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

September 17, 2020

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Water Management Council met virtually via Zoom on Thursday, September 17, 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  
Mayor Vicki Hughes, City of Island  
Mayor Betty Howard, City of Sacramento  
Shelia Murphy (for Michael Wahl), Beech Grove Water Association  
Gary Scheffer, Union County Water District  
Denney Quisenberry, City of Fordsville  
Franklin Rhinehardt, City of Clay  
Emery Thomas, City of Sebree

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

William Higdon, Southeast & West Daviess County Water  
Kevin Roberts, Henderson Water Utilities  
Judge/Executive Curtis Dame, McLean County Fiscal Court  
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

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Trey Pedley, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission  
Edith Hablieb, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority  
Don Scheirer, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority  
Carmen Ignat, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority  
Bob Pickerill, Bell Engineering  
Sheryl Chino, HDR Engineering  
Shawn Miller, HMB Engineering  
Ashley Willoughby, Lincoln Trail Area Development District  
Jacob Barker, Barren River Area Development District  
Joanna Shake, Executive Director, GRADD  
Blake Edge, Director of Community & Economic Development, GRADD  
Skyler Stewart, Infrastructure Planner, GRADD  
Jennifer Alvey, GIS Analyst, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pete Conrad called the meeting to order at 1:31 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 – April 23, 2020

Secretary Durham-Hayes presented the minutes of the June 18, 2020 meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council for approval.

A motion was made by Mayor Betty Howard and seconded by Gary Scheffer to approve the minutes of the June 18, 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 Ms. Rebecca Logan of the Green River District Health Department, who primarily deals with water system emergencies such as boil water advisories. Ms. Logan stated when water pressure is lost for more than one hour the local health department office is supposed to be notified. They also have an afterhours answering service if and when emergency occurs outside business hours. Ms. Logan concluded with noting the Water System Contingency Plan is located on the Green River District Health Department website, and the required paperwork for notifying the health department of a water emergency is also on the website.

B. Call for Projects Opening

Chairman Conrad then called upon Edith Hablieb, Executive Director of Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. Ms. Hablieb stated the fall Kentucky Infrastructure Authority State Revolving Fund Call for Projects opened on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, she stated there is approximately one year between the date of approval and the assistance agreement. Ms. Hablieb noted that KIA is aware of the concern for the revenue shortfall this year due to COVID-19, so for concerns, please call KIA. A resolution will be presented at the September 24, 2020 KIA Board Meeting discussing the lowering of the top two interest rates by .5% each. (The current standard rate is 2.5% and the non-standard rate is 1.5%).

C. KRWA COVID-19 Utility Survey Results

Chairman Conrad noted that Kentucky Rural Water Association could not attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Chairman Conrad then gave the floor to Skyler Stewart to display the COVID-19 Utility Survey results gathered by KRWA. Ms. Stewart projected the results on the Zoom screen and then opened the floor for questions and discussion. Chairman Conrad noted that Henderson County Water has sent out letters and made calls to customers who are behind on their bills considering some are behind six-seven months. He then recommended doing phone calls to customers who have outstanding balances in order to attempt to recoup lost revenue. Chairman Conrad then mentioned KRWA sent out a memorandum to the Governor's Office requesting the moratorium for cut-offs be lifted. Discussion ensued.

D. Approval of FY 21 Ranking Criteria

Chairman Conrad then turned the floor over to Skyler Stewart to discuss the FY 21 ranking criteria for the Green River area. Ms. Stewart noted that the ranking criteria has not changed drastically, but it has been reformatted and "turbo-boost" points were added (five points for two projects or ten points for one project) for the Judge/Executive of each county to award to

a project if they feel it needs to be ranked higher.

A motion was made by Joe Schepers and seconded by Gary Scheffer to approve FY 21 ranking criteria to be used by the Green River Area Development District. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. Consideration of Projects

Skyler Stewart presented one (1) new wastewater project for approval.

- SX21225036 – Morganfield Clarifier Replacement WX21101132

A motion was made by Gary Scheffer and seconded by Mayor Betty Howard to approve the above-mentioned wastewater project. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. Planning with Pete

Chairman Conrad also wanted to let everyone know if they had any issues pop up they could call him any time. He also encouraged everyone to reach out to their legislators regarding their concern on non-payments.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the council, Chairman Conrad called for a motion to adjourn at 2:24 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Betty Howard and seconded by Gary Scheffer to adjourn the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Chairman

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Secretary