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GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

December 11, 2023 M-I-N-U-T-E-S

The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Water Management Council met on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the GRADD Office. The following persons were in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Johnny Roberts, Hancock Fiscal Court
Hon. Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Fiscal Court
James Sallee, Sacramento Waterworks
Jamie Harkins, City of Providence
Eric Hickman, Ohio County Water District
Brent Wigginton, Daviess County Water District
Lance Wilson, McLean County Regional Water Commission
Tyler Gentry, City of Clay
Les Piper, City of Morganfield
David Tapp, City of Morganfield
Frankie Fulkerson, City of Whitesville
Joe Schepers, Regional Water Resource Association
Trey Pedley, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Ronda Moore Smith, City of Corydon
Mayor Joseph Hamilton, City of Island
Mayor Betty Howard, City of Sacramento
Ryan Christian, Green River District Health Department
Gary Sheffer, Union County Water District
Elmo Thompson, Owensboro Municipal Utilities
William Higdon, Daviess County Water District
Michael Wahl, Beech Grove Water Association
Kevin Roberts, Henderson Water Utility



EQUAL HOUSING

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Todd Adkins, City of Hawesville
Jason Arnold, City of Calhoun
Keith Long, City of Livermore
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
Adam Mills, East Daviess County Water Association
Denney Quisenberry, City of Fordsville

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Mayor Bill Adams, City of Sturgis Randy Norman, Webster County Fiscal Court Heather Stevenson, Kentucky Rural Water Association Randall Kelly, Kentucky Rural Water Association B.J. Bland, Kentucky Operator Certification Timothy Gilliam, Commonwealth Engineers Mark Askin, Strand Associates Joe Okyere, Strand Associates Nick Whitsell, City of Whitesville Dalton Harris, City of Whitesville Warner Mattingly, Henderson Water Utility Jason Bumpus, Island Water Robert Lindsay, Island Water Colby Kennedy, City of Sturgis Chris Reynolds, City of Hartford Michael Burgess, City of Hartford Blake Edge, GRADD Dana Garrett, GRADD Therese Payne, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Judge Johnny Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and thanked everyone for their time.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. <u>Secretary's Report</u>

Secretary Eric Hickman presented the minutes of the October 19, 2023, meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council for approval.

A motion was made by Eric Hickman and seconded by Charlie Castlen to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2023, meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2024 Approval of Officers

Trey Pedley reported for the nominating committee, recommending the following slate of officers: Johnny Roberts as Chair, Gary Scheffer as Vice Chair and Eric Hickman as Secretary.

A motion was made by Frankie Fulkerson and seconded by Charlie Castlen to approve the above-mentioned slate of officers for calendar year 2024 as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

The following Water projects were presented for approval:

- 1. City of Calhoun Water Tank Project
- 2. Daviess County Water District Hwy 81 Line Replacement
- 3. Daviess County Water District W. 5th Street Road Main Upgrade
- 4. Daviess County Water District 142/Millers Mill Improvement
- 5. Daviess County Water District Springlane Drive Main Upgrade
- 6. Daviess County Water District Hwy 258 Main Replacement
- 7. City of Hartford WTP Raw Water Line
- 8. City of Island A/C Line Replacements
- 9. City of Island PRV Valve
- 10. City of Morganfield Chemical Storage & Feed System
- 11. City of Morganfield GAC Contactor
- 12. Ohio County Water District Main Looping 1
- 13. Ohio County Water District Main Looping 2
- 14. Ohio County Water District Main Looping 3
- 15. Ohio County Water District A/C Line Replacement Area 1
- 16. Ohio County Water District A/C Line Replacement Area 2
- 17. Ohio County Water District A/C Line Replacement Area 3
- 18. Henderson County Water District Lead Service Line Inventory

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The following Sewer projects were presented for approval:

- 1. City of Morganfield Trunk Sewer Replacement
- 2. City of Sturgis WWTP Emergency Upgrades
- 3. City of Uniontown UV System Upgrade
- 4. City of Uniontown New Filter System for TSS Issue
- 5. Webster County Pump Station #2 Rehab
- 6. City of Whitesville WWTP Valve Replacement Project
- 7. City of Whitesville Sewer Generator Purchase

A motion was made by Eric Hickman and seconded by Charlie Castlen the above-mentioned projects be approved. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

C. GRADD Project Rankings Fiscal Year 2024

Blake Edge explained the ranking process changed two years ago to align more closely with the Division of Water's ranking process. Some projects scored higher than others because all details have been provided to GRADD staff and included in the profile. If any information is missing, contact GRADD before the deadline this Wednesday. Contact Mr. Edge if interested in submitting for State Revolving Fund (SRF) funding.

- 1. Wastewater Project Rankings
- 2. Water Project Rankings

Blake Edge presented the projects and explained the scores.

A motion was made by Frankie Fulkerson and seconded by Les Piper to approve to the rankings. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

D. <u>Operators' Certification Program</u>

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IV. Public Comments.

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V. Adjournment

With no further business, Charlie Castlen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 p.m. With a second from Frankie Fulkerson, the motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman //	Secretary
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