

MINUTES

KIPDA REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

KIPDA Burke Room
11520 Commonwealth Drive
Louisville KY 40299

April 8, 2014

The KIPDA Regional Water Management Council met at 1:30 p.m. on April 8, 2014, at KIPDA, 11520 Commonwealth Drive, Louisville, Kentucky. Members in attendance were:

Ted Chisholm, Lagrange Utilities Commission, Oldham County
Tom Doyle, Shelbyville Water and Sewer Commission, Shelby County
Steve Eden, West Shelby Water District, Shelby County
Bill Eggen, US 60 Water District, Shelby County
James Grunow, Louisville Water Company, Bullitt County
Pete Hedges, North Shelby Water District, Shelby County
Jerry Kennedy, Bullitt County Sanitation District, Bullitt County
Russ Rose, Oldham County Water District, Oldham County
Jimmy Simpson, Henry County Water District #2, Henry County
Randy Stevens, Trimble County Water District #1, Trimble County
Scot Treece, City of New Castle, Henry County

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Jones
Tony Hanover
Donna McNeil
Jarrett Haley
David Abell
Bev Claxon

REPRESENTING

Kenvirons, Inc.
HMB
KY Rural Water Association
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CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Ms. Claxon called roll. There was a quorum.

MINUTES

Mr. Rose moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2014, Regional Water Management Council meeting. Mr. Grunow seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

KIA Report

None.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. McNeil from the Kentucky Rural Water Association gave a PowerPoint presentation. See below:



HB 1 – 2013 Session

- * Section 5 KRS 65A.100 was amended.
- * Covered special purpose governmental entities regardless of how the entity was established.
- * Fees had to be reported to the city or county in which largest number of citizens served resided.
- * Result: water districts considered special purpose governmental entities with special reporting required in addition to PSC requirement.

HB 192

- Sponsored by Representative Brent Younts
- Introduced January 13, 2014
- Relates to Special Purpose Governmental Entities (HB 1 clean-up bill from 2013 Session)

HB 192

1. Clarifies that special purpose governmental entities shall report new fees or taxes to the governing body of the establishing entity in which the largest number of customers are served.

HB 192

2. Excludes certain fees (non-recurring charges, purchased water adjustments, etc.) from the reporting requirements to the establishing entity (fiscal court or city council/city commission).
 - Signed by Governor on March 19th
 - Emergency clause to take effect immediately

SB 123

- Sponsored by Senators Dennis Parrett and Mike Wilson
- Introduced February 5th
- Purpose to repeal KRS 278.185
- Treats 75 sewer and 26 water districts differently than other utilities under PSC jurisdiction.

SB 123

- Requires sewer utilities to mail or hand-deliver a written notice of any proposed rate increase to every sewer customer instead of publishing in the newspaper.

SB 123

- * SB 123 places sewer utilities on the same footing as all other PSC jurisdictional utilities in terms of public notices for rate changes. Sewer utilities will still have to provide notice of rate increases to their customers like all other PSC jurisdictional utilities.
- * Sent to Governor for signature March 26th.
- * Governor signed it into law April 7th.

HB 407

- Public-private partnership (P3s) bill passed the Senate and sent to the Governor March 31st.
- Allows state and local governments to partner with private companies to build infrastructure projects, including water and wastewater.
- This change in law will provide utilities with another option or approach to consider as project planning and financing is undertaken.



WATER COORDINATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Abell reported there is one new project for approval.

County	Applicant	WRIS	Project Title	Estimated Cost
Shelby	Shelby Co. Fiscal Court	SX21211018	Project Cobra	\$500,000

Mr. Doyle stated that this project is to design and build a new pump station with CDBG funding. Mr. Rose moved to approve the project. Mr. Treese seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Abell presented a map with locations of privately owned and operation packaged treatment sewer plants. The majority of those are in Bullitt County. Hunter’s Hollow plant was one of those. A picture of the plant was shown.

Mr. Kennedy reported on the occurrence at Hunter's Hollow plant. The plant was 40 years old. The treatment plant served 700 homes and businesses. There are 7 other ones similar to this one. Approximately one-half million gallons of raw sewage went down the creek when it exploded. Currently, there are about 200,000 gallons daily going into the creek. A Pecco portable treatment plant has been brought in. The portable treatment cost about \$40,000 to set it up on-site. It costs \$3,500 a day to operate it. The Division of Water, the District is involved, and private owners are involved. No one is sure what to do. A long term plan is in the process. Where will the money come from? There are legal issues. Is it a criminal liability or civil? Will a new plant be allowed in the same location? Mr. Kennedy said it is a wake- up call for the remaining sewage treatment plants that are privately owned.

WASTEWATER PLANNING

Mr. Abell reported that a working group is being formed to look at what a commission would look like. It will be called the Salt River Basin Commission Meeting. It is focusing on Bullitt, part of Jefferson, Oldham, Meade, and Oldham

counties. Representatives from the counties are coming together to look at how to deal with wastewater at the Salt River Basin.

There will be a meeting next week. Updates will be given to the Regional Water Management Council.

STORMWATER PLANNING

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. McNeil reported that the Natural Disaster Emergency Funding is stream-lining the application process. It is primarily for drinking water. If there was a natural disaster such as a tornado or flooding they can get money quicker. There is a limit on the funding but you can get funding within a couple of months to take care of an emergency situation, but it has to be within two years. For more information, please contact Ms. McNeil at 270-843-2291.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Eden moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Treese seconded. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.