**MINUTES**

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

**REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**MEETING CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM**

**July 13, 2021**

 The Regional Water Management Council of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning Development Agency met at 1:30 p.m. on July 13, 2021 via Zoom. Members in attendance were:

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

Scot Treece, LaGrange Utilities Commission, Oldham County, Kentucky

Keith Griffee, County Finance Officer, Bullitt County, Kentucky

Arthur Jones, Engineer for City of Shepherdsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky

Jordan Basham, Louisville Water Company, Jefferson County, Kentucky

Jeremy Raney, 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

Melvin Phenix, West Shelby Water District, Shelby County, Kentucky

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

Jim Hoskins, City of Bedford Wastewater, Trimble County, Kentucky

Terry Roach, Carrollton Utilities, Henry & 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

Sandy Williams KIA

Debbie Landrum KIA

Sheryl Chino HDR Engineering

Paul Maron Strand Associates

Larry Dangerfield City of Shepherdsville

Pat Hargadon U.S. 60 Water District

Joe Robinson City of Bedford

Jerry Summers Bullitt County

John Riley Spencer County

Jon Park Shelby County

Holly Nicholas KY Engineering Group

Joe Robinson City of Bedford

Pat Hargadon U.S. 60 Water District

Austin Dupré Shelby County

Jessica Filiatreau City of Bardstown

Cole Cissell North Nelson Water District

Matt Curtis Bluegrass Engineers

Daymond Talley Louisville MSD

Katie Umberg Arcadis

**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 APRIL 13, 2021**

 Mr. Griffee moved to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2021 Regional Water Management Council Meeting. Mr. Morris seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**KIA UPDATE & CLEAN WATER GRANTS PROGRAM**

 Ms. Williams, Deputy Director of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA), stated that in Kentucky there are a total of 324 project applications from 83 counties totaling more than $565 million. That means there is a significant need for these projects throughout the state. The Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) is hoping to be able to begin awarding some of those funds, possibly as early as next week. The plan is to award the easy projects first. If the project is within the calculation that is based on county population, it will be awarded first. Later in the year, KIA will move on to the unserved drinking water federal consent decree and the supplemental funds.

 The Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) has also been receiving some Requests for Information (RFIs) back in about broadband projects that need to be completed in the state. KIA will review that information before moving forward, and KIA hopes to be ready sometime next month to put out the first Request for Proposal (RFP) for much-needed broadband projects in Kentucky. The internet service providers will be asked to show how they intend to serve the unserved areas for broadband.

 The Intended Use Plan is slightly delayed due to all the grant money that has recently been received. The Plan should be released for its 30-day comment period by the end of this month. After the public comment period, projects will be invited to be included in the Plan.

Every year, the staff recommends the interest rate for these loans. It has been decided that the rates will stay the same as they were last year. The standard rate is 2% and two non-standard rates of 1% and .25% for KIA loans. There are 20-year terms and 30-year terms for those utilities that qualify as disadvantaged with a median household income less than 80% of statewide median household income. There are also C rates available which are based on the terms of the loan.

**FEMA BRIC FUNDING INFORMATION**

 Ms. Ranseen stated that the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is required for communities under the federal Stafford Act of 2001. The Plan assesses the likelihood that a natural disaster or other hazard will occur and formulates how each of the communities in the KIPDA region can better prepare for such hazards and disasters. The Hazard Mitigation Plan includes Bullitt, Henry, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble Counties. Jefferson County creates its own Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan is created on a regional level because disasters and hazards do not respect county or city lines. The Plan creates resiliency projects that will be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding. It is a requirement that the Plan be updated every five years with KIPDA’s most recent plan having been updated in 2016. The current Plan is the 2021 update.

 The major components of the Hazard Mitigation Plan are the Risk Assessment and the Mitigation Strategy. The Risk Assessment describes possible hazards that can and have occurred in the KIPDA region, identifies community assets that need to be protected from the hazards, analyzes the risk of hazards, and summarizes the region’s vulnerability to potential hazards and disasters.

 The Mitigation Strategy lists both long-term and short-term goals for outcomes after a disaster or hazard occurs in the region. It also contains specific actions that can be taken to minimize and mitigate damages before and after a disaster or hazard occurs and contains a plan that prioritizes the implementation of such actions.

 KIPDA staff have created a Hazard Mitigation website where government officials and community members can learn more about their community’s potential hazards, add hazard information to the feedback map, take a public survey, and get information about upcoming Regional Hazard Mitigation Council meetings.

 KIPDA is looking for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC) projects to include in its Hazard Mitigation Plan. HMGP funding opens up following a presidential disaster declaration in Kentucky and BRIC funding is available every year through grants. The BRIC grant application period runs from October to January. HMGP funding is dependent on the scale of the disaster while BRIC funding is stable with $1 billion available every year nationwide. HMGP funding is 75% federal, 12% state, and 13% local. BRIC funding is 75% federal and 25% local. The state decides who to award the HMGP funding to, while BRIC funding decisions are made at the national level.

 HMGP and BRIC funding can be used for necessary water and wastewater projects such as raising or relocating lift stations out of floodplains, storm water retention basins, generators for water and wastewater facilities, resiliency and redundancy measures, floodwater control measures, electrical distribution retrofits, and water supply protection measures. The current deadline to apply for funding is July 16, 2021 but there will be more funding opportunities in the future to apply for.

 The next KIPDA Regional Hazard Mitigation Council meeting will be held in-person on July 28, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the KIPDA Burke conference room.

**NEW WATER & SEWER PROJECTS TO APPROVE**

 Mr. Carter and others presented the Council with the following twelve new water projects and nine new sewer projects for approval in the KIPDA region.



 Mr. Doyle moved to approve the above water and sewer projects. Deputy Judge Park seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**KIPDA REGION MAPPING UPDATE**

 Mr. Herzog, KIPDA GIS Specialist, stated that all the mapping has been completed for the Senate Bill 36 projects. Water and wastewater systems should contact Mr. Herzog or Mr. Carter for any project submission needs or related questions. Mr. Herzog will be checking in all the recently approved water and wastewater projects after this meeting. When submitting projects, please make sure to include line sizes, locations with street names, and the material to be used in the project. This makes things easier since this information is required by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA).

 Mr. Herzog and Mr. Carter recently went out to Hillview and Lebanon Junction to GPS a large amount of their missing manholes and water meters. They will also be going out to Shelby County soon to do more GPS work.

**WATER COORDINATOR’S REPORT**

 Mr. Carter stated that he and Mr. Herzog have been working very diligently on all the Senate Bill 36 projects and the recently submitted water and wastewater projects that were just approved. All of the county water management councils did a great job and worked very well together to get these projects streamlined and decided.

**COUNTY UPDATES**

 None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

 Mr. Carter stated that the next Regional Water Management Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 1:30pm via Zoom video conference and streamed on the agency’s YouTube page.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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