## MINUTES OF THE GRANT COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT AUGUST 2024 MEETING

The August 2024 Meeting of the Grant County Sanitary Sewer District was called to order on August 21, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. at the District Headquarters, One Farrell Drive, Crittenden, Kentucky. Present at the meeting were the following: Chairman Charles Givin, Commissioners Rodger Bingham, Robert Worthington, Greg Powell and Michael Duley. Also present were HR Director Ashley Dyer, Dianne Cook, Counsel Thomas R. Nienaber, HMB Professional Engineers, Inc., Mr. Benton Hanson, and Superintendent Paul Harp.

The first order of business was a review of the District's July 2024 Minutes. After discussion, upon motion of Greg Powell and second by Michael Duley, it was unanimously,

"RESOLVED: the July 2024 Minutes be approved as attached."

The next order of business was a review of the July 2024 Warrants, Maintenance and Operating Account and Profit and Loss Statement. After discussion, upon motion of Robert Worthington and second by Rodger Bingham, it was unanimously,

"RESOLVED: the July 2024 Warrants, Maintenance and Operating Account and Profit and Loss Statements be and the same are hereby approved as attached."

The next order of business was a report by Counsel Thomas R. Nienaber as follows:

- 1. Mr. Nienaber gave an update on the Garrison litigation. He reported that at the conclusion of the DeZarn deposition some five weeks ago, counsel for the City of Crittenden indicated that a settlement proposal would be forthcoming within 3 or 4 days from the date of the deposition. To date, no word has been received. Mr. Nienaber reported that he reached out to Michelle Cheek (insurance appointed counsel for the District) for an update and has not heard anything as of this time. Ms. Dyer reported that an article appeared in the *Grant County News* on August 22, 2024 (attached) which addressed the Waller Drive Dam Issue. The article was reviewed during the meeting (see attached). The Commissioners and Chairman Givin noted that there are some inaccuracies in the article. It was recommended that the District send a letter to the journalist who penned the article (Deborah Lucas Angel) clarifying the District's position regarding the dam.
- 2. Mr. Nienaber inquired as to the status of the PFAS Litigation. He has not heard anything during the last month. Superintendent Harp has not heard anything as well.
- 3. Mr. Nienaber inquired as to the status of the RFQ for the Wastewater Treatment Plant ("WWTP") Project. Mr. Nienaber indicated that the deadline for filing responses to the RFQ is September 1, 2024. Superintendent Harp reported that he had received a number

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of phone calls regarding the RFQ, but has not received a formal response as of this time. Mr. Nienaber indicated that pursuant to the RFQ specifications, the District must review the responses once the deadline is concluded. From that review, a preliminary list of applicants will be narrowed for interview purposes. Mr. Nienaber stated that the District should appoint a Review Committee for that preliminary review process. After discussion, upon motion of Rodger Bingham and second by Greg Powell, it was unanimously,

"RESOLVED: that a Review Committee be established to make preliminary reviews of the RFQ responses. That Committee shall consist of Superintendent Harp, Commissioners Rodger Bingham, and Greg Powell. Chairman Givin will serve as an alternate to the Review Committee."

4. Mr. Nienaber reviewed with the Commissioners the KY WWATERS Program and his correspondence regarding that program and the Application process. Mr. Nienaber explained that the completed Application must be received by KIA no later than September 1, 2024. The Application is very comprehensive and requires a significant amount of detailed information. In order to qualify for the KY WWATERS Program, a number of criteria were established by the Kentucky General Assembly. The District meets one of those criteria in that there is an outstanding Order issued by the DOW against the District regarding improvements that are necessary for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Nienaber stated that in order for the District to move forward, the attached Resolution must be signed. After considerable discussion, upon motion of Greg Powell and second by Robert Worthington, it was unanimously,

"RESOLVED: that the District complete an Application for submittal to KIA for participation in the KY WWATERS Program. HMB Professional Engineering, Inc., Mr. Benton Hanson, is hereby directed to coordinate the process of completing the Application for submittal."

The next order of business was a report by HMB Professional Engineers, Inc., Mr. Benton Hanson as follows:

1. Mr. Hanson indicated that HMB Professional Engineers, Inc., would begin the process of completing the KY WWATERS Application for submittal.

The next order of Business was a report by Superintendent Paul Harp as follows:

- 1. Superintendent Harp reviewed with the Commissioners his Monthly Report as attached.
- 2. Mr. Harp reported that the Public Service Commission completed its annual inspection last week. An official report has not yet been received by the District, however, Mr. Harp

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reported that the PSC Inspector did not note any significant issues and the inspection went very well.

- Superintendent Harp reported that he has submitted his progress report to the DOW 3. regarding the outstanding Order.
- Superintendent Harp reported that the Vincent Lift Station Control Panel was replaced a 4. second time. Once again, the substitute panel did not work. WASCON will be back the next day to install another panel. Superintendent Harp reported that a new panel cost has been discounted by 50%. He also reported that the Miller Lift Station needs a new panel as well. Since Superintendent Harp placed in the District's annual budget a sum of \$6,100.00 for a replacement panel, he would request to purchase a new panel. Commissioner Bingham suggested that the District wait a few months to see if the new control panel to be installed by WASCON will work. Superintendent Harp reported that he is going to find a substitute supplier of the control panel as he has lost all faith in WASCON. Superintendent Harp reported that he would prefer to just go ahead and purchase a new control panel from a different supplier. After discussion, upon motion of Rodger Bingham and second by Robert Worthington, it was unanimously,

"RESOLVED: that Superintendent Harp be and he is hereby authorized to purchase a control panel for the Miller Lift Station at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00."

The next order of business was a report by Dianne Cook as follows:

Ms. Dianne Cook reported that the next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2024. 1.

There being no further business to conduct, upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.

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CHARLES GIVIN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG POWELL, SECRETARY