

**MINUTES  
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
January 24, 2024**

**TIME & PLACE:**

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Mayor Mike Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests in attendance. Mr. Dillard recognized Ms. Melinda Hill, Commissioner for the City of Bowling Green as a new proxy member for the City of Bowling Green.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**AGENDA AMANDMENT:**

Chairman Dillard informed members after submission of the agenda another item of business was needed for board consideration. Mr. Dillard stated in accordance to Roberts Rule of order an agenda amendment is needed in order to consider adding the Aging Review Committee report.

**Motion: Judge/Executive Mason Barnes made a motion to approve the agenda amendment to add the Aging Review Committee Report to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Scott Lindsey. Motion carried.**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Chairman Dillard introduced Ms. Alecia Johnson, Associate Director of Aging, at BRADD. Ms. Johnson provided a comprehensive overview of the BRADDs Department for Aging and Independent Living's programs and services. Ms. Johnson described the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) as the frontline for the department. BRADD operates a call center where individuals can receive assistance and directions about services. Other Aging programs include Homecare and Title III in-home services. BRADD staff provide case management and assessment for clients and contract with provider agencies to ensure client care needs are met in their homes. Services include homemaking, personal care, respite and other non-medical services. BRADD administers a large meals

program for individuals 60 and over. Meals include home delivered frozen and hot. Ms. Johnson proudly reported BRADD has almost eliminated the meals waiting list and encouraged members to spread the word about BRADD aging services for any senior in need of a meal. Additional BRADD programs described included; Senior Center Services, legal services, long-term care Ombudsman, Family Caregiver which includes Grandparents raising Grandchildren, Veterans Directed Care and Medicaid Waiver program. The largest program of the department is the Waiver program. BRADD Case Managers provide program administration to eligible Medicaid individuals, to provide supports and services to allow individuals to remain in their home and out of long-term care. Ms. Johnson informed members to please contact the office with any questions or needs.

#### **MINUTES:**

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the December 13, 2023 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

**Motion was made by Mayor Dwayne Hatcher, seconded by Mayor Bob Greer to approve the December 13, 2023 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Officers:** No Report

**Council Reports:** No Reports

#### **Special Advisors:**

**Mrs. Martha Jane King**, DLG Representative, spoke about the current ongoing Legislative and budget sessions. She further spoke about the cleaner water initiative and encouraged members to contact their Legislators with needs for their community.

**Ms. Kyliee Foushee**, Congressman Brett Guthrie's Representative, introduced Ms. Katie Marks who represents Edmonson County, of the BRADD district, for the Congressman. She further informed of the Congressional App challenge which allows middle and high school students to complete in efforts to showcase coding skills. This year's winners were a group of three females from Barren County. Upcoming in April is the art challenge for the winners work to be displayed in the Capitol for a year.

**Mr. Joe Plunk**, KY Department of Transportation, provided updates on the winter weather response which included seven days of snow and ice removal last week. 6,200 tons of salt was used over a five-day period which is about \$740 thousand dollars expense. Mr. Plunk informed minimal construction projects are underway however highway 70 in Edmonson County will undergo bridge work which will result in road closure.

**Mr. Barclay Trimble**, Mammoth Cave National Park, informed the hike and bike trail project has been completed. The boardwalk will be usable soon. The ongoing hotel construction project is nearing completion which will soon contain a Starbucks.

**Chris Cummins**, SKYCTC, informed students are back in session with surpassing pre-covid attendance levels. Mr. Cummins reports this as a success for the education of the region.

#### **Staff Reports:**

**Ms. Emily Hathcock**, Associate Director of Economic Development, provided a brief update and informed the members their packet contains a copy of the project impact report. The report outlines 68 active projects of which represent over \$54 million in investment, 84 projects awaiting approval representing over \$149 million in investment, and 43 projects in development. Ms. Hathcock further provided members with a copy of an upcoming training for rail car incident response, to be held at the BRADD office on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, a flyer about infrastructure protection certificate was provided which consists of five upcoming courses with TEEK. Ms. Hathcock encouraged members to contact the office with any questions or to be registered for any of the upcoming events.

**Mr. Eric Sexton**, Executive Director, provided various updates and announcements. Mr. Sexton recognized a five-year staff anniversary to Mr. Mike Brown. Mr. Brown has completed 13 years of services in total at BRADD with eight years of prior service. Further, Mr. Sexton informed DLG will host a budget workshop at BRADD on February 29, from 9 am until noon. Mr. Sexton invited members to ADD day at Frankfort on February 15, 2024. The Kentucky Council of ADDs (KCADD) will host a legislative lunch at the Capitol Annex Cafeteria. The KCADD Board meeting will follow with Mr. Steve Thurmond's last meeting as Chairman. A flyer about the event is located in the members packet. Mr. Sexton provided legislative updates which included the filing of House Bill 1 which allocated \$450 million for government resources accelerating needed transformation program (GRANT) which could be beneficial for House Bill 9 projects. Further, \$10 million has been allocated in the state budget for

expanded meal services. Mr. Sexton announced BRADD will host a mini CEDS summit on April 9, 2024. Registration is open, more details to come. Mr. Sexton reminded the members there will not be a regular February Board meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2024.

## **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 Judge/Executive Tim Flener. Motion carried. (See attached)**

#### **2. Quarter Two Financials**

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Dennis Harper who reported the Executive Council met prior to the board meeting and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2024 financial report for the second quarter ending, December 31, 2023. In revenue, BRADD has recognized approximately \$11.3 million. This represents 48 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$11 million has been spent for the same period. This represents 48 percent of the annual expenditures budgeted. A copy of the report is provided in the members packet.

**Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve the FY 24 quarter two financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Mason Barnes. Motion carried. (See attached)**

**\*\*(AMENDED ADDITION) \*\***

#### **3. Aging Review Committee**

Chairman Dillard called on Mayor Bill Phelps who reported the BRADD Executive Council met to review and approve the Aging Services Review Committee Report. The committee met on January 11 to review proposals for Long Term Care Ombudsman Services, and the State Health Insurance


Assistance Program (SHIP) and Legal Assistance Services. Proposals for both programs were submitted by Kentucky Legal Aid. A copy of the unit cost comparison is located in your board packet. Upon review the Executive Council recommends approval.

**Motion: Mayor Billy Phelps made a motion to approve the Aging Review Committee report to accept KY Legal Aid as the provider for SHIP and Ombudsman services. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Joe Choate. Motion carried. (See attached)**

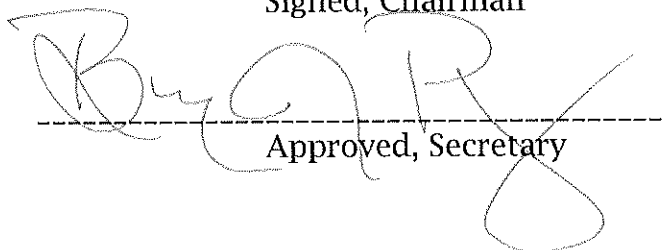
## **ADJOURN**

Chairman Dillard provided the opportunity for Counties/Cities to provide a roundtable update from their perspective area. Reports were heard from the City of Franklin, Mayor Larry Dixon and Allen County Judge/Executive Dennis Harper.

**With no further business, a motion was made by Mayor Randall Curry and seconded by Judge/Executive Phil Baker to adjourn.**



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary