

**MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 27, 2024**

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Ms. Gayle Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests in attendance.

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUEST SPEAKER'S:

Chairman Dillard introduced guest speakers representing the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), Mr. Josh Tubbs and Ms. Jana Sublett, who presented TVA Government and Community Relations in Kentucky. Mr. Tubbs began the presentation with an overview of TVAs presence in the region. TVA supplies 153 power companies and over 700 thousand businesses. The mission is to provide affordable and reliable electricity to its customers. TVA seeks to become involved in many economic development efforts to promote progress and a better opportunity to prosper. Ms. Jana Sublett provided information on TVAs emphasis on community, outreach, civic engagement, and volunteerism. She spoke about the seven pillars and principals TVA follows to emphasize their commitment and involvement with the community. The TVA mission can be broken down into three categories energy, environment, and economic development with the focus on ways to best serve the people of the Tennessee Valley.

GUEST SPEAKER'S:

Chairman Dillard introduced the next guest speaker's Mr. Joe Dan Beavers, Lifeskills Industries, and Ms. Sue Parrigin, City of Bowling Green City Commission and Mayor Pro Tem, speaking on the Anchor Project. Ms. Parrigin began by describing the Anchor Project, a response to the homelessness, mental health, and substance abuse crisis. A committee of 34 people assembled in complete agreement upon the urgent need for a response to these issues. Mr. Beavers

spoke about the specifics of how a regional treatment facility would be created to treat individuals suffering with these types of problems. The committee visited a model facility located in Nashville, TN. The secure facility has the capability to respond to the specific health needs of the individual. This model is in efforts to prevent flooding the jails, judicial system and emergency rooms. The committee of this project has asked the General Assembly for an allocation of \$23 million dollars towards the implementation of this facility model for the Anchor Project.

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Judge/Executive Scott Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich to approve the January 24, 2024 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No Report

Council Reports:

Aging Council:

Chairman Dillard called on Ms. Athleen Crowe, who reported the Aging Council met on Wednesday, February 21st at 10am in the BRADD Conference Center. AARP provided a presentation and spoke on many legislative topics that pertain to older adults. Ms. Crowe informed A new partnership is underway with the senior apartment complex, Bowling Green Towers, to offer meals which began on Thursday, January 18th, 2024. Meals are open to anyone 60 years and older who qualify. BRADD is continuing partnerships with several organizations in the region to increase Title III-D Health Promotion classes. Silver Sneakers, self-led Walk with Ease, and Tai Chi for Arthritis are all currently being offered. BRADD staff began a new partnership with Pieces of Hope to provide, 'On the Move' classes. During 2 sessions a week for 12 weeks, participants will work on how they walk to improve their life using music, cones, balls, and partner work if possible. Classes are offered from 9:00 - 10:00 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at the Pieces of Hope Movement and Memory Center. The Auburn Senior Center began the Drums Alive Classes open to anyone 60 and older. Drums Alive is an evidence-based wellness program that improves physical, mental, and social-emotional well-being. Classes will also be available at Ephraim White Senior Center through Warren County Parks & Recreation starting on

Tuesdays. BRADD has received an allocation for ARPA funds for this fiscal year to be spent by September 2024. New projects and opportunities include computer classes at area senior centers, CPR/First Aid trainings for area senior centers, fun games and activities, and much more. BRADD chairman Gary Dillard, and Aging Council Vice Chair Jesse Varner participated in an advocacy day for seniors at the capitol in Frankfort on March 7th, 2024. BRADD is working on updating the Aging Services Area Plan for FY 25. A copy of the current plan is available on the BRADD website. The next Aging Council meeting is set for Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 10 am at the BRADD Conference Center.

Economic Development Committee

Chairman Dillard called on Mayor Dwayne Hatcher who reported the BRADD Regional Planning Committee met on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, in the BRADD Conference Center. The committee reviewed broadband coverage in the region as a part of BRADD's contract with the KY Office of Broadband Development for Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program. The Council also discussed and endorsed projects to be presented to the legislature for potential House Bill 9 consideration. A listing of the endorsed projects can be found online at planning.bradd.org. Mayor Hatcher informed the next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 10 am in the BRADD Conference Room.

Transportation Committee

Chairman Dillard called on Mr. Tom Harned who reported on March 6 the BRADD Regional Transportation Committee met. Members enjoyed a presentation by Brent Sweger from KYTC about land use planning to make a better transportation system. Also presenting was Joe Plunk from KYTC District 3 educating on the State's SAFERoad website. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday June 5 at 11am at the BRADD Conference Center.

Water Management Council

Chairman Dillard called on Mayor Mike Hughes who reported the Council met on March 6th at 12:30pm, for the second time this year. After welcoming various guests, the Council approved the minutes from December 6th and enjoyed a panel discussion about Regional Water Treatment lead by Logan-Todd Regional Water Commission. The Regional Water discussion comprised the bulk of the meeting, but the council did approve the edits made to 24 project profiles. With no other business, and no announcements other than Morgan's upcoming System Visits, Chairman Barnes adjourn the meeting. The next Water Council Meeting will be held on June 5, 2024.

