

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 27, 2022

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Mr. Caleb Speck, BRADD Executive Assistant, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Presiding as acting Chairman was BRADD Treasurer, Mr. Gary Dillard. Mr. Dillard provided remarks honor and a moment of silence for the passing of former BRADD Board Member, Chairman, and Edmonson County Judge/Executive, Mr. N.E. Reed. Mr. Reed was a tremendous advocate and supporter of the BRADD and was well known across the commonwealth. Mr. Dillard further welcomed all guests and called the BRADD July Board of Directors meeting to order.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mr. Gary Dillard provided a presentation concerning a brief history of navigation on the Green and Barren Rivers. Mr. Dillard began with details concerning the established naming of the river, Green River by French explores in 1716. Native Americans had once called the river Buffalo River. The river is 400 miles in length and spreads across several counties. Mr. Dillard spoke about the different types of boats used on the river. Mr. James Rumsey Skiles, a prominent contributor provided notable enhancement for river use due to his development of the lock and dam concept. This aided in providing adequate water levels needed to travel the river year around. The first dam was constructed of timber. The presentation further detailed, river uses for recreation, business, trade and commerce. Popular uses were the transportation of coal and the use of Mills along rivers. Many once prominent towns were established along the Green/Barren River. Lastly, Mr. Dillard spoke about the effects of the Civil War in association with river use.

Mr. Dillard introduced, Dr. Scott Lasley, of WKU. Dr. Lasley informed the Board of a local government certification discount program available to all government employees in the BRADD region. Dr. Lasley spoke about the BRADD's partnership with the WKU's Department of Political Science and the Master of Public Administration program. This new program would especially prove beneficial for those recent graduates who are transitioning into the workforce to pursue further education at a reduced rate. WKU is offering \$500 per credit hour which equates to a 17 percent discount or 30 percent online course discount, to government employees. Currently this opportunity is available effective July 1, 2022 through 2025. Those interested should apply and be accepted to WKU

graduate Master of Public Administration Program and be able to verify full time employment with a governmental entity. Dr. Lasly encouraged anyone interested with questions to contact him.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the June 22, 2022 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Judge/Executive Dennis Harper, seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes to approve the June 22, 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 provided remarks of thanks and praise to BRADD for the continued support and willingness to provide assistance. The Senator will be visiting KY during the August recess. Further update the Senate passed the CHIP Act which will allocate 52 billion for the increased production of semiconductor chips for manufacturing.

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman Comers Representative, informed to let the Office know if you would like the Congressman to visit your area during the August recess.

Mr. Ben Hunt, representing KYTC, provided various road work updates throughout the district highlighting large scale and ongoing projects. Further, Mr. Hunt informed the active highway plan has been published.

Mr. Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park Superintendent, provided various park announcements and updates including visitation remains strong for the summer months. There is a new Green River Ferry Schedule, low water levels in June left the river under 9 feet. A recent archaeological dig at the park received publicity and can be viewed on the website. Design stages begin for a new river use activity through the use of environmental assessment. The hotel roof project lead to a recent discovery of a void under the foundation, work is being done to seek a resolve.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Alecia Johnson, Associate Director of Aging, reported some of BRADDs Aging Department staff volunteered to assist with Special Friends Day at the Catfish Festival in Butler County. This offered an opportunity to those with special needs to enjoy the festival prior to the public opening. The Aging and Disability Resource Center has started a "Get Vaccinated, BRADD" campaign to provide assistance with COVID vaccinations for seniors. ADRC staff can help locate immunization sites, find information on in-home vaccinations, and offer transportation assistance to and from these locations. If you know of anyone needing assistance, please contact the Office. BRADD is partnering with agencies and local senior centers to host outreach events to help with this effort. On Sept. 20th, a promotion event will be held at the Brownsville Senior Center. The next Aging Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 10am in the BRADD Conference Center. Ms. Johnson encouraged Officials to designate a new member representative for those who have not done so.

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Economic Development, reported the members packet contains the project impact report. As of July 19, BRADD is administering 59 active projects representing \$31 million of investment. 176 funding applications are awaiting approval representing over \$237 million of investment. 41 projects in development. Ms. Hathcock informed the members packet also contains a listing of the County level Planning Steering Committee meetings to be held in August.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, gave a special thanks to Mr. Gary Dillard for his presentation and for chairing the meeting. Mr. Sexton recognize two staff anniversaries. Ms. Dajana Crockett, Disaster Resiliency Planner, 5 years of service and Mrs. Susan Ezell, Lead Case Manager, 15 years, however she was previously employed with BRADD under the Development Council for 16 years. Mr. Sexton reported on the Christmas in July event that the Governors Office

hosted at BRADD for the families affected in the December tornado disaster. Mr. Sexton announced the BRADD Annual Meeting will be held in Simpson County at the SKYCTC Conference Center on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. Mr. Sexton informed the annual Tim Lee Carter and William H. Natcher service award nomination are currently being accepted. The members packet contains the nomination form and list of past recipients. The next BRADD Board meeting will be Wednesday August 24, 2022.

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 eight 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 Joe Choate made a motion to approve eight regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Judge/Executive Dennis Harper. Motion carried. (see attached)

ADJOURN

With no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Larry Dixon and seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes to adjourn.



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary