

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 26, 2023

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2023 in Monroe County at the Monroe County Extension Office. Mr. Darren Cleary of Cleary Construction provided an introduction and welcome. Mr. Cleary called on Mr. Carter Walden to provide an invocation prior the meal by Hog Wild BBQ. Following the meal, City of Tompkinsville Mayor Michael Bowe provided a welcome and pledge to the flag. Chairman Gary Dillard called the BRADD Board Meeting to order. Chairman Dillard gave a special thanks to Cleary Construction for sponsoring the BRADD Annual Legislative Luncheon.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the March 22, 2023 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich, seconded by Judge/Executive Phil Baker to approve the March 22, 2023 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No Report

Council Reports: No Report

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 one regional clearinghouse project. The project description was provided in the board packet. Upon review of the project, the Council recommended approval.

Motion: Judge/Executive Joe Choate made a motion to approve one regional clearinghouse project as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Tim Flener. Motion carried. (see attached)

2. Quarterly Financial Report

Judge/Executive Dennis Harper reported the Executive Council met and considered the Fiscal Year 2023 quarter three financials. The members packet contains a copy of the quarterly report ending March 31, 2023. In revenue, BRADD has recognized approximately \$12.94 million dollars. This represents sixty-eight percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$12.98 million has been spent for the same period. This represents sixty-eight percent of the annual expenditures budgeted.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2023 quarter three financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tom Harned. Motion carried. (See attached)

3. FY 24 Cost Allocation Plan

Judge/Executive Dennis Harper reported the Executive Council met prior and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2024 Cost Allocation Plan. This plan has been developed to ensure that BRADD's financial management system is efficient and equitable and to further ensure the fairness in the distribution of cost is achieved. A copy has been sent out by email in the board packet and upon approval will be maintained on the BRADD website.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve the FY 24 Cost Allocation Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Mitchell Page. Motion carried. (See attached)

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Chairman Dillard welcomed the BRADD area Legislators. Mr. Dillard informed that unfortunately some of the BRADD area Legislators were unable to attend. Of those, Representative Amy Neighbors, sent her regrets along with a report of highlights from her first session. A copy of her report was provided in the member's packet. Chairman Dillard introduced Senator Mike Wilson who was asked to moderate the Legislative portion of the agenda. Senator Wilson began

by thanking everyone for the opportunity to allow the BRADD area Legislative body to present updates from the last Legislative Session. Senator Wilson began by providing his remarks then introduced all Legislators present. Below is a summary of each of remark.

Senator Mike Wilson, District 32, representing Logan, Simpson and part of Warren County. Senator Wilson spoke about the overall large number of bills passed for such a short Legislative Session. Bills spoken about included the reduction of state income tax to 4.5 percent with an even larger decrease approved for the following year at 4 percent. The passing of medical marijuana and sports betting. Senator Wilson spoke about being on the Education Committee for the past five years and strongly supported Senate Bill 28 promoting students to be career ready through co-op and internship opportunities.

Representative Shawn McPherson, District 22, representing Allen, Simpson and part of Warren County, spoke about his past career experiences and his journey to becoming a Legislator. Representative McPherson emphasized the importance of working together results in the ability to pass more Legislation whereas the contrary, extremism causes grid lock. Bills spoken on included the rainy-day fund and the aviation caucus.

Representative Steve Riley, District 23, representing Barren County, expressed his thanks to all those affiliated with public service in their work of improving the state of KY. Representative Riley claimed the need to work together is great. He expounded that when good things happen in one area of the region, it's a win for the entire region. In further development, he expects much residual growth with the upcoming battery plants moving into the area. He was most proud of an education bill which will allow student KEES money to be applicable towards other post-secondary education institutions. Which he hopes will encourage a more widespread workforce.

Representative Rebecca Raymer, District 15, representing Butler County spoke about her first session and having a healthcare background proved helpful in the bills she worked on. Some of which included expanded telehealth services for Medicaid individuals, travel nursing, Alzheimer's, and hemp substance bills. Representative Raymer spoke about her familiarity with the BRADDs services, particularly the Medicaid waiver program. She stated her objective is to make KY The best place to live and work.

Representative Brandon Reed, District 24, representing Hart County, spoke about his career beginnings and how his family has had a dedication to public service. As A&R Co- Chair, Representative Reed spent a great deal of his time working on the budget for this session. He provided information and updates on

the major undertaking the Legislative budget process undergoes. He also advised members to be thinking about projects to be considered for funding in the future.

Representative Robert Duvall, District 17, representing part of Warren County, began with a quote, "If serving is beneath you, then leadership is beyond you". Representative Duvall is an eye doctor and gets to hear a variety of public feedback which he believes helpful. He spoke about various bills important to him which included the radon bill, public protection, classroom disruption, teacher mobility, banned gun laws for law enforcement, and benefits for job transition.

Representative Kevin Jackson, District 20, representing part of Warren County, spoke about all he learned in his first session. He met with the BRADD Executive Director shortly after assuming office and was able to learn a great deal about the services offered. Representative Jackson's goal is to work together for what is best for the community. He spoke about two bills related to education. The hiring of classified personnel for school systems without a high school diploma. And funding for schools for growth districts related to average daily attendance, qualifying school districts were able to receive funds to fill the gaps.

Senator Wilson concluded the program by thanking members in attendance and complimenting the work of the BRADD.

ADJOURN

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



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary