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**GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

June 10, 2024
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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Water Management Council met on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the GRADD Office. The following persons were in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Johnny Roberts, Hancock County Fiscal Court
Eric Hickman, Ohio County Water District
Gary Sheffer, Union County Water District
Randy Sallee, Sacramento Waterworks
Brent Wigginton, Daviess County Water District
Les Piper, City of Morganfield
David Tapp, City of Morganfield
Joe Schepers, Regional Water Resource Association
Ryan Christian, Green River District Health Department
Trey Pedley, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT

Hon. Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Fiscal Court
Mayor Ronda Moore Smith, City of Corydon
Mayor Joseph Hamilton, City of Island
Mayor Betty Howard, City of Sacramento
Jamie Harkins, City of Providence
Frankie Fulkerson, City of Whitesville
Lance Wilson, McLean County Regional Water Commission
Tyler Gentry, City of Clay
Elmo Thompson, Owensboro Municipal Utilities
Michael Wahl, Beech Grove Water Association
Kevin Roberts, Henderson Water Utility
Todd Adkins, City of Hawesville
Jason Arnold, City of Calhoun



Steve Henry, Chairman | **Adam O'Nan**, Vice Chairman | **Johnny "Chic" Roberts**, Secretary | **Curtis Dame**, Treasurer | **Joanna Shake**, Executive Director

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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

Julie Bickers, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
Mark Askin, Strand Associates
Joe Okyere, Strand Associates
Russ Evans, Owensboro Municipal Utilities
Nick Whitsell, City of Whitesville
Daniel Turner, City of Whitesville
Jake Powers, City of Hawesville
Blake Edge, GRADD
Hunter Phillips, GRADD
Dana Garrett, GRADD
Jennifer Alvey, GRADD
Therese Payne, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Judge Johnny Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and thanked everyone for their time.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Eric Hickman presented the minutes of the March 21, 2024, meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council for approval.

A motion was made by Joe Schepers and seconded by Trey Pedley to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024, meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Projects

The following projects were presented for approval:

- Hawesville Water Works-Regionalization Water System Improvements Phase 1
- Webster County Fiscal Court-Webster County Sanitation District Pump Replacement Project

A motion was made by Brent Wiggington and seconded by Les Piper to approve the above-mentioned projects. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Cleaner Water Program

Julie Bickers, Regional Compliance Coordinator with Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA), shared information about a new funding opportunity at KIA. Kentucky Water and Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems (KY WWATERS Program) will be opening as soon as the application is released. Applications will be due August 15, 2024. KIA accepts and review applications and performs credit analysis. The Kentucky General Assembly decides who gets loan funding during the 2025 Session. KIA administers the financing after the session ends (March 2025). \$75 million will be available in 2025 and \$75 million will be available in 2026. Eligible applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Service area Median Household Income (MHI) < State MHI;
- User rate affordability > 1 percent of annual MHI;
- No audit in at least one of the prior three years;
- Negative income in any two of the previous five years;
- Debt service coverage ration < 1.1 in any three of the previous five years;
- Accounts payable turnover ratio < 1
- Days' sales in accounts receivable ration > forty-five days;
- Notice of violation or agreed order in the past year;
- Water loss percentage > thirty percent.

Ms. Bickers also encouraged members to contact her if they needed more than ten percent funding for a project. She may be able to help find funding.

C. Rate Study

Hunter Phillips, Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Program Advisor, spoke about rate studies for water/sewer systems. In the last two cycles of DRA States Economic

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Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) and Critical Infrastructure Funding (CIF), DRA has implemented a requirement for all basic public infrastructure applications to include the following:

- Current rates
- Date of last rate study (including a copy of the rate study and proof that the recommended rates were implemented)
- Date of last rate increase
- Percentage of uncollected fees

Mr. Phillips shared funding resources to help pay for rate studies, as well as DRA Strategic Planning Grants for GRADD communities in the DRA region. For any DRA questions or project ideas, feel free to contact Mr. Phillips at GRADD.

IV. Public Comments.

Dana Garrett shared Hazard Mitigation Planner, Colie Smith, wanted members to be aware hazard mitigation money is available from the Memorial Day storms. Contact Mr. Smith if you have any projects or needs.

Ms. Garrett provided needs assessments for water and wastewater systems for operators to complete in order for her to prepare the GRADD Water Management Plan. She asked operators to send her these assessments as soon as possible.

V. Adjournment

With no further business, Brent Wiggington made the motion to adjourn the meeting. With a second from Gary Sheffer, the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Chairman


Secretary