

**MINUTES  
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 22, 2025**

**TIME & PLACE:**

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at the BRADD Conference Center.

Chairman Joe Choate called the meeting to order.

Mr. Lanny White led the prayer of invocation and Mr. Sam Terry led the 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 August 27, 2025 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

**Motion was made by Judge/Executive Phil Baker, seconded by Judge/Executive Larry Wilson to approve the August 27, 2025 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.**

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Chairman Choate introduced guest speaker, Sergeant Brad Hogue, with the Bowling Green Police Department, speaking on Recruiting and Community and Engagement. Sergeant Hogue relayed the departments emphasis on building positive relationships, much of which is done through the use of the Cadet Program. Sergeant Hogue introduced cadets who were present. A component of the program consists of recruiting, by visiting high schools and colleges and participating in various career days to help promote the work of policing. Sergeant Hogue provided several examples of how the department provides assistance with community partnerships and special projects. Some of which included; popsicle patrol, community pop ups, homelessness resources assistance, workout with a cop, coffee with a cop, and many more. All of which work to promote and enforce the mission of the police department to protect, serve and support the community while fostering positive relationship and

experiences. Sergeant Hogue further spoke about the many success stories which exist from all the community partnership and events taking place across the district.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Executive Council Reports:**

#### **1. Clearinghouse Projects**

Chairman Choate reported there were no clearinghouse projects received this month.

#### **2. FY 26 Quarterly Financial Report**

Chairman Choate called on Mr. Michael Stoyonovich, who reported the Executive Council met prior to this meeting and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2026 quarterly financials for period ending September 30, 2025. In revenue, BRADD has recognized approximately \$11.7 million which represents 22 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditures, approximately \$8.4 million which represents 17 percent of the annual expenditures.

**Motion: Mr. Michael Stoyonovich made a motion to approve the FY 2026 quarter one financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tom Harned. Motion carried. (See attached)**

#### **3. Park City Meals RFP**

Chairman Choate called on Judge/Executive Dennis Harper who reported the Executive Council met prior to the Board Meeting to review the Aging Services Review Committees recommendation for hot meal services for the Park City Senior Center. After the committee's review of proposals, a criteria for evaluation was completed with Five Star Breaktime Solutions receiving the highest score. Based on this, the review committee recommended that Five Star's proposal be accepted, effective January 1, 2026. This recommendation has been approved by the Aging Council and Executive Council.

**Motion: Judge/Executive Dennis Harper made a motion to approve Five Star Breaktime Solutions RFP proposal for the Park City Meals as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich. Motion carried.**

#### **4. Directors Report**

Chairman Choate called on Mr. Eric Sexton, Executive Director, who recognized a guest in attendance, Mr. Hollis Alexander, the new Relations Officer with KACo. Mr. Sexton thanked all who participated in BRADDs 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting last month and announced annual report was released and copies are available in the lobby. Mr. Sexton recognized new BRADD staff, Jennifer Wade, hired as the new Senior Center Volunteer Coordinator. Concerning the Anchor Project, Mr. Sexton informed the next committee meeting will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm at the BRADD Office. The first authorizing resolution has been received from the City of Bowling Green pledging funds for Anchor Project. Governor Beshear has announced \$9.1 million will be designated to senior meals funds to cover shortfalls for FY 26. BRADD carryover funds have covered our district's shortages. Mr. Sexton announced there would not be a regular board meeting in November. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at the BRADD Office, the meeting will include an audit presentation. Mr. Sexton thanked all who wore pink in support of breast cancer awareness month and asked members to take a group photo after the meeting.

#### REPORTS:

##### **Aging Council**

Chairman Choate called on Mr. Jesse Varner who reported the the BRADD Aging Council met on Wednesday, October 15 at the BRADD Conference Center. The guest speaker Lynda Love, Barren River District Long Term Care Ombudsman, discussed programming, an upcoming blanket and personal hygiene drive, and distributed her Long-Term Care Guidebooks. Aging Council members reviewed and approved the recommendations from the Aging Services Review Committee regarding program services proposals from potential applicants. These recommendations, which the Aging Council supports, were previously presented. Mr. Varner informed the next Aging Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at 10am in the BRADD Conference Center.

