

MINUTES
BRADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 22, 2026

TIME & PLACE:

The Barren River Area Development District Board of Directors met at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at Franklin-Simpson SKYCTC Meeting Room in Franklin, KY.

Vice Chairman Mayor Billy Phelps called the meeting to order.

A welcome to Simpson County was provided by Simpson County Judge/Executive Mason Barnes.

City of Franklin Mayor, Larry Dixon led the 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 March 25, 2026 meeting were approved as emailed. (See attached)

Motion was made by Judge/Executive Phil Baker, seconded by Judge/Executive Doug Gorman to approve the March 25, 2026 board minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Council Reports:

1. Clearinghouse Projects

Vice Chair Phelps called on Mayor Dwayne Hatcher who reported the BRADD Executive Council met prior to the BRADD Board Meeting and reviewed and considered one regional clearinghouse project. A detailed project description is

included in the member's packet. Upon review the Council recommended approval.

Motion: Mayor Dwayne Hatcher made a motion to approve one regional clearinghouse project as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Stoyonovich. Motion carried. (See attached)

2. Quarterly Financial Report

Vice Chair Phelps called on Mr. Michael Stoyonovich who reported the Executive Council met prior to the board meeting and considered the fiscal year 2026 financial report for the third quarter ending March 31, 2026. The members' packet contained a copy. In revenue, BRADD has recognized approximately \$25.9 million which represents 75 percent of the annual revenue budgeted. In expenditure, approximately \$24.4 million has been spent for the same period. This represents 75 percent of the annual expenditure budgeted.

Motion: Mr. Michael Stoyonovich made a motion to approve the FY 26 quarter three financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Larry Dixon. Motion carried. (See attached)

3. FY 27 Cost Allocation Plan

Vice Chair Phelps called on Mr. Michael Stoyonovich who reported the Executive Council met prior board meeting and reviewed the FY 2027 Cost Allocation Plan. This plan has been developed to ensure that BRADD's financial management system is efficient and equitable and to ensure the fairness in the distribution of cost is achieved. A copy was provided by email in the board packet and upon approval will be maintained on the BRADD website.

Motion: Mr. Michael Stoyonovich made a motion to approve the FY 27 Cost Allocation Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Jamie Byrd. Motion carried. (See attached)

4. Senior Centers- Auburn

Vice Chair Phelps called on Mayor Dwayne Hatcher who reported, the Executive Council met today to approve the discontinuation of congregate meals at the Auburn Senior Center due to a lack of interest, effective July 1, 2026. BRADD will continue to partner with this location for other senior activities.

Motion: Mayor Dwayne Hatcher made a motion to approve the discontinuation of congregate meals at the Auburn Senior Center. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Doug Gorman. Motion carried.

5. Senior Centers- Edmonson County

Vice Chair Phelps called on Mayor Dwayne Hatcher who reported, during the Executive Council meeting, it was also discussed that BRADD is undergoing negotiations with the Edmonson County Board of Education to secure a lease agreement for a new location for the Edmonson County Senior Center. Pending approval, the plan would be to move the current location to the fifth-sixth Center, possibly by July 1, 2026.

Motion: Mayor Dwayne Hatcher made a motion to approve the relocation of the Edmonson County Senior Center to the fifth-Sixth Center pending the lease agreement with the Edmonson County Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Judge/Executive Scott Lindsey. Motion carried.

REPORTS: None

GUEST SPEAKERS: Vice Chairman Phelps welcomed guest speakers, BRADD area legislators, introducing Senator Mike Wilson as the moderator. Senator Wilson invited each legislator to provide updates from the most recent legislative session.

The following legislators were present and delivered reports:

- Senator Stephen Meredith
- Representative Steve Riley
- Representative Robert Duvall
- Representative Amy Neighbors
- Representative Kevin Jackson
- Representative Shawn McPherson

The legislators noted that 1,291 bills were introduced during this year's session, with 183 receiving funding. Each speaker highlighted regional bills or legislation they co-authored.

Key Legislation and Updates Discussed:

Local Storm Shelter Bill: Senator Meredith highlighted a successful bill initiated by local Mayor Billy Phelps. The program allows citizens to apply for matching grants of up to \$5,000 for residential storm shelters.

Workforce & Education (HB 576): Focused on workforce recruitment and retaining in-state college students. Discussions also emphasized elevating advanced coursework in middle schools to strengthen student learning potential.

Healthcare & Medicaid:

HB 3: Stabilizes the Medicaid reimbursement system.

HB 689: Supports medical providers through Medicaid-directed programs.

Provisional Licensing: Creates provisional licenses for physicians who lack residency spots.

Feasibility Study: Tasks select Area Development Districts with a study for a pilot program providing Medicaid coverage.

Administrative Costs: Outlined an overall effort to reduce healthcare administrative expenses.

Infrastructure & Community Development (HB 900): Allocates "Rainy Day" funds for regional projects, including Bowling Green's riverfront park development project.

Public Safety & Corrections:

HB 188: Provides protection for medical staff working in correctional facilities.

HB 189: Prohibits homelessness and panhandling along state highways in non-pedestrian areas.

Fiscal Responsibility & Grant Funding:

Established a dedicated disaster-response "Rainy Day" fund.

Emphasized the Budget Committee's focus on fiscal conservatism, eliminating waste, and prompt bill payment.

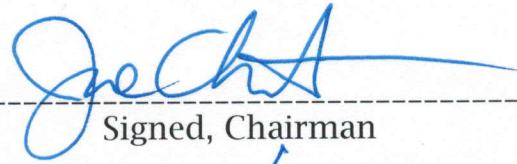
Highlighted the importance of the G.R.A.N.T. program, which provides critical local matching funds for federal grant opportunities.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vice Chair Phelps closed the meeting expressing thanks to each legislator for their attendance and service to make Kentucky the best state it can be.

ADJOURN

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

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Signed, Chairman

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Approved, Secretary