

Big Sandy Area Development District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 23, 2021 – 12:30 – via ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge-Executive Mark McKenzie, Chair
Judge-Executive Matt Wireman
Judge-Executive Ray Jones
Judge-Executive Bill Davis
Mayor Pete Shepherd
Mayor Les Stapleton
Mayor Bill Mike Runyon
Mayor Jimmy Carter, by proxy Mr. Brad Slone
Mayor Ed Daniels
Mr. Tommy Trimble
Mr. Don Cecil
Mr. Jimmy Salyer
Mr. Mark Gooch
Mr. Glenn David May
Mr. Rick Roberts
Mr. Reggie Hickman
Ms. Rhonda Blanton
Mr. Steve Goble

GUESTS PRESENT

Mr. Tony Wilder, KCADD
Ms. Donna McClure, Sen. Mitch McConnell's office
Mr. Adam Rice, Congressman Rogers Office
Mr. David Harris, Sec. of States Office
Representative Norma McCormick

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Ben Hale	Ms. Janice Prater
Ms. Terry Trimble	Mr. Matt Scoffield
Mr. Greg Salyer	Mr. Cody Branham
Mr. Braydon Sode	Mr. Joe Jacobs
Ms. Liz Hamilton	Ms. Sandra Justice
Ms. Sharon May	

After a quorum was determined to be present, the chair called the meeting to order. He took the liberty of introducing guests.

Ben provided the board with a copy of the fiscal year annual report.

The agenda had no changes and was approved with a motion and a second by Mayor Ed Daniels and Mayor Bill Mike Runyon. Motion carried. The minutes of the January 26, 2021 annual meeting were approved with a motion and a second from Mr. Mark Gooch and Ms. Nita Collier. Motion carried.

Mr. Greg Salyers gave the Financial Report. He indicated that as of the end of January we had \$940,000 cash in the bank. We are 50% through the year and 42% spent. All departments are on target. We have had some progress with the AML contracts. We have received new funds for the Senior Centers for meals which will increase their funding. The additional funds came from the stimulus package. A motion and a second by Mr. Mark Gooch and Judge-Executive Matt Wireman approved the report. Motion carried.

Old Business

Judge-Executive Ray Jones recommended the reappointment of Pike County Citizen Member Mr. Mark Gooch. This is a 3 year appointment. A motion and a second by Mr. Brad Slone and Mr. Glenn David May approved the reappointment. Motion carried.

The CDBG-CV Utility Assistance Program is coming up. DLG is providing training and updates for ADD staff as the program rolls out. The program will help households impacted by COVID-19 cover utility costs. Only county and city governments are eligible to apply. If a city does not have enough households with arrearages to justify their own project then their citizens will be eligible for assistance from the county's project. A city would need about 60 eligible households to do their own project. The time between initial application and assistance will take about 6 months. The ADD is ready to roll with this project. Judge-Executive Mark McKenzie asked how to determine duplication of benefits when other assistance has already been received. Ben explained that the Community Action Program will be doing the intake and will already have LIHEAP data to help determine that. LIHEAP has had money for over a year for arrearage assistance. In December, the Governor put 15 million for water and heating in this project. Joe Jacobs asked for county and city information within 2-4 weeks to start applications.

New Business

The board was asked to ratify the Executive Committee Poll of February 1, 2021 for Mr. Braydon Sode, Projects Developer/Administrator. A motion and a second by Mr. Mark Gooch and Mr. Brad Slone approved the hiring. Motion carried.

Ms. Elizabeth Hamilton presented the FY 20 Annual Report on the Aging as follows:

101 friendly visits were made by the District Ombudsman
269 people were able to hire a caregiver through the Participant Directed Programs
1,599 people were helped by the Aging & Disability Resource Center
451 clients were provided services through the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA)
190 clients were provided with in home services through the Kentucky Homecare Program
627 home visits/phone calls were made to the United Mine Workers beneficiaries through UMWA contract
21 families were referred for assistance through the Community Collaboration for Children Program
205,196 meals were served to our elderly population:
 63,079 drive through meals
 142,117 home delivered meals
5,560 meals were served by Mom's meals
469 clients were assisted through the State Health Insurance Assistance Program
44 clients were assisted through the National Family Caregiver Program.

Ms. Hamilton also reported a person must be at least age 60 to qualify for meals. If you know of anyone in need, please contact Elizabeth Hamilton, Aging Planner on our staff. Representative Norma McCormick was very interested in learning more about assistance for our aging seniors. Ms. Hamilton offered to meet with her at any time to give her information regarding our services.

Directors Comments

Mr. Tony Wilder, Executive Director for KCADD informed the board that a transportation bill was filed in the house today. He said the 2014 formula got scrambled, so Representative Santoro introduced the new bill. Mr. Wilder encouraged everyone to be unified and expressed how important this bill is to the state.

Donna McClure with Senator Mitch McConnell's office and Mr. Adam Rice with Congressman Rogers office both extended their offices assistance.

Ben told the board that the DLG budget workshops were in progress. We had ours on February 18, 2021 and there were two left that anyone that hasn't attended could get 3 credit hours from. The schedule is on DLG's website.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.