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GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

April 23, 2020

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Water Management Council met virtually via Zoom on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. The following persons were in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pete Conrad, Henderson County Water Utility Joe Schepers, Regional Water Resource Agency (RWRA) Robert Lindsay, City of Sacramento Jamie Harkins, City of Dixon Walt Beasley, Ohio County Fiscal Court Shawn Martin, City of Morganfield Gary Sheffer, Union County Water District Tom Williams, Henderson Water Utilities William Higdon, Southeast & West Daviess County Water Clayton Horton, Green River District Health Department (GRDHD) Emery Thomas, City of Sebree Vicki Hughes, City of Island Frankie Fulkerson, City of Whitesville Amanda Durham-Hayes, Ohio County Water District Franklin Rhienhardt, City of Clay Denney Quisenberry, City of Fordsville Curtis Dame, McLean County Fiscal Court Ted Self, City of Corydon

MEMBERS ABSENT

David May, City of Providence Bo Swift, Ohio County Regional Wastewater District Michael Wall, Beech Grove Water Association Robert Schindley, Webster County Water District Jason Arnold, City of Calhoun Al Mattingly, Daviess County Fiscal Court Chase Roberts, City of Sturgis Keith Long, City of Livermore Robert Lindsay, City of Sacramento <u>GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT</u>

Trey Pedley, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission, Planner II Kevin Roberts, Henderson Water Utilities Linda Bridwell, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) Don Scheirer, KIA Julie Bickers, KIA Dustin Horn, KIA Debbie Landrum, KIA Ashley Adams, KIA Anshu Singh, Division of Water (DOW) Jorv Becker, DOW Sarah Parsley, DOW Sean O'Bryan, RWRA Mark Askin, Strand Associates Dawn Fox, Integrated Engineering Bryan Henderson, RWRA Sheryl Chino, HDR Engineering Doug Taylor, HMB Engineering Tommy Turner, Lincoln Trail ADD Water Management Council Scott Thompson, Lincoln Trail ADD Water Management Council Toby Church, Commonwealth Engineering Darren Thompson, Lincoln Trail ADD Water Management Council Ashley Willoughby, Lincoln Trail ADD Mike Burress, Lincoln Trail ADD Thomas Grubbs, Barren River ADD Joanna Shake, Associate Director of Community & Economic Development, GRADD Skyler Stewart, Infrastructure Planner, GRADD Jennifer Alvey, GIS Analyst, GRADD Cyndi Isbill, Support Services Technician, GRADD

I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

Chairman Pete Conrad called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m., and noted there was a quorum. He called roll to denote a quorum, requested that everyone mute their microphones unless speaking, and thanked everyone for their continued hard work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

II. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

A. <u>Secretary's Report – December 5, 2019</u>

Secretary Amanda Durham-Hayes presented the minutes of the December 5, 2019, meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council for approval.

A motion was made by Tom Williams and seconded by Frankie Fulkerson to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2019, meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. <u>Guest Speaker</u>

Chairman Conrad introduced guest speaker Linda Bridwell, Deputy Executive Director of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. Ms. Bridwell thanked everyone present for their continued hard work and efforts to serve their communities during the pandemic. She stated that KIA is currently working remotely but all staff is available by phone and email if anything is needed. Ms. Bridwell gave an update on the status of current SRF loans and noted that KIA's top priority is keeping operators across the Commonwealth healthy, as well as keeping their systems financially healthy. She mentioned that if anyone has any complications or needs assistance with compliant forms to please contact KIA to help. Ms. Bridwell closed by stating the April KIA Board of Directors meeting was canceled; however, the May 7, 2020, board meeting will occur virtually.

B. <u>Green River District Health Department Update</u>

Chairman Conrad called on Clay Horton to give a GRDHD update regarding COVID-19. Mr. Horton declared the current confirmed number of COVID-19 cases in the Green River region is 267 (as of April 26, 2020). On April 25, 2020, the state pushed out new guidance of quarantined individuals going back to work including employers ensuring that employees wear surgical masks, monitor symptoms, and be screened twice a day. Employers also need to eliminate any close contact between coworkers, wear face coverings when around others, and do not ride in vehicles together. If a case comes in at a water plant, Mr. Horton noted that the superintendent should call the GRDHD.

C. <u>System Visit Update</u>

Chairman Conrad then called on Skyler Stewart to give an update on system visits and anything else GRADD-related. Ms. Stewart stated that all system visits have been completed and all data updated in WRIS. Additionally, Ms. Stewart is going through project profiles to strengthen those so questions will be forthcoming to operators regarding projects in WRIS. Ms. Stewart participated in the "Options for Small Water Systems" webinar and would be happy to send out notes if anyone is interested. In addition, Ms. Stewart mentioned an article published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding Water and Wastewater Agency Response Networks and can send out that information as well.

D. <u>Consideration of Projects</u>

Skyler Stewart presented three (3) new and one (1) revised water projects.

- WX21091101 (Lewisport) County Booster Station Improvement
- WX21101129 Clearwells Improvements Project
- WX21101130 Raw Water Intake
- WX21101025 Main Street Water Main Replacement Project

A motion was made by Tom Williams and seconded by Emery Thomas to approve the above-mentioned water projects. A vote was taken and the motion carried. Skyler Stewart then presented four (4) new wastewater projects.

- SX21101044 Corydon Sewer Generator
- SX21101043 Corydon Pump Station Rehab
- SX21101045 Atkinson Park Sewershed Project
- SX21183019 Hartford Sewer Improvements Project

A motion was made by Emery Thomas and seconded by Frankie Fulkerson to approve the above-mentioned wastewater projects. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. <u>Planning with Pete</u>

Chairman Conrad expressed his gratitude to all council members for their continued hard work and wished them good health in the coming months.

IV. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>

None.

V. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

With no further business to come before the council, Chairman Conrad called for a motion to adjourn at 3:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Tom Williams and seconded by Franklin Rhienhardt to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

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Pete Conrad, Chairman