

**PURCHASE AREA WATER MANAGEMENT
PLANNING COUNCIL
Minutes
November 16, 2004**

I. Call to Order

Mr. Don Elias called the meeting of the Purchase Area Water Management Council to order at 10:00 A.M. Members attending were:

Ballard County

None

Calloway County

Lee Roy Barnett, Dexter/Almo Water District
Don Elias, City of Murray, Calloway County
Michelle Corum, Calloway County Judge Executive Office (Proxy), representing 641 South, Murray 1, 2, & 3

Russell Trites, Murray State University Hancock Bio Station
Joe Primicias, Bendefield Water Association
John Hudson, Bendefield Water Association

Carlisle County

Robin Phelps, Bardwell City Utilities
George Remy, Cunningham Water District

Fulton County

None

Graves County

Sam Davis, Hickory Water District
Jimmy Waid, Symsonia Water District
Kevin Leonard, Mayfield Electric and Water, also representing Fancy Farm Water & Sewer and the South Graves Water District
Newton Wilkins, Cuba Water District
Robert Sullivan, Hickory Water District
Henry Hodges, Consumers Water District

Hickman County

None

Marshall County

L. A. Landers, Marshall County Sanitation, District 1
Jessica Scillian, City of Benton

Bobby Sirls, N. Marshall Water
Kevin Murphy, Calvert City Water and Sewer
Michael Carlson, Marshall County Health Department

McCracken County

Charlie Ross, Purchase District Health Department
Darran Rankin, Paducah Water
Jimmy Grimm, Paducah Water Works/KWVOA
Brad Holland, Paducah/McCracken County JSA

Guests

Gaye Brewer, Kentucky Division of Water
Dell R. Harris, Kentucky Rural Water Association
Tony Haroves, Strand Associates

Purchase Area Development District

Mark Davis
Jeremy Buchanan
Grant Green
Joyce Watts

II. Welcome and Introduction

Chairman Elias welcomed the Guest Speaker Barbara Gillum and USDA Rural Development and asked everyone to introduce him or herself.

III. Approval of August 26, 2004 Minutes

Chairman Elias referred the council to the minutes of the August 26, 2004 meeting. Mr. Bobby Sirls made the motion to approve the minutes followed by a second from Mr. Kevin Leonard. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Presentation by Barbara Gillum, USDA Rural Development

Next, Chairman Elias turned the meeting over to the guest speaker, Ms. Barbara Gillum. Ms. Gillum gave a short overview of the USDA Rural Development office, which is located in Princeton, Kentucky. She noted that they are a federal agency, a division of the United States Agricultural Department, and not associated with the State government in Frankfort. Their agency covers twenty-five counties in Kentucky including the eight Purchase Area counties. Loans and Grants FY 2004 totaled \$53,746,800.00. The FY 2005 allocation has not yet been established by Congress; however, they hope that it will equal last year's budget.

Ms. Gillum said that the USDA Rural Development office in Princeton is presently low on applications for all of their program types. Historically, Eastern Kentucky received

more than this area due to their low-income level and their grant eligibility being higher than ours. Next, Ms. Gillum asked everyone to turn to the folder of information that was passed out as everyone came in to the meeting today. She referred to the census data handout to find what it takes to be eligible for the water and/or wastewater loan and grant program through Rural Development. She said that grants are available for areas with low population, with no more than 10,000 residents. The grant eligibility is also based on the non-metropolitan medium household income that is derived from the United States Census data. The handout in the packet shows the current, albeit unauthorized, eligibility requirements.

Ms. Gillum pointed out a guide with a brief overview included in the packet, and invited anyone to call the USDA Rural Development with any questions they may have. She encouraged anyone interested in seeking a loan or grant to file an application. There is no fee to file.

V. Approval of Water Management Area Boundaries

Chairman Elias turned the board's attention to page 6 of the board packet, which included the map of the Water Management Area boundaries. He explained that KIA has asked our Council, in the Water Coordinator's contract, to re-approve the Water Management Boundaries. These boundaries were previously agreed on by our council and are based on river basins divided into three sections:

1. The Lower Ohio primarily made up of Ballard and McCracken counties.
2. The Lower Mississippi that includes Carlisle, Hickman, Fulton and Graves.
3. The Lower Tennessee, mainly comprising Calloway and Marshall Counties.

Mr. Grant Green noted that the Symsonia area of Graves County is included in the Lower Tennessee also and part of the Calvert City area is included in the Lower Ohio. Paducah Water Works, serving the Melber area of Graves County is also reflected by these boundaries.

Chairman Elias asked for a motion to either re-approve these boundaries or to amend them and approve them at our next council meeting.

Mr. Kevin Leonard made a motion to re-approve the boundaries as shown on the map on page 6 in the board packet. Mr. Jim Waid seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

VI. Call for Projects

Chairman Don Elias turned the meeting over to Mr. Grant Green for a review of the new projects and deletion of projects for approval. Mr. Green asked the board to turn to page 7 of the packet to begin review of the new projects.

A. *New Projects for Council Approval include:*

Columbus-System Maintenance
North Marshall Water District-Radio Telemetry Project
North Marshall Water District-GIS/GPS Project
Consumers Extension
Murray-Sludge Removal
Mayfield Extension
Paducah/McCracken JSA projects

After a brief discussion concerning the projects, Mr. Jim Waid made a motion to accept all the projects and was seconded by Mr. Joe Primicias. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Projects to be Deleted include:*

Ballard County JSA
Paducah/McCracken JSA projects

Mr. Green explained that the list of projects whose status needs to be changed to withdrawn, constructed, or funded starts on page 46 of the packet.

After a short discussion concerning the deletion of the projects listed above, Mr. Kevin Murphy made a motion to accept the deletions, seconded by Mr. Kevin Leonard. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. *New Project Prioritization*

Mr. Green asked the board to turn to pages 47a and 47b of the packet to review the Water Management Council's criteria that will be applied to the five new 0-2 year projects. A new prioritization list will be provided at the council's next meeting.

VIII. *Internet Resources*

Next, Mr. Green brought the board's attention to page 48 of the packet and a list of Internet resources including KIA's main page, the Water Management Plan, and the water and wastewater non-spatial database. Mr. Green asked everyone to visit the non-spatial database for their county and contact him if any changes need to be made.

The following four links show mapping for existing and proposed infrastructure and the last link is for legislative resources and include state statutes and proposed bills. This link is updated as bills are proposed for the 2005 legislative session.

IX. Schedule for System Visits

Mr. Green reported that he has met with 12 of the 41 community water systems and 6 of the 30 sewer systems for the 2005 contract year. Mr. Green said that he is recording these visits in an effort to create a monthly schedule routine for future visits.

X. KIA News and Water Tank Information

Mr. Green announced that KIA has been placed under the Governor's Office of Local Development (GOLD), whose commissioner is Mr. Darrell Brock. GOLD was formerly known as the Department of Local Government, or DLG.

Mr. Green said that the information for all Purchase Area water tanks is located in the last portion of the packet on pages 49-58. He asked everyone to update their system information on the form provided in the board packet, particularly the construction, last inspection, and last cleaned dates, and return the form to him.

XI. Upcoming Events

The Kentucky Rural Water events include:

Western Regional – January 27, 2005 from 5:30 to 8:30 at TBA.

Management Conference – February 15 and 16, 2005, 8 – 5 in Bowling Green.

Treatment Process, Regulations, Operation and Maintenance – February 23 and 24, 2005, 8 – 4:30 at Kentucky Dam SRP in Gilbertsville.

Mr. Green gave the dates and meeting times for the KRWA events, and asked Mr. Dell Harris, who was present from KRWA, to elaborate. After Mr. Harris spoke about these training opportunities, Mr. Green then mentioned the Kentucky Water and Wastewater Operator's Association Conference, which will be held March 20-24, 2005 in Owensboro, at the Executive Inn Rivermont. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Jimmy Grimm, State Chairman for the KWWOA, for more information about this event.

XII. Presentation by Mr. Jimmy Grimm, Kentucky Water and Wastewater Operator's Association

Mr. Grimm stated that the KWWOA is there to assist Operator's get training and credit hours for their license. Mr. Grimm said that there are four chapters in the KWWOA governed by one Board. He said that Mr. Kevin Murphy is the president of the Western chapter. Mr. Grimm invited everyone to go to the Internet and visit www.kwwoa.org and see what all will be offered at the 48th Annual Water and Wastewater Operators' Conference in March.

Mr. Grimm announced that Ms. Melissa Brothers, KWWOA, is seeking General Session speakers for conferences. He invited anyone to contact her if they are interested in being a speaker or know of someone who would be a good speaker.

He said that Mr. Kevin Murphy would be taking applications for the Annual Plant Awards to be held in March. If you would like to submit an application for your plant for consideration for an award, contact Mr. Kevin Murphy.

XIII. Other Business

Chairman Don Elias encouraged everyone to contact their Legislatures to remember the water and wastewater projects that were part of the 2004 Senate and House versions of the state budget when working on the 2005 budget.

XIV. Adjourn

There being no other business to discuss, Chairman Don Elias adjourned the meeting.