

**MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 30, 2024**

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Mr. Tom Harned led the invocation. Mrs. 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.

Martha Jane King, DLG Representative, provided a report on breast cancer awareness in support of Lieutenant Governor Jacqueline Coleman's initiative and thanked BRADD for their support in wearing pink. A group photo was taken of all wearing pink.

ATTENDANCE:

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

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chairman Dillard introduced guest speaker, Mrs. Shellie Hampton, Director of Government Affairs with KACo. Mrs. Hampton began by thanking the ADDs for their collaboration in the work of local government. Further, she spoke about ongoing work during the Legislative interim period. Topics included housing task force, interest rates, and home costs. The average home in KY costs \$289,000 which is too costly for most citizens. She spoke about the push for affordable housing and low-income housing options. Mrs. Hampton continued by addressing session priorities for the upcoming January 7, 2025, 30 day session. Top priorities include road funding as more funds are needed to maintain safe roads. Issues continue with overcrowding in the jails. Bridge improvement program, occupational tax being a critical need for County and City governments. Mrs. Hampton encouraged all to attend the upcoming 50th Anniversary KACo conference November 13-15 in Louisville.

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the August 28, 2024 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Judge/Executive Dennis Harper, seconded by Judge/Executive Phil Baker to approve the August 28, 2024 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officers: No Report

Council Reports:

Aging Council:

Mr. Jesse Varner reported, the Aging Council met on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. A presentation was provided by Senior Perspectives with details about their locations and the mental health services they offer. The council was provided an update regarding the relocation of Edmonson County Senior Center and the Franklin Senior Center. Both relocations were recommended to Executive Council, once approved the relocations will take effect January 1, 2025. Mr. Varner informed Title 3D Health Promotion classes were operated through the BRADD Office during Fiscal Year 2024. More clients were served during this year and as a result, BRADD staff requested the classes remain. The Aging Council made the recommendation to the BRADD Executive Council. BRADD staff and service providers switched over to a new data system on October 1. The Department of Aging and Independent Living made a statewide transition to the system Mon Ami away from Wellsky SAMS. In preparation for this training BRADD staff and service provider staff are undergoing training to move to the new system. BRADD will be requesting proposals for all services including transportation, hot meals, frozen/chilled meals, senior centers, SHIP/legal services, ombudsman, and in-home services. The application packets will be available to potential applicants on Friday, November 1 at the BRADD office. Aging Council members will be asked to review the Aging Services Review Committee's recommendations on these proposals. Ms. Bobbie Esters with Kentucky Legal Aid is still offering free Medicare clinics across the region in October and November. A Resident Rights Forum took place directly following Aging Council and residents from long term care facilities provided their insight and experiences regarding living in a facility. The next Aging Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2024, at 10AM at the BRADD Conference Center.

Regional Planning Committee:

Chairman Dillard called on Mayor Dewayne Hather, Committee Chair, who reported the committee met on Wednesday September 11, 2024 and reviewed objective of the regional comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for the quarter. Emily presented the annual update to the comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and the committee voted to recommend the report for approval by the Executive Board. A copy of the Annual Report can be found online at planning.bradd.org, and there are copies on the sign-in desk for anyone interested. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 10 am at the BRADD office.

Regional Transportation Committee:

Chairman Dillard called on Mayor David Burch, Committee Chair, who reported on September 11 the BRADD Regional Transportation Committee met at the BRADD conference center. A presentation was provided by Troy Hearn from the KY Cabinet of Health and Family Services about the importance of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and the benefits it can provide communities. The committee approved its by-laws, goals, and objectives for the fiscal year, and discussed various opportunities emerging within the region. The next regular meeting is Wednesday, December 4 at 11:00 am at the BRADD Conference Center.

Water Management Council:

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Scott Lindsey, Council Vice Chair, who reported The BRADD Water Management Council met on September 11th, 2024. Guest speaker Russel Neal from KIA spoke about KIA grants and loan programs. He gave an overview of KIA's history, role in community development, and an overview of how the organization functions. Utilities can use this information to identify potential funding for projects and provide insight into the role of KIA in grant/loan allocation. The council approved twelve projects and amended two. The council also approved the regional project rankings. Emily made the announcement that Zach and Ty will begin system needs assessments and visits as well as reviewed the SRF timeline. She also reminded the Council that the next WMC meeting is on December 4th, 2024, at 12:30.

Special Advisors:

Ms. Hunter Whitaker, Senator Mitch McConnell's Representative, spoke about visits being made by the Senator. Further, D.C office staff met with BRADD concerning support for the Anchor Project. She also spoke about the Senators work with the farm bill and VA funding.

Ms. Kyliee Foushee, Congressman Brett Guthrie's Representative, informed the Congressman's recess is concluding. He is focused on the race for the Energy and Commerce Committee Chairperson as it drives the energy, technology and health care systems. She further spoke about the Congressional App challenge.

Mrs. Sandy Simpson, Congressman James Comer's Representative, spoke about the 35 counties the Congressman has been trying to cover during his recess to meet with constituents to address any pressing needs. Mrs. Simpson informed details about attending the Presidential Inauguration can be found on their website.

