

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 28, 2023

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at the BRADD Conference Center. .

Mr. Jesse Varner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Dillard welcomed all members and guests in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chairman Dillard introduced guest speaker, Dr. Martha Sales of WKU. Dr. Sales provided training on racial equity and addressed responding to uncomfortable situations. Dr. Sales referenced a challenging equation that was placed on the meeting room screen and asked for members feedback on a solution. The results included varying degrees of, "It's complicated, you think you can't do it, makes you uncomfortable," etc. Dr. Sales described there is no right or wrong answer to the equation (addressing equity) however, one must start somewhere to attempt to reach a resolve. She emphasized the importance of how you speak and what you say, make all the difference. A leader's attitude reflects the leadership. She suggested taking steps to recognize a problem, listening to others, figuring out a balance and then acting. There are varying actions that can be taken to reach a solution and those often depend on the person or situation. Dr. Sales further provided applied concepts that one could implement in this effort. Many members engaged in the training with Dr. Sales.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the May 24, 2023 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Judge/Executive Mason Barnes, seconded by Judge/Executive Tim Flener to approve the May 24, 2023 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No Report

Council Reports:

Water Management Council:

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Mason Barnes who reported the Council met on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 10 am. Members heard from Russell Neal from the Division of Water about the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) SRF process as well as how to create a competitive project profile. The Council reviewed and approved three new and or amended project profiles. BRADD Water Planner, Morgan Hershey provided announcements which included; upcoming training opportunities, Dajana's initial project proposal form for hazard mitigation grants, funding opportunities for lead service line inventories and available supplemental funding for cleaner water grants through KIA. The next meeting will be held September 6th at 12:30 pm.

Regional Transportation Committee:

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Tim Flener who reported the Committee met on June 7th and heard a presentation by Mikael Pelfrey from KYTC about the states new EV/NEVI corridor policy and implementation plan. Also, Jeff Moore from Michael Baker International provided an update on the BRADD regional transit feasibility study. The next meeting will be held September 6th.

Economic Development Committee:

Chairman Dillard called on Mayor Dwayne Hatcher who reported the Committee met on June 7th and heard a presentation from Nick Grinstead with the Hazard Mitigation Grants Program Office from the University of Kentucky. Mr. Grinstead spoke about various hazard mitigation programs available and how the state hazard mitigation plan fits within these programs. He further asked for community input on any challenges or barriers communities are encountering when applying for mitigation programs. The next meeting will be held on September 6th. Any questions should be directed to Ms. Emily Hathcock.

Special Advisors:

Clark Arnold, Senator Rand Paul's Representative, introduced guest Ms. Rebecca Seidel as a new Field Representative for Senator Paul who works in

appropriations. Mr. Arnold reported the Senator is ordinarily conservative with funds. However, he wants to advocate for KY to ensure if funding is appropriated, he will fight for KY to receive what it should.

Mrs. Martha Jane King, DLG Representative, reported the \$1.1 billion of federal grants for fiber and broadband has been approved as KY continues to work to provide broadband services for the 258 thousand unserved locations. Mrs. King spoke about the much-needed approved salary adjustments for the KY State Police and Corrections and dispatch workers.

Gilbert Mischel, Senator McConnell's Representative, provided various updates which included, the Senator's travels in Lexington to host roundtables for the agriculture community. This process occurs every five years and is in effort to receive feedback from farmers as agriculture policy updates occur.

Mr. Wes Watt, KYTC, provided updates on the status of current road repair and resurface projects. Mr. Watt encouraged members to subscribe to the KYTC email distribution for further information about projects in each specific county.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park, provided various park announcements and updates. Park visitation has been down for the previous month since last year. Other updates include trail work, Green River Ferry operations and endangered cave bats.

Staff Reports:

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, provided various announcements and updates including recognizing a staff anniversary for Ms. Shari Quinn with five years of service. Mr. Sexton announced a save the date for the BRADDs upcoming 55th annual meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at the Auburn Fire Hall. Annual award nominations will be accepted through August 28th at 4 pm. The Annual Department for Local Governments Local Issues Conference will be held in Louisville August 16-18, registration is now open and all officials are encouraged to attend. Mr. Sexton announced BRADD was awarded the US Department of Transportation's grant for \$600 thousand. This planning project will inventory bike and pedestrian facilities in all ten counties, explore greenway system connectivity and develop complete streets plans for five of the BRADD cities. Additionally, BRADD has been awarded \$183 thousand from the KY Office of Homeland Security to create cyber incident response plans. Mr. Sexton encouraged officials to wait before spending the

opioid abatement funds as a regional approach is still being explored for best use of the funds. Lastly, there will not be a July Board of Directors meeting, the next meeting will be held August 23, 2023 at the BRADD Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

Judge/Executive Joe Choate, Vice Chairman, reported the members packet contains project descriptions for five regional clearinghouse projects. Two projects were added to those previously emailed. The City of Glasgow's CDBG application for the YMCA Senior Meal Wing, and the Wabuck Development Company's application for HOME funds. BRADD staff have reviewed the projects and find no duplications or conflicts.

Motion: Judge/Executive Joe Choate made a motion to approve five regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes. Motion carried. (See attached)

2. ARC Resolution

Mr. Steve Thurmond reported the board packet contains a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application to the Appalachian Regional Commission for the READY LDD grant program. This program funds the capacity building at local area development districts, and BRADD is requesting one hundred thousand dollars for a two-year project period.

Motion: Mr. Steve Thurmond made a motion to approve the ARC resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tom Harned. Motion carried. (See attached)

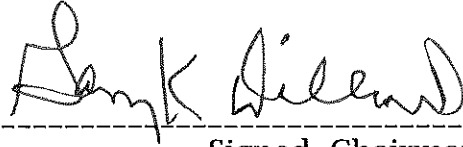
3. RLF Application

Mr. Steve Thurmond reported the member packet contains a Revolving Loan Fund application from White Squirrel Brewery requesting \$30,000 in RLF CARES funds for working capital to create seven jobs and retain an additional two jobs. Prior to today's meeting the Revolving Loan Fund Committee reviewed the application and recommended for approval.

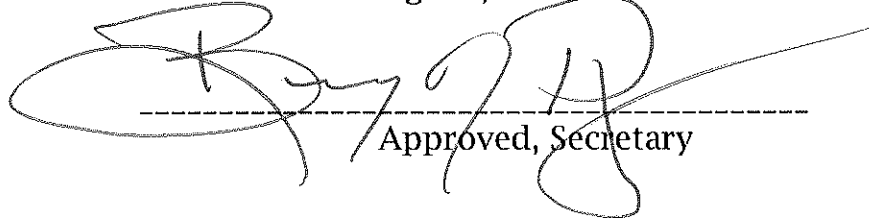
Motion: Mr. Steve Thurmond made a motion to approve the RLF Loan application for White Squirrel Brewery as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Phil Baker. Motion carried. (See attached)

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Dwayne Hatcher and seconded by Mayor Randall Curry to adjourn.



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary