Big Sandy Area Development District
Board of Directors Meeting
September 27, 2016 – 11:30 a.m. – District Meeting Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge-Executive Kelly Callaham, Chair
Judge-Executive Tucker Daniel, by proxy Ms. Lillian Wheeler
Judge-Executive Ben Hale
Mayor Les Stapleton
Mayor Bob Porter, by proxy Mr. Gary McClure
Mayor Pete Shepherd
Mayor Jimmy Carter, by proxy Mr. Sean Cochran
Mayor Andrew Scott
Mr. Mark McKenzie
Mr. Millow McCarty
Ms. Nita Collier
Ms. Lillian Wheeler
Mr. Don Cecil
Ms. Susan Howard, by proxy Ms. Shauna Moore

GUESTS PRESENT

Mr. Bobby McCool, BSCTC
Mr. Delaney Stephens, Center for Rural Development
Mr. J Marshall, Morehead State University
Mr. Kevin Callihan, Air Methods/Health Net
Ms. Lillian McCarty
Ms. Donna McClure, Senator McConnell’s office
Mr. Adam Rice, Congressman Rogers’s office

STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Sandy Runyon
Ms. Terry Trimble
Ms. Sandra Justice
Mr. Steve Jones
Ms. Peggy McKenzie
Mr. Brandon Montgomery

Ms. Janice Prater
Ms. Sharlet Butler
Ms. Denise Thomas
Mr. Greg Salyers
Mr. Joe Jacobs
After a quorum was determined to be present the chair called the meeting to order. He then took the liberty of introducing guests. The Agenda was reviewed and approved by a motion and a second from Mr. Millow McCarty and Mayor Les Stapleton. Motion carried. The chair then called for a motion and a second for the minutes from the July 26, 2016 meeting. Motions made by Mr. Millow McCarty and Judge-Executive Ben Hale approved the minutes. Motion carried.

Mr. Greg Salyers gave the financial report. He indicated that we have $658,000 cash in the bank and $342,000 in the ED RLF fund. The Accounts Receivables are a little high because it is still the first quarter of a new fiscal year as we are still receiving contracts for FY ‘17. We are at 17% of the budget. We recently had an inquiry regarding an RLF loan and we are waiting for some response to the information. Ms. Runyon explained that we have been in conversations with EDA regarding the RLF fund. We currently have an excess of loan dollars that have not been used due to the downturn of the economy; EDA is requesting that we return sequestered funds in the amount of $160,000. We are asking them to reconsider our plan. If they require them to be returned, and we have an opportunity to lend more than we have in the regular RFL account, we can request those funds back. We have asked them to allow us to combine other ADD’s to give us a larger portfolio; however, they do not agree because of their boundaries. A motion and a second to approve the Financial Report were made by Mr. Millow McCarty and Judge-Executive Ben Hale. Motion carried.

There were several projects reviewed in the Clearinghouse process. With no questions, the report was approved with a motion and a second by Mr. Millow McCarty and Mayor Les Stapleton.

Ms. Runyon drew the board’s attention to the Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution in their packets. She said the plan must be updated periodically and that the update must be adopted via resolution in order to receive federal dollars if there is a disaster. Brandon Montgomery on our staff has done the update. A motion and a second by Mayor Les Stapleton and Judge-Executive Ben Hale approved the resolution.

Ms. Runyon asked for a motion to approve a resolution in support of a Veterans Nursing Home to be built in Eastern Kentucky, explaining that there are approximately 160,000 veterans who live in the 4th, 5th and 6th Congressional Districts and only one 120 bed nursing home in Hazard to serve them all. The Aging Advisory Council sent a letter to the Governor requesting his help. A motion and a second to approve the resolution were made by Mayor Andrew Scott and Judge-Executive Ben Hale. Motion carried.
Directors Report:

The ARC ADDs continue to meet in an effort to collaborate on issues that are specific to the region and to support the work of the SOAR Initiative. As we continue this effort, it becomes increasingly more important that we encourage supporting a regional effort in establishing a new diversified economy. At the last meeting, we met with Deputy Secretary Regina Stivers to discuss promoting tourism in the Region. It was a very positive meeting, she supports the work we've done and will provide assistance as we move forward.

There have been several meetings with DLG regarding JFA Funding. The JFA funds were originally allocated to provide match for federal funds and to provide core staff for the ADDs in their effort to assist local governments. They are currently provided to DLG and allocated through a formula that has evolved over the years and lacks what may be proper support and documentation to justify the amounts. I expect that BSADD’s portion of JFA will change and that it will be a somewhat beneficial change.

Beginning next year the JFA and KIA may be combined into one contract. There are no adverse effects that we can see at this time.

We do not have our ADF allocation information yet from DLG. We have been advised that for the past several years, there may have been some misinterpretation of the legislative formula for ADF funds. We are still waiting to see what the BSADD’s portion will be per DLG. Based upon information I have at this time, I believe it will be less than in years past. Please let Libby know what projects you still have outstanding....(end of Director’s report).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.