

# **Big Sandy Area Development District**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 26, 2021**

**12:30 PM**

**Via Zoom**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Judge-Executive Mark McKenzie, Chair  
Judge-Executive Matt Wireman  
Judge-Executive Victor Slone  
Mayor Bill Mike Runyon  
Mayor Les Stapleton  
Mr. Don Cecil  
Mr. Jimmy Salyers  
Mayor Pete Shepherd  
Mr. David Tackett proxy for Mr. Mark Gooch  
Mr. Brad Slone, proxy for Mayor Jimmy Carter  
Ms. Shauna Moore  
Mr. Glenn David May  
Mayor Mike Taylor  
Mayor Jerry Fultz  
Mr. Rick Roberts

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Adam Rice – Congressman Rogers Office  
Barry Davis – Transportation Cabinet–Office of the Governor  
Justin Turner proxy for Tim Hatfield – CEO HRMC/ARH  
David Harris – Secretary of State Office  
Donna McClure – Senator Mitch McConnell’s Office  
Jerry Ravenscraft – DLG Office of the Governor

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Mr. Ben Hale	Ms. Elizabeth Hamilton
Ms. Sandra Justice	Ms. Janice Prater
Mr. Jamie Pinson	Mr. Greg Salyers
Ms. Stacy Hall	Ms. Peggy Thompson
Ms. Sharon May	
Ms. Retha Mullins	
Mr. Cody Branham	

Vice-Chairman Wireman called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm, after a quorum was determined to be present. Mr. Vice-Chairman took the liberty of introducing guests. The Agenda for the meeting was approved. A motion and a second were made by Mayor Les Stapleton and Mr. Brad Slone. Motion carried.

The minutes of the September 28, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion and a second by Mr. Brad Slone and Mr. Glenn David May. Motion carried.

**Financial report:**

Greg Salyers presented the financial report. He reported as of September 30, 2021 BSADD had about a \$1.3 million cash balance. Overall, the ADD is on target for 25 % into FY22.

Greg also reported, as was last month, most of the underspending continued to be delays in completion of the AML projects, the funds are still available to complete the projects but progress is slower than anticipated. Once complete the contracted funds will catch up the underspending. The auditors will be here to present at the November meeting.

A motion and a second were made Mr. Brad Slone and Mr. Glenn David May Motion carried.

The **Executive Review** report was presented by Director Ben Hale and approved with a motion by Mayor Les Stapleton and a second by Mr. Brad Slone. Motion carried. The report included the following projects:

- KY202109291421: PCUC Harold WWTP Expansion Project  
Prestonsburg City Utilities District  
\$1,075,000.00
- KY202110081473: Thunder Ridge Industrial/Business Park  
\$3,000,000.00  
Floyd County Fiscal Court
- KY202109241387: Baird Avenue Pedestrian Improvements  
City of Pikeville  
\$250,000.00
- KY202107271218: Blanton Branch Road Water Line Extension  
Johnson County  
\$280,000.00
- KY202110111480: Wolfpit Industrial & Technology Park Infrastructure Phase II  
Pike County Fiscal Court  
\$765,000.00
- KY20211014196: UPIKE Ag tech Innovations Center of Excellence  
University of Pikeville  
\$10,150,000.00

**Old Business:** Director Ben Hale reported to the Board in regards to the “Build Back Better” coalition. This is a partnership of the ADD’s with the state of Kentucky with 5 other states to development mutual EDA projects with ARC funding. The alliance is narrowing down projects to submit as a joint request that would benefit all states.

**New Business: STAFF REPORTS**

- **CEDS Department – Joe Jacobs** (reported by Director Hale)  
The draft 2021 CEDS Update had been published on the BSADD website for the 30 day comment period. Joe will present a final version to the Board at the November meeting for their approval resolution in order to submit it the Economic Development Administration.
- **KWP – Cody Branham**  
**Regional KY Works Program**
  - 17 Clients will graduate from Job Readiness Activities (JRA) Class in October
  - 11 Participants will graduate from Career Advancement Training (CAT) Course
  - 5 Graduates have obtained employment during October
- **BIG SANDY AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING – Liz Hamilton**
  - Medicare open enrollment has started and goes thru December 7. We have counselors here to help review plans to see of the recipient needs to change their Part D plans. We can also look at Medicare Advantage plans for them.
  - Three of our five counties are still in the Red Zone with the COVID 19 virus. Johnson and Magoffin counties are now in the Orange zone. They will be looking at their schedule to see about re-opening their centers back up to the public.
  - We will be releasing our RFP for our Title III services for FY 23, 24 & 25 within the next month. This will be for the services we contract out. Title III senior center services and legal aid. All other aging services we do in-house.
  - The 15 senior centers have served approximately 11,079 meals in the last month. These are both the drive thru congregate meals and the home delivery meals.
  - We have 126 clients in Homecare and 251 active PDS waiver clients with 46 Traditional waiver clients.

**Directors Comments** – Department for Local Government contacted the ADD’s to provide them with some of the old ADF projects in order to update the Legislature, as they requested, about the need for the program to be reinstated.

Director asked the Board for recommendation regarding the November meeting. He asked the Board if they wanted to plan for an in person/hybrid meeting if the COVID numbers continued to decline. The majority voiced their opinion that it would be good to meet in person to avoid the issues with lack of connection and the desire to “get back to normal”. Director Hale agreed to order the food and prepare for the in person with option to zoom if preferred.

Director Hale encouraged the Board as Judges and Mayors of our cities and counties to strongly support the COVID vaccination effort as 3 of our counties continue to be in the Red Zone. Those counties are Floyd, Pike and Martin. Orange counties are Johnson and Magoffin.

Donna McClure of **Senator McConnell’s** Office updated the Board of changes in the Senator’s staff. New state director is Robbin Taylor, replacing former Director and new Chief of Staff in Washington, Terry Carmack. Robbin will be visiting the area soon. If anyone needs support letters please contact Donna. They will be glad to help.

Adam Rice of **Congressman Roger’s** office announced the ARC pre applications are due by Friday, October 29, 2021 and there are upcoming live FEMA webinars regarding apportionments. If anyone needs links to these contact him.

Jerry Ravenscraft of **DLG** presented information regarding the FEMA COVID Funeral Expense Reimbursement Program and also encouraged everyone to get their COVID vaccinations.

Barry Davis with the **Transportation Cabinet, Rural and Secondary Roads** reminded the Judges and Mayors to turn in Flex and 80/20 requests for 2022. The first round CRA and MRA funds should have been received, if not contact him. Second round should be processed in December. And as always call anytime with any questions or issues.

Justin Turner proxy for Tim Hatfield – **CEO HRMC/ARH** – representing Mr. Hatfield gave his apologies that Mr. Hatfield could not be with the board. He was working with Transylvania University regarding incentives for students to return to the region following completion of their degree at the University. More information upcoming.

**Next Meeting : November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30 lunch 12:00 meeting.**

**Motion to adjourn:** Mr. Brad Slone, seconded by Mayor Mike Taylor. Motion carried.