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GREEN RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

March 18, 2021

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The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Water Management Council met virtually via Zoom on Thursday, March 18th, 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
Eric Hickman, Ohio County Fiscal Court
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
Gary Scheffer, Union County Water District
William Higdon, Southeast & West Daviess County Water
Matt Cobb, City of Dixon
Tyler Gentry, City of Sturgis
Kasey Emmick, East Daviess County Water Association

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joe Schepers, Regional Water Resource Agency
Judge/Executive Curtis Dame, McLean County Fiscal Court
Michael Wahl, Beech Grove Water Association
Mayor Ted Self, City of Corydon
Shawn Martin, City of Morganfield
Al Mattingly, Daviess County Fiscal Court

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 (Jim Crowell), City of Providence
Clayton Horton, Green River District Health Department
Franklin Rhinehardt, City of Clay
Emery Thomas, City of Sebree
Kevin Roberts, Henderson Water Utility
Denney Quisenberry, City of Fordsville

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Trey Pedley, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
Sandy Williams, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
Don Scheirer, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
Shawn Miller, HMB Engineering
Heather Stevenson, Kentucky Rural Water Association
Mayor Patsy Mayfield, City of Whitesville
Bart Boles, Henderson Water Utility
Barbara Goff, City of Dixon
Mayor Doug Rodgers, City of Sturgis
Sheryl Chino, HDR Engineering
Timothy Gilliam, Commonwealth Engineers
Taylor Burchett, Disaster Recovery Coordinator, GRADD
Paula Payne, Workforce Development Program Assistant, GRADD
Skyler Stewart, Infrastructure Planner, 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 December 3, 2020 meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council for approval.

A motion was made by Amanda Durham-Hayes and seconded by Frankie Fulkerson to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2020 meeting of the GRADD Water Management Council as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. KIA Update

Chairman Conrad introduced Don Schierer from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to give the KIA update. Mr. Schierer stated that KIA is keeping track of water and sewer related bills during the General Assembly's legislative session. Mr. Schierer mentioned that HB 252 relating to late penalty percentages had passed through the House and Senate and was currently on the Governor's desk. Chairman Conrad then introduced the new Deputy Executive Director of KIA, Sandy Williams. Ms. Williams reminded everyone of the Drinking Water Needs Survey that must be completed and how important it is because it shows Kentucky's need for SRF monies.

B. H2O Apprenticeship Program

Chairman Conrad then called upon Paula Payne of the GRADD Workforce department to give an update on the H2O Apprenticeship Program Project. Ms. Payne mentioned that several apprentices had been enrolled so far and they will achieve a minimum of Class 2 (Water Systems Operations Specialist) Certification through their program. Ms. Heather Stevenson of Kentucky Rural Water also showed a short marketing video for the program and let everyone know that there is still funding available if apprentices are still needed, even if you already have someone working at your utility. Ms. Payne wrapped up, mentioning that there could be additional funds allocated to apprentices who are dislocated workers.

C. CDBG CV Application Process Update

Chairman Conrad then called on the Ms. Taylor Burchett of the GRADD Community and Economic Development Department to discuss the Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 applications. Ms. Burchett stated that these funds will allow for water/sewer customers to pay up to \$250 a month for 6 consecutive months of their water/sewer bill if they were directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Burchett noted that households will self-certify that they were impacted by COVID-19 via a survey.

D. Consideration of Projects

Skyler Stewart presented one (1) new sewer projects for approval.

- WX21149068 Calhoun Water Tank Rehabilitation & Repainting

A motion was made by Gary Scheffer and seconded by Tom Williams to approve the above-mentioned water projects. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Skyler Stewart presented two (2) new sewer projects for approval.

- SX21059059 Morganfield Contact Tank Replacement
- SX21059060 Morganfield WWTP Rehab & Expansion

A motion was made by Frankie Fulkerson and seconded by Amanda Durham-Hayes to approve the above-mentioned wastewater projects. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

E. Seminar with Skyler

Chairman Conrad then called on the Ms. Skyler Stewart for the quarterly by-law refresher and legislative update. Ms. Stewart began with a review of the Section I – Purpose, of the GRADD Water Management Council. Ms. Stewart reminded everyone to keep their local elected officials informed of WMC business and she will do the same while informing the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and Kentucky Division of Water. Ms. Stewart then stated that KIA mentioned all of the important water and sewer legislation currently but if anyone had any questions about particular bills to let her know.

F. Planning with Pete

Chairman Conrad reminded everyone that Kentucky Rural Water Association has their risk and resiliency checks that are due for Class 3's at the end of June. Chairman Conrad also noted if anyone needed any help with these checks just let me know and he will be happy to assist.

G. Public Comments.

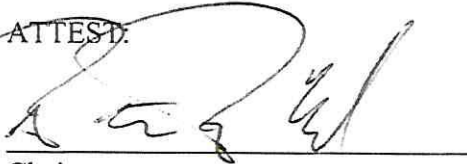
None.

H. Adjournment

With no further business, Gary Scheffer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:18. With a second from Frankie Fulkerson the motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman

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Secretary