

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 23, 2023

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Mr. Wes Watt led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Dillard welcomed all members and guests in attendance. Judge/Executive Doug Gorman introduced his guest, Deputy Judge/Executive Bryan Downing.

GUEST SPEAKER'S:

Chairman Dillard announced Bryanna Carroll, the KY League of Cities (KLC) Director of Public Affairs, was scheduled to be the guest speaker but was unable to attend. In lieu of her absence, Mayor Hughes, who serves as the 1st Vice President of KLC, spoke to the Board. He began by saying he was honored to be the upcoming president of KLC. Mayor Hughes joked he was simply a cheerleader that doesn't claim to know all the legislation but demonstrated his sincere support for the work being done. He emphasized the importance of building bridges and closing divides; with a focus on moving forward and sometimes simply agreeing to disagree. Mayor Hughes stated one of his goal is to establish communication with all of KLC's partners. He also spoke on taxation and KLC dues, claiming it was important for everyone to contribute their portion.

Following Mayor Hughes, Chairman Dillard introduced Mr. Michael Stoyonovich, Edmonson County Citizen Member. Mr. Stoyonovich has served on the BRADD Board since 2015. Mr. Stoyonovich served 26 years in the US Army where he retired as a Sergeant Major. He currently serves as a Veteran Advocate and writes the Veterans' Corner for the Edmonson County Newspaper. He spoke about the number one issue facing Veterans across the nation, which is suicide. Statistics revealed during the period of 2017-2021 between 103-128 Veterans took their lives in the state of Kentucky. Stoyonovich then discussed Green Alert: a system that pushes emergency notifications that identifies at-risk veterans. He discussed his efforts of trying to get a bill passed through the legislative process in which he drafted. This effort would promote access to counseling for Veterans. Work on the bill began with the late Senator C.B. Embry initially and now with the help of Senator Meredith, they were able to get the KY Department of Veteran's Affairs to agree to take the bill through the legislative process.

RECGONITION OF DIRECTOR EMERITUS:

Chairman Dillard called on Ms. Gayle Davis for the presentation of Director Emeritus. Ms. Davis referred to the BRADD bylaws designation of Director Emeritus status which states a member must demonstrate the following: twenty years or more service, proven leadership, participation in the BRADD mission, excellent attendance, and resident of the district. It is the intent of the Emeritus designation to recognize a member for distinction of service and support of the BRADDs mission. The Director Emeritus is a lifetime member award. Ms. Davis informed that today's honoree encompasses all such qualities. Mrs. Dell Hall has served on the BRADD board for a total of twenty-nine years. Her involvement began when she held the position of Scottsville Mayor from 1994 until 2002. She later became the citizen member for Allen County. Mrs. Hall served as the BRADD Chairman from 2013 to 2015. Ms. Davis included personal stories about Mrs. Hall. Ms. Davis was hired by Mrs. Hall as the City Clerk and remained in that position until her recent retirement. She shared stories about their time working together and the many accomplishments she has witnessed from Mrs. Hall. Mrs. Hall was presented with a commemorative plaque recognizing her new position designation. Mrs. Hall expressed her thanks and appreciation to all for this honor and recognition. She has enjoyed her time of service through the BRADD and believes wholeheartedly in the work and mission.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the June 28, 2023 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Judge/Executive Joe Choate, seconded by Steve Thurmond to approve the June 23, 2023 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No Report

Council Reports:

Aging Council:

Chairman Dillard called on Aging Council Chairman, Jesse Varner, who reported The Aging Council met on Wednesday, August 16th at the BRADD Office which included an orientation for new members. Updates included the Senior meals program at the YMCA in Barren County and Park City Senior Center has continued to grow and increase in participants being served. BRADD is working with several organizations to provide Title III health promotion and exercise classes throughout the region. These partnerships include Bowling Green Parks and Rec., Barren County YMCA, Warren County Parks and Rec., and others. These classes include Bingo-cize, Dums Alive, Silver Sneakers and more. Mr. Varner reported this year is the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in the Older American's Act. Upcoming is the Barren River Mental Health and Aging Coalition Conference to be held on October 19th at the Carroll Knicely Center. The next Aging Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18th at 10 am at the BRADD Conference Center.

Special Advisors:

Gilbert Mischel, Senator McConnell's Representative, provided various updates which included a planned \$3 million dollars to be distributed across eight organizations for substance abuse efforts. Mr. Mischel spoke about his recent visit to the Smiths Grove City Council where he presented the latest updates and work of the Senator.

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman Comer's Representative, spoke about the Congressman's travels during his current recess. The recess still has a few weeks, during which he will be available to meet with anyone around the district.

Scott Lasley, WKU Political Science, introduced guest Joel Turner who is the Interim Co-Director for WKUs Center for Local Government. He also spoke about the local government employee discount programs through the University.

Mr. Joe Plunk, KYTC, provided updates on the status of current road repair and resurface projects, including major work on Interstate 65, within Barren County, and on Cemetery Rd. Mr. Plunk informed the teams efforts to try and limit traffic impacts as much as possible for ongoing projects. Mr. Plunk provided a quote by Billy Jean King, "pressure is privilege. It only comes to those who earn it." Many pressures are faced daily with the work of officials, Mr. Plunk reminded, of which can be a good thing.