##### **Water Management Council**

Chairman Choate called on Judge/Executive Phil Baker who reported, the BRADD Water Management Council met on September 3, at the BRADD Conference Center. The meeting began with a presentation by Nick Roederer with Raymond James Financial. Nick spoke about the Rural Water Financing Agency and explained the process and requirements for accessing a Rural Water Financing Agency Loan. The Council also approved eight new projects for WRIS. Emily introduced BRADD's new water planner, Mr. Julien Hodge, and gave

an update about Ms. Dajana Crockett reaching out to schedule vulnerability assessment meetings with Julien as part of ongoing hazard mitigation efforts in the region. Mrs. Kim Morrow reminded attendees of KIA's call for projects, emphasizing the November 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline for all updates and new profiles to be submitted to BRADD. To prepare for call-for-projects, a special-called meeting of the Water Management Council's Project Review Subcommittee will be held via Zoom on November 5<sup>th</sup>, with more details coming to those subcommittee members. The next regular meeting is Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the BRADD Conference Center at 12:30.

### **Regional Transportation Council**

Chairman Choate called on Mayor Billy Phelps who reported, on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the BRADD Regional Transportation Committee met at the BRADD Conference Center. The meeting began with the selection of road projects to boost as part of the SHIFT process. This process determines which projects are recommended to the state legislature for funding decisions. The committee then reviewed and approved their regional goals and objectives, as well as their bylaws. The Committee also discussed local bike and pedestrian plans and passenger rail. Finally, the committee heard updates on transportation projects in progress from BRADD and KYTC Districts 3 and 4. The next regular meeting is Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the BRADD Conference Center at 11:00 AM.

### **Regional Economic Development**

Chairman Choate called on Mayor Dwayne Hatcher who reported the BRADD Regional Planning Committee met September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the BRADD Conference Center at 10am. The meeting began with a presentation by Yvette Coleman of the HEART Coalition, with an overview of the Coalition, specifically emergency preparedness and response healthcare, across the region. The Committee reviewed the CEDS and Hazard Mitigation Plan objectives for the quarter. Emily Hathcock gave a reminder of the state's G.R.A.N.T. program for projects applying for federal funding and needing matching funds. Finally, Emily notified the committee that the CEDS and Hazard Mitigation Plan's required re-write update beginning in January for a 2027 completion. Both federally required plans operate on a 5-year cycle, ending in February of 2027. Local Steering Committees will begin updating their county-level strategic plans in the coming months. These county-level plans will then be used to update the two regional plans. All interested parties are encouraged to get involved with their local steering committee, and a schedule of committee meetings is included in the BRADD events calendar. The next regular meeting is Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the BRADD Conference Center at 10:00am.

### **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 87 active projects representing \$38 million in investment. There are 37 projects awaiting approval representing \$34 million in investment and 57 projects in development.

#### **ADVISOR REPORTS:**

**Martha Jane King**, DLG Representative, spoke about the additional funds allocated towards senior meals, and encouraged members to advocate for that to continue.

**Hunter Whitaker**, Senator McConnell's Field Representative, spoke about current state of Government shutdown with the Senate voting for the ninth time. McConnell's field staff remain active in the office should assistance be needed.

**Mark Lord**, Congressman Guthrie's Representative, the Congressman continues to work in the D.C. office and has been in the district lately. He extended thanks to the BGPD speaker. He further spoke about appropriations remaining stalled with government shutdown.

**Sandy Simpson**, Congressman Comer's Representative, informed Congressman is still at work, Social Security and Veteran cases are not currently being reviewed during shutdown. She expressed the Congressman's desire to reopen as he voted against the shutdown.

**Jana Sublett**, TVA, spoke about an upcoming TVA 101 for elected officials which will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 2 pm at the BRADD Office. Further, she spoke about nominees for TVA board of directors.

**Greg Meredith**, KYTC, Rural and Municipal Aid, informed October 1<sup>st</sup> is the application due date for county priority projects program. Currently, ten submissions of \$128 million, have been received. The programs is funded at \$20 million. Mr. Meredith encouraged governments to consider the gas tax to alleviate the high volume of road project requests.

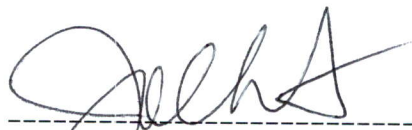
**Wes Watt**, KYTC District 1, spoke about wrapping up many of the major road construction projects for the season. Preparations and training are underway for the winter season. Equipment is ready for any snow and ice.

Chairman Choate reminded members the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 12:30 pm the BRADD Office.

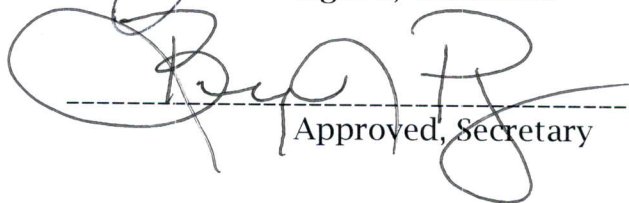
**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN**

**With no further business, a motion was made by Judge/Executive Phil Baker and seconded by Mr. Tom Harned to adjourn.**



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Signed, Chairman



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Approved, Secretary