

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 28, 2024

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Mayor Larry Dixon led the invocation. Judge/Executive Larry Wilson 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:

Chairman Dillard introduced guest speaker, Western Kentucky University President Timothy Caboni. President Caboni provided a State of the University address including the economic impacts to the BRADD region. He also discussed the increased student support structure with the new Living Learning Communities (LLC) initiative. The University creates a transformative experience with many opportunities from marching band, study abroad, sports and intramurals, Greek life and more. President Caboni spoke about creating the Opportunity Fund, a supportive scholarship for students, the 2018 goal of \$50 million doubled three years later. He further spoke about campus infrastructure changes including many renovations and transformations. There has been recent growth in the WKU research program now offering a PhD opportunity. President Caboni's goal has been to transfer Bowling Green from a college town into a knowledge town. WKU alone added \$528 million in investment with 4.3 percent of the region's total gross revenue. WKU is a driver of the local economy with over 9,400 jobs, WKU supports one of seventeen jobs in the region. In 2023, WKU and regional campuses generated a total of \$1.6 billion, a strong driver of the region's economy.

MINUTES:

With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the June 27, 2024 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Judge/Executive Phil Baker, seconded by Judge/Executive Scott Lindsey to approve the June 27, 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, August 21 and provided an orientation for new members. Two new Title III-D classes are beginning for Geri-fit and Bingo-cize with Jill Steffey from Pieces of Hope. Bingo-cize will also be offered at the Allen County Senior Center led by Manager, Pam Simmons. Bingo-cize sessions are available in September through CASHA at WKU. Other Title III-D classes are also available throughout the region, including Drums Alive, On the Move, Silver Sneakers, Tai Chi for Arthritis, and more. BRADD is working with the company Polco to conduct a community assessment survey for older adults. Adults 50 or older are encouraged to take the survey and share opinions on needs in the region. Mr. Varner informed, BRADD staff and service providers are undergoing training for the transition to a new data system starting on October 1, 2024. The Department of Aging and Independent Living is making a statewide transition to the system Mon Ami away from Wellsky SAMS. BRADD staff are targeting outreach across the region to ensure the community is aware of available services. Volunteer opportunities are available and encouraged through local senior centers. Volunteers are accepted at Kentucky Legal Aid through the State Health Insurance Assistance Program and through the Ombudsman Program. Please see Bobbie Esters or Lynda Love for these opportunities. Bobbie Esters with Kentucky Legal Aid is offering free Medicare clinics across the region in October and November. The Barren River Mental Health and Aging Coalition is hosting the 2024 Mental Health and Aging Conference on October 17. The conference will be held at the Carroll Knicely Center and CEU credits are available for many. Attendees can register at Eventbrite.com, sponsorship is available. The next Aging Council meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, October 16th, 2024, at 10AM at the BRADD Conference Center.

Special Advisors:

Ms. Hunter Whitaker, Senator Mitch McConnell's Representative, spoke about the Senators busy August recess with travel in the BRADD district upcoming in September. Work continues on the Farm Bill with focus on increased crop insurance and assuring the bill changes address farmers priorities. Further, Ms. Whitaker spoke about responding to issues related to FEMA response.

Mrs. Martha Jane King, DLG Representative, spoke about the Governors recent successful local issues conference. She spoke about the BEAD grant funding is now open with pre-qualifications ending September 17. She provided updates concerning the Energy and Environmental Cabinets conference and cleaner water updates.

Mr. Joe Plunk, KY Department of Transportation District 3, spoke about the busy traffic time in Bowling Green with WKU back in session, Corvette and Holley LS Fest events. Traffic impacts from the new highway plan are posted on the Cabinets website. Further spoke about the discretionary fund program application cycle.

Barclay Trimble, Mammoth Cave National Park, informed the park visitation has slowed down post high summer visitation. Park events included: a meteor shower event and creatures and critters bat night in the cave. Construction continues for the six family cabins. 13 thousand mussels were recovered from Green River due to the recent low water levels associated with the removal of Locke and damn number 5.

Chris Cumens, SKYCTC, reported the current president Dr. Phil Neal has been promoted to Executive Vice-President over 16 colleges. Brooke Justice has been appointed as interim.

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 74 active projects of which represent over \$93.9 million in investment, 44 projects awaiting approval representing over \$78 million in investment, and 37 projects in development. Ms. Hathcock encouraged members to contact the office with any support or assistance needs.

Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, presented a one-year staff anniversary recognition to Ms. Mackenzie Fleming. Mr. Sexton introduced new hires since

the last board meeting, Mr. Ty Foster, part time Community Development Specialist in CED, Mr. Zach Bell Community Development Specialist in CED, Mrs. Tabitha Wilson, Case Manager, Ms. Emma Prince, Case Manager, and Mr. Ethan Bates promotion to Transportation Planner in the CED department. Mr. Sexton spoke about the anchor project with the first of four public meetings to be held today at BRADD. BRADDs 56th Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at The Barn at 3M Farms in Scottsville, KY. The meeting is set for a week prior due to the KY League of Cities conference. Mr. Sexton informed the next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday, October, 30, 2024 at the BRADD office. Mr. Sexton noted for clarification, the FY 24 quarter four financials report located in the members packet has a correction for the Aging account lines four and seven was incorrectly represented and will be adjusted upon filing. Mr. Sexton concluded with a quote, "It is impossible for a man to learn what he thinks he already knows".

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

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

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

2. FY 2024 Quarter Four Financials

Chairman Dillard called on Judge/Executive Dennis Harper who reported the members packets contains a copy of the FY 24 financial report for the fourth quarter ending June 30, 2024. In revenue, BRADD has recognized \$25.2 million. This represents 101 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$24.7 million has been spent to for the same quarter. This represents 101 percent of the annual expenditures budgeted.

Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve the FY 2024 Quarter Four Financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Mason Barnes. Motion carried. (See attached)

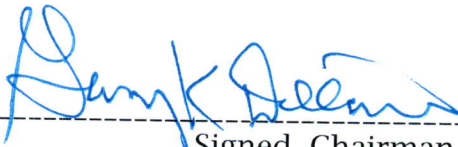
3. FY 25 Aging Programs and Services

Chairman Dillard called on Mayor Dwayne Hatcher who reported the BRADD Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting and approved the FY 2025 Aging Program and Services report, which highlights funds received for the various aging programs. A copy of the report is provided in the board packet. If there are no questions, the Executive Council recommends approval.

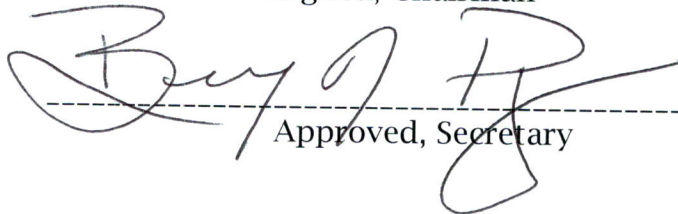
Motion: Mayor Dwayne Hatcher made a motion to approve the FY 2025 Aging Programs and Services report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Larry Dixon. Motion carried. (See attached)

ADJOURN

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



Signed, Chairman



Approved, Secretary