

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 22, 2023

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Judge/Executive Larry Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Vice Chair Joe Choate presided and welcomed all guests in attendance. Vice Chair Choate informed members of the passing of Chairman Gary Dillard's wife.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Vice Chair Choate introduced guest speaker, Mr. Matt Hunt, District Director, of the Barren River District Health Department. Mr. Hunt presented a public health status for the region. Mr. Hunt provided demographics including population, race, and language. Mr. Hunt spoke about the data collection process to build the districts health improvement plan. Nutrition and exercise are among top priorities. Focus areas include substance abuse, with the dire need to reduce the number of overdose deaths. Further, there is an increased need for vaping education as it has become problematic in school systems. Mr. Hunt spoke about the future areas of focus including substance abuse, mental health, homelessness and access to care. Mr. Hunt encouraged everyone to stay connected to the Health Department resources and information by using the website and social media.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the January 26, 2023 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mayor Michael Hughes, seconded by Judge/Executive Dennis Harper to approve the January 26, 2023 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No Report

Council Reports:

Water Management Council:

Vice Chair Choate called on Judge/Executive Mason Barnes, Council Chairman, who reported The BRADD Water Management Council met on March 1, 2023, at the BRADD office. The Council heard from Ethan Givan from Kentucky Division of Water about the Lead/Copper Rule Revisions and complying with the EPA's Lead Service Line mandates. The council approved two amended project profiles and discussed the voting and nonvoting membership lists. Utilities were asked to reach out to Morgan if they would like to designate a different voting member to represent them. No other business was conducted. BRADD staff Morgan Hershey made two announcements. The first concerned the free FEMA training courses being hosted at BRADD this year, and the second was about upcoming system visits. The next regular Water Management Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, in the BRADD conference center.

Regional Transportation Committee:

Vice Chair Choate called on Mayor David Burch Committee Chair. Mayor Burch reported the Regional Transportation Committee met at the BRADD conference center on March 1st. The committee heard a presentation by Keith Lovan from KYTC about the state's new Complete Streets policy and manual. Also, presenter, Jeff Moore from Michael Baker International gave an update on BRADD's regional transit feasibility study. The Committee approved the SHIFT project sponsorships for the next highway plan. With no other business, the Committee adjourned. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday June 7 at 11am at the BRADD Conference Center.

Economic Development Committee:

Vice Chair Choate called on Mayor Dwayne Hatcher, Committee Chair, who reported the BRADD Regional Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, in the BRADD Conference Center. The Committee heard a presentation from Sheri Donahue with Commonwealth Sentinel Cyber Security on the current state of Cyber Security. The Council also discussed future training topics. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 12:30pm at the BRADD Conference Center. If you have any questions, please direct them to Emily Hathcock.

Special Advisors:

Mr. Clark Arnold, Senator Rand Paul's Representative, spoke about the Senators work in eliminating the duplication of processes. Additionally, streamlining the approval of generic medications and make them more affordable. Mr. Clark has been traveling throughout the area providing High School Guidance Counselors information on Service Academy for Law Enforcement as many are unaware of the application process.

Gilbert Mischel, Senator McConnell's Representative, provided an update on the Senators health since his recent fall. Mr. Mischel spoke about emphasis areas to receive increased funding which include traffic management, flood prevention, water and sewer, airport improvements, and addiction recovery. Mr. Mischel spoke about current supports in place for farmers impacted by the tornado damage in 2021.

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman Comer's Representative, invited members to stop by the Congressman's Office while in Monroe County next month for the Board Meeting. Mrs. Simpson informed the Congressional art competition is currently underway. Students can submit their art work and those selected will be displayed in Washington D.C.

Mrs. Martha Jane King, DLG Representative, thanked everyone for their efforts and response to the recent wind damages that swept across KY. Mrs. King has worked with emergency management recently in efforts to implement a formal process to better improve the emergency response. Mrs. King spoke about Kentucky hosting the ARC conference in Ashland, KY.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park Superintendent, provided various park announcements and updates including trees down across the park from the recent storm damage. March has brought on the availability of more spring tours.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Alecia Johnson, Associate Director of Aging, reported BRADD has received additional funding through the Expanded Senior Meal Program (ESMP) for FY 23, to help meet the nutritional needs of the senior community. BRADD staff have worked diligently to serve clients on the meals waiting list across. In addition to expanding existing meal services, BRADD staff are working on several innovative projects throughout the region. Current projects include congregate meals at the Park City Senior Center, hot lunch at YMCA in Glasgow following the senior exercise class, and Bowling Park in Edmonton to further expand the senior meals provided. Staff are continuing to look for

opportunities and innovative ways to feed seniors in need throughout the district. Further, Ms. Johnson informed BRADD will be transitioning Title IIID Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Services in-house beginning in July. Staff are working to increase programs made available to seniors to promote healthy living including a variety of evidence-based exercise programs and health education classes. Ms. Johnson informed updates are being completed on the Aging Services Area Plan for FY 24. A copy of the current plan is available on the BRADD website for review. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Area Plan for FY 24, please let Alecia or Hollie know. Ms. Johnson informed the next Aging Council meeting is tentatively set for May 17, 2023 at 10AM at the BRADD Conference Center.

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Economic Development, reported the members packet contains a newly updated project impact report with 56 active projects representing 31 million dollars of investment. 178 funding applications awaiting approval representing 284 million dollars in investment and 39 projects in development. Ms. Hathcock informed there are three more FEMA training opportunities upcoming, a provided handout contains the detailed information. Emergency responders are encouraged to attend. The trainings will count towards FEMA training hours. Additionally, planning and zoning trainings will be occurring, please watch for additional information. Ms. Hathcock informed work has begun on the transit feasibility study and encouraged member to complete the survey which lays out how transit is used and what needs exist in regional transit. Further, any road changes should be submitted to Chelsea before the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Hathcock spoke about the magisterial reapportionment precinct realignment, as all BRADD counties except Hart, will be required to review their boundaries. A reapportionment committee must be established in each county. BRADD can provide assistance with this process, a base fee of \$3,500 will be charged which includes assistance with both magisterial and precinct alignment. Please see Kim Morrow with any questions.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, provided various announcements and updates including recognizing a fifteen-year staff anniversary, Ms. Alecia Johnson, Aging Services Director. Mr. Sexton recognized BRADD's immediate Past Chair, Mr. Steve Thurmond, who has been selected as Chairman of the KCADD Board. Mr. Sexton noted this is only the third member from the BRADD region to hold the statewide position. A new Executive Director has been selected for the KY Council of ADDs, Mr. Casey Ellis will replace Mr. Tony Wilder. Mr. Sexton holds the role of Legislative Chair for the KADD organization, and he provided highlights of some of the pertinent bills related to local government and ADD programming. Mr. Sexton spoke about House Bill 9 a partnership between ADDs and the Department for Local Government to

receive funding related to coal impacted communities. House Bill 522 is related to procurement in increasing the small purchase threshold from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Senate Bill 263 regionalization of public water and wastewater systems. Lastly, Mr. Sexton informed next month would be the annual Legislative luncheon to be held in Monroe County at the Extension Office and sponsored by Cleary Construction. Lunch at noon with the meeting to follow at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

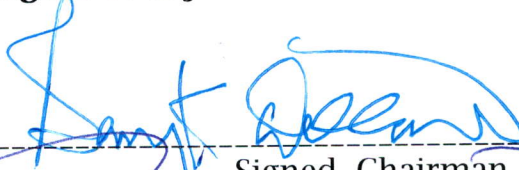
Mayor Billy Phelps, Secretary, reported the Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and considered twenty-one regional clearinghouse projects. The project descriptions were provided in the board packet. Upon review of the projects, the Executive Council recommended approval.

Motion: Mayor Billy Phelps made a motion to approve twenty-one regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Thurmond. Motion carried. (See attached)


Judge/Executive Mason Barnes of Simpson County provided an update on a recent discussion panel conducted in Simpson County concerning drug related issues, specifically with fentanyl. Judge Barnes expressed the seriousness of the drug problems in the region and the need for everyone to be educators of the impact of drug. Particularity, to talk to children and stress the important of drug awareness.

ADJOURN

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



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary