

**KENTUCKY RIVER AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND LAKE CUMBERLAND AREA
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**



WATER MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Thursday, April 9, 2020

10:00AM EST/9:00AM CST

Special Meeting

Teleconference

Minutes

1. Welcome

Jennifer McIntosh with Kentucky River Area Development District opened the special meeting by thanking everyone for attending and explaining that the meeting to bring the utilities together in both the KRADD area and Lake Cumberland area with state agencies during this time of unprecedented nature. She let everyone know that herself and Derek Aaron with Lake Cumberland Area Development District were available to assist them in any way possible.

Derek Aaron greeted the council and stated that he appreciated everyone turning up to the meeting and that if he could be of assistance to please let him know.

Jennifer introduced each of the agencies:

2. Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) - Linda Bridwell

Staff is currently working remotely; however, phones are being forwarded. KIA will not be instilling a blanket deferral on loans as the federal EPA is still holding loan borrowers to terms of agreements, but they do understand that there are some who may be having financial hardships due to the current crisis. If you have a current loan, please call staff and they will work with you to defer payments. For those who have been approved for a 2020 loan, but have not yet been before the KIA board for approval (there are currently 27 projects), the May board meeting may be held by teleconference. They may also extend approvals past the June deadline to accommodate. There is also talk about adding stimulus money to the federal budget and KIA is

currently trying to figure out what the guidelines will be. The funding is expected to be similar to the 2009 ARRA funds for economic development. It is expected that this funding may have up to 50% principal forgiveness attached to it. If you have a project that is not currently in the WRIS and could be constructed within 1-2 years and are interested in this funding please contact your Water and Wastewater Coordinator.

3. Division of Water (DOW) – Sarah Gaddis

It is a good idea to have badges for employees especially those who are essential. At this time DOW does not have information that they will be needed, but it is still a good idea in case local officials require them. Still expect systems to meet compliance; expectations are not lower during this time, they are higher. If you are having difficulty meeting compliance or meeting something please call and staff will work with you. DOW is still issuing violations. Please notify staff if you are having operator issues, shortages, etc. There is guidance on the website if you have need for boil water advisory during this time. At this time inspections have been suspended, but the division is looking at other methods of staying in contact. They have received a supply of hand sanitizer and will be distributing it this week. You may contact Sarah at sarah.gaddis@ky.gov.

Division of Water (DOW) – Alicia Jacobs

An email was sent yesterday on the new e-submittal process in regards to COVID-19. You can also utilize e-signatures. System should respond quickly to emails as that will help.

Division of Water (DOW) – Jory Becker

We are here and we are working and we are still processing permits. Email us if you need anything.

4. Public Service Commission (PSC) - Kent Chandler

Approximately 92-93% of staff is working from home. Those working at the office are processing filings. PSC is still fully operational. At this time doing everything electronically. The training scheduled at Jenny Wiley for April 21 and 22 has been rescheduled for October. There is a bill that will hopefully be passed on the 13th when the Senate reconvenes that will grant six months of additional time for water commissioners to complete their training. The PSC currently has two orders in response to COVID-19. A brief overview of these orders is as follows: 1. All utilities are to suspend disconnects unless a tenant is voluntarily moving out. 2. You cannot access late fees 3. You may reduce office hours or close your lobby. PSC has waived the quarterly meter report. In regards to monthly meter readings you may extend out your readings to two months or do as a quarter reading for safety reasons. At this time the PSC asks that you do not file paper copies. Everything should be submitted via electronic means. Filings, questions, concerns should be directed to pscled@ky.gov. PSC will not address reconnections prior to the order, but ask that systems be flexible on this because people cannot comply with the Governor's order to stay healthy at home without water.

5. Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA) – Joe Burns

KRWA is working. If a utility has an emergency please let KRWA know, so they can help. KRWA is working on CCR's and other items. KRWA does a special COVID-19 page on the website where many documents discussed today can be found. Working with Amanda LeFevere at DCA to do continue education classes via teleconference. Will have a class on April 17th for 1 CEU. The next edition of enews will have a link and if you do not currently subscribe you can subscribe on the website. KYWARN is active. This is a very different type of emergency situation that we are responding to. Currently trying to work through different scenarios, but it is available for use. It is important that you have a mutual aid agreement in place and KYWARN does have a depository of those. If you would like to fill one out you can download at either KRWA or KYWARN websites. If you need assistance from Joe his email is j.burns@krwa.org

Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA) – Heather Stevenson

KRWA sent out a request for water and wastewater operators to form an emergency operator pool. To date 60 systems have responded with 273 operators, many hold multiple licenses. Of those operators 138 are water treatment plant operators, the breakdown of those include 77 Class IV A, 39 Class III (29 Class IIIA, 10 Class IIIB), 16 Class II (15 Class IIA, 1 Class IIB), 6 Class I (4 Class 1A, 2 Class 1B). There are 133 distribution operators, the breakdown of those include 11 Class IV, 49 Class III, 66 Class II and 7 Class I. There are 83 wastewater treatment operators, the breakdown of that includes 16 Class IV, 20 Class III, 40 Class II and 7 Class I. Finally, there are 64 collection operators, the breakdown of that includes 6 Class IV, 23 Class III, 33 Class II and 2 Class I.

6. Rural Community Action Partnership (RCAP) – Kim Padgett

Staff is working remotely. Assisting with CCR's, compliance and other items. Working with Amanda Lefevere at DCA to set-up online trainings. DCA is waiving late fees for operator until August 31st at this time. KRADD training scheduled for May has been moved to October. Will gladly provide on-site training at end of COVID-19. USDA is still working too.

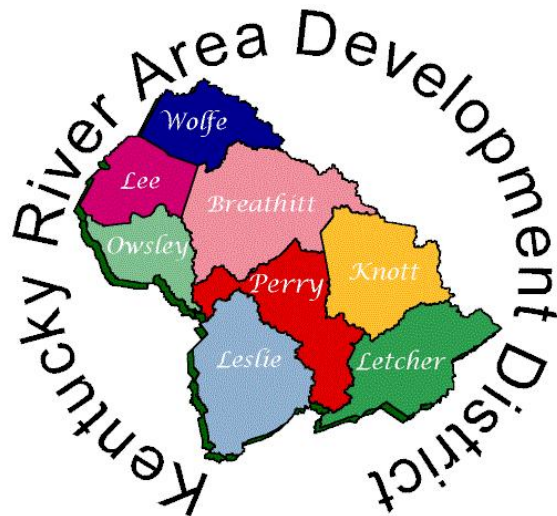
7. Other Agencies

There were no other agencies on the call that had further information to provide.

8. Questions/Adjourn

With no further questions Jennifer and Derek thanked everyone again for attending and reminded everyone that if any of the state agencies or the ADD's could be of service to let them know.

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Welcome

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