

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

March 19, 2026
MINUTES

The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Water Management Council met on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at the GRADD Office. The following people were in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Hickman, Ohio County Water District
Trey Pedley, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Shaun Penrod, Webster County Sanitation District
Mayor Terry Webb, City of Dixon
Matt Cobb, Dixon Water Department
Hon. Charlie Castlen, Daviess County Fiscal Court
Jake Powers, City of Hawesville
Ryan Hammock, Webster County
Trevor Baldwin, Webster County District
Randy Sallee, Sacramento Water Works
Ronda Smith, City of Corydon
Jason Roberts, City of Lewisport
Mary Meredith, City of Sebree
Lisa Martin, City of Hartford
Ryan Christian, Green River District Health Department
Caleb McCoy, City of Hawesville
Russ Evans, Owensboro Municipal Utilities
Mark Julian, Henderson County Water District
Pete Conrad, KY Rural Water

MEMBERS ABSENT

Daniel Turner, City of Whitesville
Lance Wilson, McLean County Regional Water Commission
Les Piper, Morganfield Water Works
David Tapp, Morganfield Water Works
Hon. Johnny Roberts, Hancock County Fiscal Court
Hon. Curtis Dame, McLean County Fiscal Court
Brian Patterson, City of Hawesville
Chris Chambers, City of Livermore
Joe Schepers, RWRA
Mayor Robert McCormick, City of Hawesville
Gary Sheffer, Union County Water District
Mayor Joseph Hamilton, City of Island
Austin McLimore, Owensboro Municipal Water Works
Bart Boles, Henderson Water Utility
Mayor Betty Howard, City of Sacramento
Jamie Harkins, City of Providence
Tyler Gentry, Clay Water Works
Michael Wahl, Beech Grove Water Association
Jason Arnold, City of Calhoun
Bo Swift, Ohio County Regional Wastewater District
Jack Snyder, Providence Water Works
Kasey Emmick, East Daviess County Water Association
Denney Quisenberry, City of Fordsville
Brent Wigginton, Daviess County Water District
Chris Reynolds, Hartford Municipal Water Works
Mayor Ladonna Tapp, City of Uniontown

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Kara Gardner, Slaughters
Russell Neal, KIA
Don Schierer, KIA
Jennifer Alvey, GRADD
Skyler Stewart, GRADD
Kemp Morgan, GRADD
Bethanney McPherson, GRADD
Jacob Matson, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eric Hickman called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Secretary's Report

Trey Pedley presented the minutes of December 11, 2025, meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council for approval.

A motion was made by Trey Pedley and seconded by Charlie Castlen to approve December 11, 2025, minutes of the GRADD Water Management Council. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Projects

The following projects were presented for approval:

- WX21059121-EDCWA KY 69 Pressure Zone Emergency Tie-In East Daviess County
- WX21101141-HCWD Water Loss Project Henderson County

A motion was made by Charlie Castlen and seconded by Ryan Hammock to approve the above-mentioned projects. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

B. Legislative Updates

The Kentucky General Assembly is in session through April 15. The following bills are being monitored:

- House Bill 103 – Shifts water fluoridation decisions to local water boards or city commissioners; includes legal immunity provisions.
- House Bill 392 – Allows “best value” procurement and raises the small purchase threshold from \$40,000 to \$60,000 (indexed to inflation).
- House Bill 196 – Creates a PFAS working group to explore reporting requirements.

- Senate Joint Resolution 75 – Directs agencies to study or take action that may impact utilities.
- House Bill 651 (Update) – Revises Kentucky Waters Program criteria; 17 funded projects announced.

C. AWIA DEADLINES

Risk and Resilience & Emergency Response Plans:

- Due December 31, 2025-Systems serving 50,000-99,999
- Due June 30, 2026-Systems serving 3,301-49,999

Emergency Plans:

- Due June 30, 2026-Systems serving 50,000-99,999
- Due December 31, 2026-Systems serving 3,301-49,999

Population Reminders:

- Population served includes direct and consecutive systems served indirectly
- Community systems must account for total population served under

D. Purpose of Water Management Council

Russell Neal from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) provided an overview of water supply planning, including its history, current challenges, and funding outlook. He noted that House Bill 419 (1990) requires counties to maintain water supply plans with long-term demand projections, and upcoming regulatory review is expected this summer. Key challenges identified include water loss, inadequate financial planning, and aging infrastructure.

Mr. Neal explained KIA's role in supporting water and sewer systems through infrastructure funding and management of the Water Resource Information System (WRIS). He highlighted the trend toward regionalization, with fewer public water systems due to consolidation, and emphasized the importance of county water management councils in long-term planning and financial preparedness.

He also discussed funding constraints, noting that federal support from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is ending, earmarks are reducing available loan funds, and current resources are insufficient to meet the high number of project applications received this year.

IV. Public Comments.

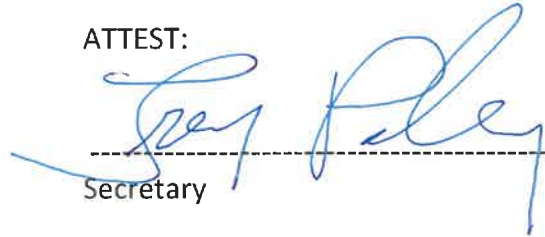
V. Adjournment

With no further business, Terry Webb made a motion to adjourn and 2nd by Charlie Castlen.



Chairman

ATTEST:



Secretary

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