Special Advisors:

Mr. Clark Arnold, Senator Rand Paul Representative, provided updates on the Senators stance on spending and military academy which is an opportunity for high school students.

Ms. Hunter Whittaker, Senator Mitch McConnell's Representative, introduced herself as the new field representative for the Senator. She is looking forward to going out and meeting with everyone in her district. Conversations are beginning for FY 2025 for resources necessary to support the communities.

Mr. Mark Lord, Congressman Brett Guthrie's Representative, informed the Congressman will be in Barren County next month. He encouraged officials to reach out if his office can be of assistance. Also present was field representative, Kylee Foushee.

Mrs. Martha Jane King, DLG Representative, spoke about the General Assembly's current session being underway with priorities on following; teacher raises which haven't received an allocation, 25 million dollar limit for the natural disaster response funds, cleaner water funding, and the possible placement of House Bill 9 to the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Wes Watt, KY Department of Transportation, provided updates on major projects underway across the district which included the KY highway 100 in Frankin, an Edmonson Counties road project, the trans park entrance re-work, and widening of the exit ramps on I-65 as a part of the Buc-ees construction project at Smiths Grove.

Ms. Molly Schorer, Mammoth Cave National Park, noted the park received 15 thousand visitors in February. A ribbon cutting was completed for the hotel. The park is gearing up for increased visitation for the silver eclipse. She spoke about a new trail access and the construction of family cabins at the park.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Emily Hathcock, Associate Director of Economic Development, informed the members their packet contains a copy of the project impact report. The report outlines 71 active projects of which represent over \$90 million in

investment, 94 projects awaiting approval representing over \$141 million in investment, and 30 projects in development. Ms. Hathcock informed members of the upcoming mini CEDS Summit to be held on April 9, 2024 from 10 am until 2 pm at the Cave City Convention Center, prior registration is required. The members packet contained a copy of the summit agenda. More information can be found online at planning.bradd.org.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, provided various updates and announcements. Mr. Sexton introduced two new staff in the Aging Department, Case Managers, Mr. Brian Cauley and Ms. Stephanie Bratcher. Mr. Sexton recognized two five-year staff anniversaries from January and February, Ms. Alpha Taylor and Ms. Sharon Cassetty. Mr. Sexton also recognized staff promotions, Mr. Christian Stanley, Ms. Sharon Cassetty and Ms. Kimberly Proctor who have assumed their new role as Lead Case Managers. Mr. Sexton also encouraged members to rsvp to attend the upcoming mini CEDS Summit and to invite Magistrates and City Council persons to attend as well. Mr. Sexton provided updates on the changes with House Bill 9, now House Bill 723, which reassigns the bill from DLG to the Department of Agriculture. The BRADD website contains a complete list of county specific projects. There is an emergency clause which makes it active upon signing or override. The bill still provides allocations of around \$450 million dollars. Mr. Sexton informed members the next Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 29, 2024 at the Hart County Fairgrounds for the Annual Legislative Luncheon, Commonwealth Engineers will sponsor.

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 seven regional clearinghouse projects. Detailed project descriptions are included in the member's packet. Upon review, the Council recommended approval.

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

2. Title IIID

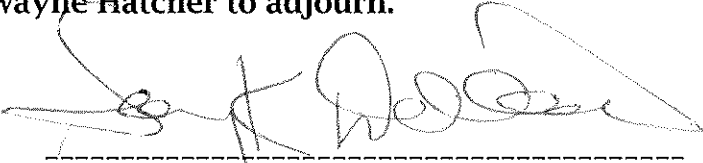
Chairman Dillard called on Mr. Steve Thurmond who reported the Title IIIID Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program has been administered by BRADD staff, for FY 2024, as there were no bids for the program when it was procured last year. BRADD is requesting this program continue to be administered in-house for fiscal year 2025. Mr. Thurmond requested that IIIID services remain in-house at BRADD for Fiscal Year 2025.

Motion: Mr. Steve Thurmond made a motion to approve Title IIIID services to remain in-house under BRADD staff administration for FY 2025. The motion was seconded by Mayor Randall Curry. Motion carried.

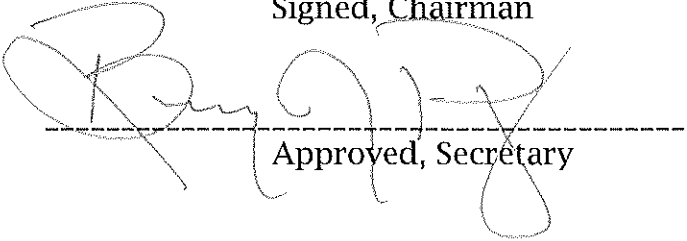
ADJOURN

Chairman Dillard provided the opportunity for Counties/Cities to provide any roundtable updates from their perspective area.

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