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GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

December 3, 2020

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Water Management Council met virtually via Zoom on Thursday, December 3rd, at 1:30 p.m. The following persons were in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pete Conrad, Henderson County Water Utility
Amanda Durham-Hayes, Ohio County Water District
Joe Schepers, Regional Water Resource Agency
Sean O'Bryan, Regional Water Resource Agency
Mayor Vicki Hughes, City of Island
Mayor Betty Howard, City of Sacramento
Frankie Fulkerson, City of Whitesville
Tom Williams, Henderson Water Utility
Kevin Roberts, Henderson Water Utility
Gary Scheffer, Union County Water District
Denney Quisenberry, City of Fordsville
Franklin Rhinehardt, City of Clay
William Higdon, Southeast & West Daviess County Water

MEMBERS ABSENT

Judge/Executive Curtis Dame, McLean County Fiscal Court
Michael Wahl, Beech Grove Water Association
Mayor Ted Self, City of Corydon
Walt Beasley, Ohio County Fiscal Court
Shawn Martin, City of Morganfield
Tyler Gentry, City of Sturgis
Jamie Harkins, City of Dixon
Al Mattingly, Daviess County Fiscal Court

Kasey Emmick, East Daviess County Water Association
Frankie Fulkerson, City of Whitesville
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
Bo Swift, Ohio County Regional Wastewater District
Robert Schindley, Webster County Water District
David May, City of Providence
Clayton Horton, Green River District Health Department
Emery Thomas, City of Sebree

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Trey Pedley, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Julie Bickers, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
Don Scheirer, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
Carmen Ignat, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
Clay Kelly, Strand Engineering
David Howell, Bell Engineering
Shawn Miller, HMB Engineering
Ashley Willoughby, Lincoln Trail Area Development District
Heather Stevenson, Kentucky Rural Water Association
Randall Kelley, Kentucky Rural Water Association
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD
Blake Edge, Director of Community & Economic Development, GRADD
Therese Payne, Community Development Program Assistant
Skyler Stewart, Infrastructure Planner, GRADD
Jennifer Alvey, GIS Analyst, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Conrad called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and noted there was a quorum. He requested that everyone mute their microphones unless speaking and thanked everyone for attending the Zoom meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Secretary Durham-Hayes presented the minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council for approval.

A motion was made by Amanda Durham-Hayes and seconded by Joe Schepers to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Guest Speaker – Water System Emergencies

Chairman Conrad introduced guest speaker Randall Kelley, the Training Specialist at the Kentucky Rural Water Association to discuss the lifting of the moratorium on water and sewer cut-offs from non-payment. Mr. Kelley explained that according to PSC Order 2020-00085, utilities are to offer payment plans to all customers in arrears and if the customer makes on-time payments to their plan then they cannot be cut off. No late fees will be charged through December 31, 2020 and all should take reasonable efforts to notify customers of their bill total. Mr. Kelley also discussed America's Water Infrastructure Act, which was a replacement for the Bioterrorism Act in regards to vulnerability assessments required by utilities. He reminded the council that AWIA deadlines are around coming up and utilities must prepare a risk and resilience assessment then follow-up with a new emergency response plan. Mr. Kelley completed his presentation by stating the KRWA Annual Conference is scheduled for August 23-25 at the Galt House in Louisville.

B. KIA Update

Chairman Conrad then called upon Don Schierer to give the KIA Update. Mr. Schierer explained that Sandy Williams will be the next Executive Director of Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. Additionally, Mr. Schierer noted that the SRF Call for Projects closes on December 4, 2020.

C. Nomination Committee Report

Chairman Conrad then called on the Nominating Committee Chair Tom Williams to present their report. Mr. Williams stated the committee met prior to the council meeting and recommend all current officers (Pete Conrad, Chair; Billy Higdon, Vice-Chair; Amanda Durham-Hayes, Secretary) be nominated for their respective positions.

A motion was made by Tom Williams and seconded by Joe Schepers for all current council officers to be re-elected for the calendar year 2021. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. Consideration of FY 21 Projects

Chairman Conrad then turned the floor over to Skyler Stewart to discuss the FY 21 water and sewer project rankings for the Green River area. Ms. Stewart presented the FY 2021 drinking water rankings to the council in ranked order and asked for any questions.

A motion was made by Tom Williams and seconded by Amanda Durham-Hayes to approve the FY 21 Green River Area drinking water project rankings. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ms. Stewart then presented the FY 2021 sewer rankings to the council in ranked order and asked for any questions.

A motion was made by Tom Williams and seconded by Joe Schepers to approve the FY 21 Green River Area sewer project rankings. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. Consideration of Projects

Skyler Stewart presented three (5) new sewer projects for approval.

- SX21059059 David Hawes WWTP Aeration Upgrades (RWRA)
- SX21059060 Max Rhoads WWTP Aeration Upgrades (RWRA)
- SX21059061 Parkway Drive Interceptor (RWRA)
- SX21101046 Biosolids Reduction – Screw Press (Henderson Water Utility)
- SX21233028 – Clay Manhole Renovation

A motion was made by Joe Schepers and seconded by Tom Williams to approve the above-mentioned wastewater projects. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

F. Planning with Pete

Chairman Conrad noted that Walt Beasley of Ohio County Water District is retiring December 31, 2020 and congratulated him on his career. Chairman Conrad then congratulated Jodi Rafferty and GRADD Workforce staff for obtaining the Delta Regional Authority grant to fund the Hire 2 Operator apprenticeship project.

G. Public Comments.

None.

H. Adjournment

With no further business, Amanda Durham-Hayes made the motion to adjourn the

meeting at 2:46. With a second from Joe Schepers the motion carried unanimously.