Mrs. Martha Jane King, DLG Representative, informed DLG staff have been working from home due to building repairs/maintenance but have now returned to the office. Mrs. King reported over 700 people attended the recent Governors Local Issues Conference.

Staff Reports:

Mrs. Alecia Johnson, Associate Director of Aging, informed the BRADD staff have been working to clear the waiting lists by using the additional funding received for the fiscal year. Ms. Johnson encouraged those in need of services to contact the office. BRADD recently provided services for a unique project for home repairs for the aging population. Projects included floor repair, pest control spraying and termite assistance, wheelchair ramps, HVAC repairs and more. This funding allowed for home servicing needs to be met, allowing seniors in need to remain safely in their home. Further, the US Aging Vaccines Initiative Grant has been received for FY 24 and will be used to help educate and raise awareness on COVID, shingles, and flu vaccines for seniors. Ms. Johnson announced the KY Caregiver Program is returning to BRADD. Funding was reduced in 2017 and is now being reinstated. This will provide aid to grandparents raising grandchildren. If you know anyone qualifying for this program, please contact the BRADD Office.

Mrs. Kim Morrow, GIS Manager, spoke in the absence of Associate Director of Economic Development, Ms. Emily Hathcock. Mrs. Morrow informed the members their packet contains a project impact report including 60 active projects representing over 50 million dollars of investment. 88 applications awaiting approval representing nearly 155 million dollars of investment and 34 projects in development. The members packet also contains flyers for upcoming training opportunities including FEMA courses and Planning and Zoning. Members are asked to complete a survey concerning energy resiliency. The results will help identify backup power needs for critical facilities in the region. Committee meetings will be held on September 6th at the BRADD Office for Water, Transportation and Economic Development. Attendance is encouraged.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, expressed congratulations to Mrs. Hall on her appointment as Director Emeritus and thanked her for her dedicated service to the BRADD. He further provided various announcements and updates including recognizing staff anniversaries for Ms. Haley Penrod, Mr. Kevin Nguyen, Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, Ms. Makayla Maxey, and Ms. Katelyn Miller, each with one year of service. Mr. Sexton introduced new staff member, Mrs. Terri Sims. Mr. Sexton recognized Mayor Hughes' role with KLC as President beginning in September. BRADD staff attended the Governor's KY Local Issues Conference. Mr. Sexton recognized Mr. Steve Thurmond and Judge/Executive Joe Chote for their service as Board Members of the KY Council of Area Development Districts (KCADD) Board, which recently met. Mr. Steve Thurmond holds the role of Chairman of that board. Mr. Sexton announced that Chairman Gary Dillard has been reappointment to another three-year term as Citizen Member for Warren County. Mr. Sexton invited members to the Opioid Summit

to be held September 18th at the National Corvette Museum. Mr. Sexton is excited about the dynamic keynote speaker. Mr. Sexton reminded the Board of BRADDs upcoming 55th Annual Meeting celebration to be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at the Auburn Fire Hall please RSVP your attendance to Caleb. Chairman Dillard informed the Board of Mr. Sextons appointment of Treasurer to the Southeast Regional Directors Institute (SERDI) Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Joe Choate who informed the BRADD Executive Council met prior to the BRADD board meeting and reviewed and considered nineteen regional clearinghouse projects. Project descriptions are in the member's packet. Upon review the Council recommended approval.

Motion: Judge/Executive Joe Choate made a motion to approve nineteen regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich. Motion carried. (See attached)

2. FY 24 Quarter Four Financials

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Dennis Harper who reported the members packet contains a copy of the Fiscal Year 2023 financial report for the fourth quarter ending June 30, 2023. In revenue, BRADD has recognized approximately \$18.72 million. This represents 99 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$18.67 million has been spent for the same quarter. This represents 98 percent of annual expenditures budgeted. The Executive Council recommends the financial report be accepted.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve the FY 23 Quarter Four Financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Joe Choate. Motion carried. (See attached)

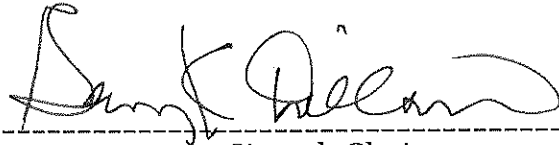
3. FY24 Aging Programs and Services

Chairman Dillard called on Mr. Steve Thurmond who reported the Executive Council met prior to the board meeting and reviewed and considered the Fiscal Year 2024 Aging Programs and Services which details the various funds associated with the BRADDs aging service programs. A copy of the report was provided in the member packet.

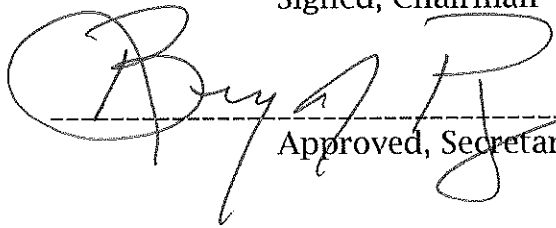
Motion: Mr. Steve Thurmond made a motion to approve the FY24 Aging Programs and Services report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes. Motion carried. (See attached)

ADJOURN

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

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Signed, Chairman

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Approved, Secretary