

**MINUTES OF THE
GRANT COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT
JANUARY 2025 MEETING**

The January 2025 Meeting of the Grant County Sanitary Sewer District was called to order on January 23, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the District Headquarters, One Farrell Drive, Crittenden, Kentucky. Present at the meeting were the following: Chairman Charles Givin, Commissioners Rodger Bingham, Greg Powell and Michael Duley. Also present were HR Director Ashley Dyer, Naomi Wilson, Counsel Thomas R. Nienaber, HMB Professional Engineers, Inc., Mr. Benton Hanson, and Superintendent Paul Harp. Commissioner Robert Worthington was absent.

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

“RESOLVED: the December 2024 Minutes be approved as attached.”

The next order of business was a review of the December 2024 Warrants, Maintenance and Operating Account and Profit and Loss Statement. Rodger Bingham complimented District administration for showing a profit 11 out of 12 months during the calendar year 2024. After discussion, upon motion of Greg Powell and second by Michael Duley, it was unanimously,

“RESOLVED: the December 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 reported that there has been no activity in the Garrison litigation since the last meeting.
2. Mr. Nienaber reported that he had spoken with representatives of Napoli & Shkolnik regarding the status of the PFAS litigation. Currently, there have been no settlement distributions made through the MDL. Mr. Nienaber reported that Napoli & Shkolnik could not opine as to when any settlements would be distributed to MDL litigants.

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

1. Mr. Hanson gave an update on the status of the WWTP Project. Mr. Nienaber reviewed with the Board an email between Benton Hanson and John Brady (attached) relating to the Project. Mr. Nienaber also shared with the Board Mr. Hanson's revised Project Cost Summary and WWTP Improvement Schedule as attached. Mr. Hanson reported that the revised Cost Summary for the Project as of January 2, 2025, is \$9,111,520.00. Currently, the District has received a preliminary commitment for a SRF KIA loan in the amount of

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\$8,807,520.00; 21SB036 Cleaner Water Funds in the amount of \$115,085.00; and 22HB001 Cleaner Water Funds in the amount of \$188,915.00. Mr. Hanson reported that the plans for the Project should be completed and ready for submission for approval to DOW around September 1, 2025. Mr. Nienaber inquired as to whether or not BABA would be applied to the Project. Mr. Hanson reported that a preliminary statement from Mr. Brady would indicate that BABA would not apply to the Project. Currently, application of BABA to construction projects may be waived depending on the size of the project, size of the district undertaking the project, rate increase consequences and the like. Mr. Hanson is hopeful that BABA will not be required. Mr. Hanson also reported that John Brady confirmed its commitment to a 42% loan forgiveness on the \$8,807,520.00 loan commitment from KIA. Mr. Nienaber inquired as to whether or not additional real estate would be necessary for acquisition at the Plant in order to accommodate the WWTP Project. Mr. Hanson stated that the survey crew will be at the Plant next week in order to conduct a survey of the property. Completion of that survey will let the District know if additional real estate will be necessary. Mr. Hanson reported that in all likelihood additional property acquisitions will not be necessary.

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

1. Superintendent Harp reported that a progress report regarding the Agreed Order entered into between the District and the DOW is due next week. He will be in a position to complete that progress report.
2. Superintendent Harp reported that Ernie is working with JAGS Equipment for bids relating to the Eades Road Pump Station Improvements. A cost estimate should be available at the next meeting.
3. Superintendent Harp reviewed with the Board his monthly report as attached.

The next order of business was a report by Naomi Wilson and Ashley Dyer as follows:

1. Ms. Wilson distributed to the Board a Sewer Payroll Premium Report as attached. This Report outlines amounts paid to Bullock Pen Water District employees hazardous pay for working at the Sewer Plant.
2. Ms. Wilson shared with the Board the Engagement Letter from Chamberlin & Owen regarding the District's December 31, 2024 year end audit. The Engagement Letter indicates that the cost of the Audit would not exceed \$8,600.00. Mr. Nienaber stated that the Engagement Letter is in order. After discussion, upon Motion of Michael Duley and second by Rodger Bingham, it was unanimously,

“RESOLVED: that Chairman Charles Givin be and he is hereby authorized to execute the attached Engagement Letter

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with Chamberlin & Owen for the purpose of conducting the District's annual year-end audit for December 31, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$8,600.00."

3. Ms. Naomi Wilson shared with the Board the PSC training schedule for 2025. Mr. Nienaber indicated that the PSC's training seminars are very good and informative. Commissioners should attend if at all possible.
4. Ms. Naomi Wilson requested that the District authorize Forcht Bank to issue Naomi Wilson a credit card for District use to replace Dianne Cook's credit card. After discussion, upon motion of Michael Duley and second by Greg Powell, it was unanimously,

"RESOLVED: that Naomi Wilson apply for and receive a District credit card issued through Forcht Bank for District use only."

5. Naomi Wilson stated that the next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2024. There being no conflict, the meeting will take place on February 20, 2025.

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

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BY: 

CHARLES GIVIN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



GREG POWELL, SECRETARY