blankets may be donated to Kentucky Legal Aid in Bowling Green, KY. The next Aging Council meeting is set for Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10am at the BRADD Conference Center.

**Ms. Emily Hathcock**, Associate Director of Economic Development, reported the members packet contains a project impact report with 59 active projects representing nearly 40 million dollars of investment. 203 funding applications awaiting approval representing 286 million dollars in investment and 45 projects in development. Ms. Hathcock informed the member packet contains a flyer for the upcoming CEDS Summit. Ms. Hathcock described this will be a one day training held on January 31, 2023 from 9:15 am to 2:15 pm at the Cave City Convention Center. The training comes as a culmination of the BRADDs planning process and takes the themes identified in the ten county level strategic plans and offers workshops around those topics. All newly elected officials are encouraged to attend this training. Several breakout sessions will take place. Additionally, four more training opportunities will take place in January and February. These include disaster recovery trainings, and cyber security. Emergency response personnel or elected officials are encouraged to register for the courses, as they will count for FEMA training hours. If you have any questions, please see staff member Dajana Crockett. Ms. Hathcock informed the Executive Committee met prior and approved changes to the RLF plan. One change includes raising the maximum loan amount for RLF CARES loans from \$25,000 to \$65,000. Ms. Hathcock reminded the BRADD committee meetings would take place tomorrow at the BRADD Office.

**Mr. Eric Sexton**, Executive Director, provided various announcements and updates including recognizing two new Aging Department staff; Ms. Alexis Hayes, Waiver Case Manager and Ms. Oomai Hsar, Meals Specialist. Mr. Sexton recognized Ms. Morgan Hershey for one year of service. Mr. Sexton extended an invitation for all to attend the upcoming CEDS Summit at the Cave City Convention Center on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Sexton informed the Executive Council

met and approved the Board Meeting dates for 2023. A copy is provided in the member's packet. Mr. Sexton noted there will not be meetings in February, July or November. September will continue to be the annual meeting month and April will be the Legislative meeting held in Monroe County. Lastly, Mr. Sexton provided a recognition presentation to Mr. Steve Thurmond and expressed thanks and gratitude for his service as Chairman the past four years. Due to COVID and having filled a portion of the previous chairman's term, Mr. Thurmond is one of the longest serving Chairman of the BRADD Board of Directors. Mr. Sexton presented a slide show of photos and memories during Mr. Thurmond's Chairmanship. Mr. Sexton then engaged the meeting audience in filling in the sentence with words that describe Mr. Thurmond's character. Members applauded Mr. Thurmond in expression of thanks for his service. Lastly, Mr. Sexton informed the next Board Meeting will be held on January 25, 2023.

Chairman Thurmond responded with thanks and appreciation to all for the recognition for his time as Chairman. He stated he did not deserve the credit he received, he has truly loved serving as the BRADD Chairman as it has been one of his great honors. Mr. Thurmond expressed gratitude to Board, staff, and special advisors for the hard work and dedication to make the BRADD region the best in the state. Mr. Thurmond said the BRADD region is the best and he would rather be nowhere else than serving the best region in the state.

## **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 thirteen 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 Wil Cannon made a motion to approve thirteen regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Joe Choate. Motion carried. (See attached)**

#### **2. FY 22 Audit**

Mr. Gary Dillard reported the Executive Council met prior and heard a presentation of the BRADD Fiscal Year 2022 audit from Mr. Lanny White. Mr. Dillard stated members heard a summary of the audit earlier in the meeting. BRADD received a clean audit opinion with no findings.



**Motion: Mr. Gary Dillard made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2022 audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Logan Chick. Motion carried. (See attached)**

### **3. Nominating Committee**

Mayor Randall Curry reported the Nominating Committee met on December 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss and prepare a slate of BRADD Officers for the 2023-2024 calendar years. After careful review of the bylaws and officer history, the committee would like to recommend the following slate of officers be approved beginning January 1, 2023, serving a two-year term through December 31, 2024.

Chairman- Mr. Gary Dillard, Warren County Citizen Member

Vice Chair- Judge/Executive Joe Choate, Hart County

Secretary- Mayor Billy Phelps, City of Morgantown

Treasurer- Judge/Executive Dennis Harper, Allen County

Immediate Past Chair- Mr. Steve Thurmond, Simpson County Citizen Member

With no questions, Mayor Curry made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation for Officers.

**Motion: Mayor Randall Curry made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 officer slate as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sam Terry. Motion carried. (See attached)**

### **ADJOURN**

**With no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Michael Hughes and seconded by Mayor David Burch to adjourn.**

Signed, Chairman

Approved, Secretary