

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 28, 2025

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Chairman Joe Choate called the meeting to order.

Judge/Executive Phil Baker led the prayer of invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the April 23, 2025 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Judge/Executive Scott Lindsey, seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes to approve the April 23, 2025 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Chairman Choate introduced guest speaker Dr. Matt Hunt with the Barren River District Health Department (BRDHD). Dr. Hunt spoke about the health department's mission and areas of service, including public health, immunizations, inspections, planning and more. Dr. Hunt spoke about the transformations of public health noting, in particular, the prevention and eradication of disease. Dr. Hunt introduced staff, Olivia McGhee who spoke about the community health assessments BRDHD uses to gather data. Ms. McGhee spoke about focus groups used throughout the community who contribute to the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), an effort organized by the BRIGHT Coalition. Demographics collected from the survey highlight six focus areas for important health outcomes. Diabetes, physical activity, nutrition, mental health, alcohol and tobacco/vaping use. Ms. McGhee provided statistics related to the most affected populations based on age, race, and other demographics. Further

topics addressed related to the survey data, is the increasing resources to address mental health needs. A question was asked about the resources available for those with mental health issues, Ms. McGhee informed BRDHD provides harm reduction programs, leave behind kits and resource material for those seeking assistance, but does not provide direct treatment. She further expressed the need for continued resources in the community. Mr. Hunt informed about the upcoming process available to treat severe mental health cases with the Anchor Projects mental health intake capabilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

Chairman Choate called on Mayor Billy Phelps who informed the BRADD Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and reviewed and considered three regional clearinghouse projects. Detailed project descriptions are included in the member's packet. Upon review the Council recommended approval.

Motion: Mayor Billy Phelps made a motion to approve three regional clearinghouse projects as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mike Hughes. Motion carried. (See attached)

2. Senior Center Designations

Chairman Choate called on Judge/Executive Dennis Harper who reported The Executive Council met prior to the Board meeting to discuss and approve recommended changes regarding the Senior Center transitions, set to take place on July 1st. The detailed report is included in the members packet. It was requested that the Park City Senior Center be designated as a permanent nutrition site, that the Russellville and Glasgow centers reduce their hours and redesignate as senior centers from multipurpose sites, that the Cave City Senior Center move to a nutrition site operating at three days per week, and the Warren County site be relocated to a new location. Following Board approval, the Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) will grant final approval of these proposed changes.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve the Senior Center Designations as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Phil Baker. Motion carried. (See attached)

3. Directors Report

Chairman Choate called on Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director. Mr. Sexton recognized two BRADD new hires, Mr. Alex Witty, ADRC Assistant and Ms. Daisy Mills, Waiver Case Manager. Mr. Sexton recognized four staff for their one year anniversary at BRADD. Ms. Ceara Baker, Ms. Heather Barbour, Mr. Tyler Hopkins, and Ms. Hannah Addington. Mr. Sexton informed Mrs. Dawn Devore has been appointed as Metcalfe County Citizen Member for another three year term. Mr. Sexton recognized new board member, Mayor Ricky Line, City of Munfordville. Mr. Sexton reported the recent CEDS Summit resulted in 120 attendees and proved to be a successful opportunity to learn and network. Mr. Sexton congratulated BRADD CED staff for putting the event together.

REPORTS:

1. Aging Council

Chairman Choate called on Mr. Jesse Varner, Aging Council Representative. Mr. Varner reported, The BRADD Aging Council met on Wednesday, May 21, a guest speaker from Bowling Green's Veteran's Long Term Care Facility spoke about the upcoming opening. Attendees celebrated Older American's Month with cake and heard about this year's celebration theme, "Flip the Script on Aging," which focuses on the importance of combating ageism to transform how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging by challenging stereotypes and highlighting the benefits of healthy aging. The BRADD office is recognizing anyone in our community turning 100 this year, if you know of someone celebrating this milestone, please have them reach out to Alecia or Hollie. Aging Council members listened to a report of several transition updates regarding Senior Centers and recommended all changes continue to the BRADD Board. These recommendations were just presented to you under new business. Mr. Varner informed the next Aging Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, August 13th, at 10 am in the BRADD Conference Center.

3. Community & Economic Development

Chairman Choate called on Ms. Emily Hathcock, CED Director, who reported the members packet contains a project impact report. There are currently 88 active projects representing \$105 million in investment. There are 38 projects awaiting approval representing over \$29 million in investment and 46 projects in development. Ms. Hathcock informed the members a copy of upcoming trainings is provided in the packet. Ms. Hathcock thanks all for participating in the recent CEDS Summit and informed a recording of all sessions is located on planning.bradd.org.

ADVISOR REPORTS:

Brian Blank, KY Fish and Wildlife spoke about fish stocking occurring across several of the BRADD counties. A free fishing weekend will take place June 7-8 which exempts the requirement of a fishing license.

Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park, spoke of park visitation over the busy Memorial Day weekend, the park system is making preparations for increased summer park use and visitation.

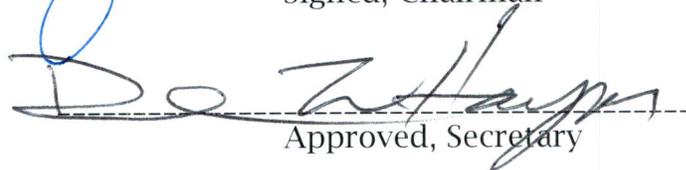
OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

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



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary