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GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

September 16, 2021

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Water Management Council met virtually via Zoom on Thursday, September 16th, at 1:30 p.m. The following persons were in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pete Conrad, Henderson County Water District
Judge/Executive Curtis Dame, McLean County Fiscal Court
Mayor Ronda Moore Smith, City of Corydon
Mayor Vicki Hughes, City of Island
Eric Hickman, Ohio County Fiscal Court
Kasey Emmick, East Daviess County Water
Randy Sallee, Sacramento Waterworks
William Higdon, Southeast & West Daviess County Water
Rebecca Logan, Green River District Health Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

Amanda Durham-Hayes, Ohio County Water District
Joe Schepers, Regional Water Resource Agency
Michael Wahl, Beech Grove Water Association
Al Mattingly, Daviess County Fiscal Court
Todd Adkins, City of Hawesville
Brent Wiggington, City of Lewisport
Jason Arnold, City of Calhoun
Lance Wilson, McLean County Regional Water Commission
Keith Long, City of Livermore
Kevin Roberts, Henderson Water Utility
Sean O'Bryan, Regional Water Resource Agency
Tom Williams, Henderson Water Utility

Gary Scheffer, Union County Water District
Tyler Gentry, City of Sturgis
Les Piper, City of Morganfield
Shawn Martin, City of Morganfield
Bo Swift, Ohio County Regional Wastewater District
Robert Schindley, Webster County Water District
David May (Jim Crowell), City of Providence
Franklin Rhinehardt, City of Clay
Emery Thomas, City of Sebree
Denney Quisenberry, City of Fordsville

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Williams, Deputy Director, KIA
Julie Bickers, KIA
Don Schierer, WRIS Analyst, KIA
Bob Pickerill, Bell Engineering
Mark Askins, Strand Associates
Sondra Hagan, City of Owensboro
Bart Boles, Henderson Water Utilities
Joe Janes, Owensboro Municipal Utilities
Trey Pedley, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Warner Mattingly,
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Blake Edge, Director of Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Jennifer Alvey, GIS Analyst, GRADD
Cheyton Pendley, Infrastructure Planner, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Conrad called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and noted there was a quorum.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Chairman Pete Conrad presented the minutes of the June 17, 2021, meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council for approval.

A motion was made by Pete Conrad and seconded
by Randy Sallee to approve the minutes of the
June 17, 2021, meeting of the GRADD Water

Management Council as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. GRADD Personnel Update

Chairman Conrad turned the meeting over to Cheyton Pendley, the new Infrastructure Planner at GRADD. Mr. Pendley introduced himself to the Council, stating he is a native of Ohio County and a graduate of Lindsey Wilson College. He welcomed members of the Council to contact him should they have any questions or concerns about projects to bring before the Council.

B. Guest Speaker

Chairman Conrad called on Mr. Pendley to turn the meeting over to Paula Payne, Workforce Development Program Assistant, to share information about the H2O Apprentice Program. Ms. Payne explained Workforce Director Jodi Rafferty secured a DRA grant last year for \$150,000 for Kentucky Rural Water to hire apprentices for water utilities. The goal of the program is to have ten apprentices placed in the DRA counties of Henderson, McLean, Union and Webster Counties. Eight apprentices have already been placed. The grant pays \$12,000 of the salary of the apprentice, as well as the cost of classes for apprentices to become certified operators. Ms. Payne encouraged the Council to reach out to her if they wanted more information about the program.

C. Updates

Chairman Conrad asked Mr. Pendley if he had any updated regarding ARPA funds. Mr. Pendley did not but asked if anyone for Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) wanted to share any updates. Sandy Williams shared Senate Bill 36 Updates. Ms. Williams shared 479 applications for \$705 million in requests had been received, yet only \$250 million has been appropriated. Of the applications received, 111 project were for unserved drinking water totaling \$163 million; 17 were consent decree project for \$127 million. Forty projects are currently under consideration. Applications are due November 19th. KIA is looking for local consensus. Ms. Williams encouraged the Council to consider having a backup project.

D. Consideration of Projects

Two water projects were presented for approval.

1. WX211830052 – Ohio County Water District Meter Replacement
2. WX21183054 – Chiggerville Lane Waterline Extension

A motion was made by Curtis Dame and seconded by Vicki Hughes the above-mentioned water

projects be approved. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Planning with Pete

Chairman Conrad thanked everyone for attending. He reminded the Council to contact him or Cheyton Pendley should they have any questions about ARPA fund projects. He asked Mr. Pendley if fall system visits were planned, and Mr. Pendley replied there would be spring system visits instead. Ranking meetings will be taking place in the next few weeks.

IV. Public Comments.

None.

V. Adjournment

With no further business, Billy Higdon made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:53 p.m. With a second from Curtis Dame, the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Chairman

Secretary