**MINUTES**

**KENTUCKIANA REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (KIPDA)**

**REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**MEETING CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM**

**AND STREAMED ON THE AGENCY’S YOUTUBE PAGE**

**January 12, 2021**

The Regional Water Management Council of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning Development Agency met at 1:30 p.m. on January 12, 2021 via Zoom and the meeting was streamed on the agency’s YouTube page. Members in attendance were:

Russ Rose, Chairman, Oldham County Water District, Oldham County, Kentucky

Scot Treece, LaGrange Utilities, Oldham County, Kentucky

Wesley Sydnor, Louisville Metro Sewer District, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Keith Griffee, County Finance Officer, Bullitt County, Kentucky

Jerry Kennedy, Bullitt County Sanitation District, Bullitt County, Kentucky

Jim Grunow, Louisville Water Company, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Stephanie Laughlin, Louisville Metro Sewer District, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Tom Doyle, Shelbyville Municipal Water & Sewer Commission, Shelby County, Kentucky

Pete Hedges, North Shelby Water Co. & U.S. 60 Water District, Shelby County, Kentucky

Keith Morris, Henry County Water District #2, Henry County, Kentucky

Joey Bramblett, New Castle Water & Sewer, Henry County, Kentucky

Terry Roach, Carrollton Utilities, Henry and Trimble Counties, Kentucky

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE** **REPRESENTING**

Jarrett Haley KIPDA

Justin Carter KIPDA

Danielle Story KIPDA

Rachael Miller KIPDA

Olivia Ranseen KIPDA

Hayden Kandul KIPDA

Jenna Graham KIPDA

Adam Forseth KIPDA

Zach Herzog KIPDA

Chris Dent SynTerra

Allie Terrell HomeServe USA

Sandy Williams KIA

Debbie Landrum KIA

Don Schierer KIA

Russell Neal KDOW

Jory Becker KDOW

Becca Trueman Currys Fork Watershed

Kim Padgett RCAP

Clay Kelly Strand Associates

Paul Maron Strand Associates

Jim Silliman Oldham County

Joe Robinson City of Bedford

Pat Hargadon U.S. 60 Water District

Steve Eden West Shelby Water District

Sheryl Chino HDR Engineering

Todd Pollock Trimble County

Curtis Hockenbury City of Shelbyville

Jon Park Shelby County

Michael Fitzner Louisville MSD

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Miller called roll. There was a quorum.

**MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 13, 2020**

Mr. Treece moved to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2020 Regional Water Management Council Meeting. Mr. Doyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 20, 2020**

Mr. Treece moved to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2020 Regional Water Management Council Meeting with one correction. Mr. Doyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION AND KIA UPDATE**

Ms. Williams, Deputy Director at the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA), stated that she has worked for KIA in the past and this is the third time she has worked for the agency. Her last position with KIA was working as an analyst for about 12 years. She stated she is looking forward to working with KIPDA and the members of the Regional Water Management Council.

The call for projects ended on December 4, 2020. This year there were 99 clean water projects and 111 drinking water projects that were submitted. The clean water projects total costs were just over $521 million, and the drinking water total costs were just slightly under $238 million. There were 15 projects submitted from within the KIPDA region, 14 clean water projects and one drinking water project.

According to officials with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the next cycle of federal funding coming to KIA to implement the state revolving fund (SRF) loan projects is expected to be similar to the amount that was received in fiscal year 2021. The total amount of funding available should be about the same with more projects submitted for fiscal year 2022. KIA is working with the Division of Water to help them determine project eligibility.

**KDOW 2021 UPDATE**

Mr. Neal, supervisor with the municipal planning section at the Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW), gave an update on KDOW 2021 activities. The municipal planning section conducts clean water and drinking water planning. Mr. Neal is the contact for the clean water and drinking water state revolving fund (SRF) loan program in the Division. The Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) is providing a short window of time to finalize any project profile updates. KIA is giving the area development districts (ADDs) and the water systems until January 18, 2021 to update their project profiles. Once that is completed, those project profiles will be locked and KDOW and KIA will begin ranking projects.

There are 99 clean water projects, and 111 drinking water projects submitted this cycle. There is an increased number on both sides as compared to the number of projects that were submitted for fiscal year 2021. This means it will be a little more competitive to receive funding for projects this year. Due to this, it is essential that the full scope of work in as much detail is as practical at this point is stated in the project profiles. Make sure all the boxes are checked for each project so there will be fewer questions that KDOW might have. This allows for the ranking to be completed faster and allows KIA to move forward in inviting attendees for the project funding.

The biggest change to the SRF loan funding for projects this cycle is in the area of asset management. Prior to this cycle, points were allowed for a capital improvement plan or asset management plan in the amount of 10 or 20 points. As of this cycle, the clean water and drinking water guidance manual states that the asset management portion has been expanded. Recent legislation regarding the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 has been taken into consideration, which expands on the state’s roles in assisting water and wastewater systems with asset management planning. The asset inventory requirement is present for the wastewater side, but there is no requirement of asset management on the drinking water side. This is basically laying the groundwork for any future regulations for asset management, or any kind of plans for future asset management for clean water and drinking water.

If there is a full asset management plan that contains an asset inventory, strategic plan, and capital improvement plan, those projects and those systems can receive 50 points. If a system just has a capital improvement plan and an asset inventory, 30 points will be received. If a system only has a capital improvement plan or only an asset inventory, that system can receive 10 points. The definitions and criteria for these are in the clean water and drinking water 2022 SRF guidance documents. Please direct any questions to Mr. Neal.

**HOMESERVE USA’S SERVLINE PROGRAM**

Ms. Terrell gave a presentation on HomeServe USA’s Servline Program. HomeServe USA is an independent provider of home repair service solutions. For over a decade, HomeServe USA has helped homeowners protect against the expense and inconvenience of water, sewer, electrical, heating, and cooling home emergencies by managing affordable coverage and offering a quality service. HomeServe USA serves more than 4 million homeowners in the United States and Canada and dedicates itself to being a customer-focused company providing best in class emergency repair services through leading utility partners, municipalities, and directly to consumers.

The Servline Program helps protect homeowners from the high cost and hassle of covered emergency home repairs with repair service plans that cover parts and labor to repair critical electrical, gas, heating, cooling, and water systems. This affordable plan provides repair service in an emergency through HomeServe USA’s 24/7 repair hotline by local, licensed, and insured technicians and come with a one-year guarantee on all repairs.

Many homeowners are unaware of what their responsibilities are regarding the maintenance and repair of their water and sewer lines. For example, many homeowners assume their local utility covers the water line that runs from the street to their home. Typically, this is not the case. If a service line breaks the homeowner is responsible for repairs, which could range from $3,000 to $10,000 or even more.

**WATER COORDINATOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Carter thanked all the guest speakers and reiterated that the asset management plan requirement for the SRF projects is integral. Receiving 50 points towards a project’s ranking would be an enormous help. KIPA can assist any systems that want to form an asset management plan or an asset inventory.

State revolving fund loan applications were submitted for 15 projects in the KIPDA region this funding cycle. Every county in the region submitted a project except for Spencer County. Comments have now been received from KDOW regarding each of those SRF applications. Mr. Carter is currently in the process of responding to those comments and working with all the systems that applied.

Mr. Carter and KIPDA GIS Specialist, Zach Herzog, have begun conducting the fiscal year 2021 system visits. Mr. Carter will be sending questions regarding the system in advance of each visit and will be working on the mapping during each system visit. This information will then be updated in the Water Resource Information System (WRIS) portal.

The Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA) is offering a drinking water webinar on chlorine dioxide algae control and corrosion control on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Anyone interested in attending can visit their website to register for the webinar. Also, the KRWA Management Conference is still scheduled in person as of now for April 6 – 7, 2021 at the Holiday Inn University Plaza and Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Kentucky Water and Wastewater Operators Association is holding some upcoming trainings as well. A general technical training will be held via Zoom on January 20, 2021 and will hold their 63rd Annual Conference on April 18, 2021 in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Mr. Carter stated that the new project list is as follows and requested council approval for the project.

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| **County** | **Applicant** | **WRIS #** | **Project Title** | **Estimated Cost** |
| Shelby | Shelbyville Municipal Water & Sewer | SX21211021 | Norfolk Southern Sewage Pump Station & Force Main | $2,470,000 |

Mr. Grunow moved to approve the report and the above project. Mr. Hedges seconded.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2021 REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL OFFICERS**

The council nominated and elected Mr. Russ Rose as Chairman and Mr. Scot Treece as Vice-Chairman for the 2021 Regional Water Management Council meetings.

Mr. Morris moved to approve the nomination and election of Mr. Russ Rose as Chairman. Mr. Treece seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Morris moved to approve the nomination and election of Mr. Scot Treece as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Griffee seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**COUNTY UPDATES**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Carter stated that the next Regional Water Management Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 1:30pm via Zoom video conference and streamed on the agency’s YouTube page.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Grunow moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Doyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.