Mrs. Martha Jane King, DLG Representative, informed there are 115 budget line items for consideration. The Land and Water board meeting is in December. She spoke about the expansion of the KY Aluminum processors with recent expansion, Logan County's Logan Aluminum has expanded with 75 new jobs.

Mr. Wes Watt, KY Department of Transportation District 3, spoke about the final stages of the construction season are wrapping up. Many resurfacing projects and expansion efforts continue for road planning. Preparations are beginning for winter weather.

Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park, spoke about back country trails plan being open until November 14th. A new contract for Heritage Trail is in the works. Mr. Trimble spoke about the Green River water levels and the effects on the snails, there were many successful re-habited snails and many of the endangered muscels have been placed back in the river.

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 75 active projects of which represent over \$93 million in investment, 43 projects awaiting approval representing over \$74 million in investment, and 43 projects in development. Ms. Hathcock spoke about her recent presentation at the National Association of Development Organizations

(NADO) conference in which she spoke in conjunction with AA&T partner concerning Regional Climate Resilience Initiatives on how rural communities are incorporating climate change in regional planning.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, presented a one-year staff anniversary recognition to Ms. Melissa Dorsey, Aging Case Manager. Mr. Sexton spoke about the BRADD Anchor project in the release of the Request for Proposal (RFQ) for design services will be re-advertised and available upon request at the BRADD. Mr. Sexton encouraged members to take a copy of the BRADD FY 24 Annual Report and car sun shade give away from last months annual meeting. Mr. Sexton noted Allen and Logan counties has perfect attendance. Mr. Sexton informed there would not be a November board meeting due to Thanksgiving Holiday, the next board meeting would be held Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

Chairman Dillard called on Mayor Dewayne Hatcher who informed the BRADD Executive Council met prior to the BRADD board meeting and reviewed and considered ten regional clearinghouse projects. Detailed project descriptions are included in the member's packet. Upon review, the Council recommended approval.

Motion: Mayor Dewayne Hatcher made a motion to approve ten regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tom Harned. Motion carried. (See attached)

2. FY 2025 Quarter One Financials

Chairman Dillard called on Mayor Michael Hughes who reported the members packets contains a copy of the FY 25 financial report for the first quarter ending September 30, 2024. In revenue, BRADD has recognized \$7.2 million. This represents 25 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$7.1 million has been spent to for the same quarter. This represents 25 percent of the annual expenditures budgeted.

Motion: Mayor Michael Hughes made a motion to approve the FY 2025 Quarter One Financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Larry Dixon. Motion carried. (See attached)

3. CEDS Update

Chairman Dillard called on Mr. Michael Stoyonovich who reported the BRADD Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting and reviewed the 2024 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) update. The CEDS update is to be completed once annually to remain in compliance with the Economic Development Administration and DLG.

Motion: Mr. Michael Stoyonovich made a motion to approve the 2024 CEDS update as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dewayne Hatcher. Motion carried. (See attached)

4. Franklin Senior Center Relocation

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Dennis Harper who reported the Executive Council met earlier and discussed the relocation of the Franklin-Simpson Senior Center to a new location within the Franklin Simpson Housing Authority effective January 1, 2025.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve the relocation of the Franklin-Simpson Senior Center. The motion was seconded by Mayor David Burch. Motion carried.

5. Edmonson County Senior Center Relocation

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Dennis Harper who reported the Executive Council met earlier and discussed the relocation of the Edmonson County Senior Center from the library to Cedar Grove Church in Brownsville. The new location would take effect January 1, 2025.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve the relocation of the Edmonson County Senior Center. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Tim Flener. Motion carried.

6. Provider Rate Change Request

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Dennis Harper who reported effective in September a unit rate definition for Homecare assisted transportation, also known as escort, was changed at the state level by the Department for Aging and Independent Living. This change of definition caused the service to be defined as a "one way trip" instead of "one-half hour". Due to this change, The BRADD provider Comfort Keepers has requested to clarify that their rate per unit is now \$100.

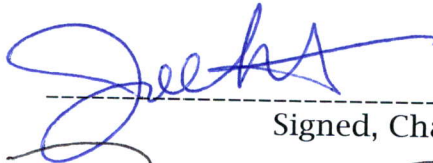
Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve the unit rate definition and increase to \$100. The motion was seconded by Mayor Larry Dixon. Motion carried.

7. 25-26 BRADD Officer Nomination Committee

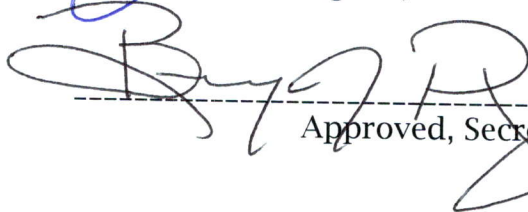
Chairman Dillard informed he has appointed the following board members to serve on the 2025-2026 BRADD Officer nominating committee. The committee will present a slate of officers for consideration at the December Board meeting. The members include: Chairman Dewayne Hatcher, Mayor Randall Curry, Judge/Executive Scott Lindsey, Judge/Executive Larry Wilson, Ms. Debbie Hammers, and Mr. Sam Terry.

ADJOURN

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



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary