

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

The April 2025 Meeting of the Grant County Sanitary Sewer District was called to order on April 24, 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, Robert Worthington, 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.

The first order of business was a review of the District's March 2025 Minutes. After discussion, upon motion of Greg Powell and second by Robert Worthington, it was unanimously,

“RESOLVED: the March 2025 Minutes be approved as attached.”

The next order of business was a review of the March 2025 Warrants, Maintenance and Operating Account and Profit and Loss Statement. After discussion, upon motion of Robert Worthington and second by Michael Duley, it was unanimously,

“RESOLVED: the March 2025 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 have been no updates on the Garrison litigation.
2. Mr. Nienaber reported that there have been no developments in the PFAS MDL/Class Action litigation on behalf of Sanitary Sewer Districts. Mr. Nienaber reported that while the MDL/Class Action litigation is proceeding rapidly for Water Districts, the Sanitary Sewer District portion of those lawsuits has not yet advanced.
3. Mr. Nienaber inquired as to the status of the WWTP KIA loan. Mr. Hanson reported that there is a KIA meeting scheduled for May 1, 2025, to review the District's loan submittal. The total loan is for \$8,800,000 with a \$3,700,000 principal forgiveness.

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

1. Mr. Hanson reported that HMB has conducted some preliminary projections on a needed rate increase for funding the WWTP Project. He stated that at this time the estimated rate increase will be 17%.

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

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1. Superintendent Harp reviewed with the Commissioners his Superintendent Report as attached.
2. Superintendent Harp presented HMB's engineering invoice regarding the WWTP Project. Superintendent Harp reported that the invoice is in order and should be approved. Mr. Nienaber recommended that the District set up a separate WWTP Project bank account to be used for the entire Project. That account should be named the "WWTP Project Account." Funds should be deposited into that account for payment of all invoices (including HMB) relating to the WWTP Project. It was recommended that the WWTP Project Account be funded with \$1,000.00 from District General Funds. The District should then deposit any remaining Clean Water Funds into that account for disbursement purposes. After considerable discussion, upon motion of Rodger Bingham, and second by Michael Duley, it was unanimously,

"RESOLVED as follows:

1. Amy Ruark be and she is hereby authorized to open an "WWTP Project Account" for purposes of providing disbursement funding for the WWTP Project.
 2. The WWTP Project Account be funded with \$1,000.00 from District General Funds. All remaining Clean Water Funds (if any) should then be deposited into the WWTP Project Account.
 3. The WWTP Project Account be opened at Forcht Bank with signatories being Amy Ruark, Naomi Wilson, Charles Givin, Paul Harp, Ashley Dyer and Rodger Bingham. Two signatures are required for every disbursement."
3. After discussion, upon motion of Robert Worthington and second by Greg Powell, it was unanimously,

"RESOLVED: that the District pay the invoice of HMB Professional Engineers, LLC, in the amount of \$18,000.00 as per the attached invoice.

4. Superintendent Harp reported that the "samplers" at the Sewer Plant are aging, and the District needs to order a backup sampler. The cost is \$11,000.00. After discussion, upon motion of Greg Powell and second by Michael Duley, it was unanimously,

"RESOLVED: that Superintendent Harp be and he is hereby authorized to purchase a backup sampler for use at the WWTP at a cost not to exceed \$11,000.00."

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The next order of business was a presentation by Paul Harp regarding District deposit accounts at Forcht Bank. Mr. Harp reported that Tina Webster and Craig Houchens from Forcht Bank made a presentation to the Bullock Pen Water District regarding deposit accounts currently held with Forcht Bank. Amy Ruark had requested that the District receive a higher interest rate on those deposit accounts. Amy Ruark had reported that there are approximately 20 deposit accounts at Forcht Bank for the District and the Grant County Sanitary Sewer District. Mr. Houchens stated that Forcht Bank would be willing to pay the District and BPWD interest on those deposit accounts at a rate equal to the Federal Fund Rate, less 1.75%. The current Federal Fund Rate is 4.75%. Accordingly, the District would be receiving 3% interest on its deposit accounts. Mr. Houchens stated that the Federal Fund Rate adjusts on a periodic basis. He stated that every time the Federal Fund Rate is changed, the interest rate paid to the District will likewise change. Paul Harp reported that the District's most recent annual audit will show that the District is not receiving maximum interest on its deposit accounts. It is for this reason that Amy Ruark requested Forcht Bank to make a presentation. Mr. Houchens presented a letter to the District acknowledging its commitment to paying this increased interest rate on deposit accounts. The increased interest rate will be paid to both the Bullock Pen Water District and the District deposit accounts. (See attached Commitment Letter).

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

1. Ms. Dyer reported that the District's property/liability insurance renewal is currently due (see attached analysis). Ms. Dyer reported that the total cost of the insurance package for both the District and Bullock Pen Water District would be \$58,000. The attached analysis shows the cost of insurance by class. Mr. Nienaber inquired as to whether or not the values assigned to various insured equipment and property have been increased or reevaluated. Ms. Dyer reported that KLC does that internally and with input from Paul Harp. Ms. Dyer reported that the attached premium survey provides the same coverage. She reported that "cyber" coverage is now included in the overall premium. The "crime" coverage is currently at \$75,000.00. KLC suggested an increase to \$100,000. Property line coverage has increased approximately 9.51%, plus a 5.2% inflation factor. Liability lines have increased 3.77%. Overall, Ms. Dyer recommended that the District renew its insurance coverage through KLC. After discussion, upon motion of Rodger Bingham and second by Robert Worthington, it was unanimously,

"RESOLVED: that the District renew insurance coverage through KLC as per the attached premium sheet. The split of insurance cost between the District and Grant County Sanitary Sewer District shall be as determined by Old Kentucky Insurance."

2. Ms. Naomi Wilson reported that the Bullock Pen Water District has rescheduled its next regular meeting for May 21, 2025, due to conflicts. Upon motion and second, it was unanimously,

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“RESOLVED: that the District’s next regular meeting be held on
May 21, 2025, at 2:30p.m.”

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