

**MINUTES OF THE
HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
January 16, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of Hardin County Water District No. 2 held its regular monthly meeting on January 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Customer Service Center, 1951 West Park Road, Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Present were Commissioners Mike Bell, Tim Davis, Daniel Feeser, Cordell Tabb, and Brian S. Woosley. Also present were Shaun Youravich, Mandy Isham, Trevor Mather, Forrest Pollock, Damon Talley, and Connor Wilkerson with *The News-Enterprise*. Chairman Bell declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

VISITORS

There were no visitors present.

MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT

The Minutes of the December 19, 2023 Board meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Commissioner Tabb and seconded by Commissioner Feeser to approve the Minutes as prepared. Motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for the month of December was reviewed. Motion was made by Commissioner Woosley and seconded by Commissioner Davis to accept the Financial Report as presented and to authorize payment of the bills that are due and payable at this time. Motion carried unanimously. The Commissioners also reviewed the status of the District's various investment accounts and the long-term debt payment requirements.

REPORTS

- 1. Engineering.** General Manager Youravich and Forrest Pollock presented a status report on the Blue Oval Project and other projects.
- 2. Departmental Reports.** General Manager Youravich presented the Departmental Reports, including public outreach programs conducted by the District.

- 3. Project Reports.** Forrest Pollock presented a written status report on various projects which the District is constructing “in house.”

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. PSC Rate Case.** Damon Talley presented a status report on the General Rate Adjustment case pending before the PSC. The formal Public Hearing was held on January 11, 2024 at the PSC office in Frankfort. The District’s Post-Hearing Brief is due on February 16, 2024. Mr. Talley expects the PSC to render a decision by April 1, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. KYTC Easement Purchase.** The Commissioners reviewed the two (2) January 10, 2024 offer letters from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (“KYTC”) concerning its desire to purchase two (2) temporary easements and one (1) permanent easement from the District. These easements are necessary to enable KYTC to reconstruct Kentucky Highway 1136. Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Tabb to accept the offers from KYTC and authorize General Manager Youravich to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Ky. Hwy. 1136 Betterment.** General Manager Youravich informed the Commissioners that it will be necessary for the District to relocate its water line along Kentucky Highway 1136 because KYTC is reconstructing this road. KYTC will reimburse the District for the cost of relocating the water line and replacing it with the same size water line, but it will not pay for increasing the diameter of the water line. KYTC calls this “betterment” and will not pay for betterment. The District’s Management Staff deems it prudent to increase the diameter of this water line while it is being relocated. Motion was made by Commissioner Woosley and seconded by Commissioner Feeser to accept Management Staff’s recommendation and pay for the additional cost of installing a larger diameter water line. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Authorization to Bid I-65 Road Bores.** Upon recommendation of Management Staff, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Tabb to authorize Management Staff to advertise for bids for making the required directional bores under I-65. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Authorization to Bid Materials for Ky. Hwy. 251 Relocation Project. Upon recommendation of Management Staff, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Tabb to authorize Management Staff to advertise for the materials necessary to complete the Kentucky Highway 251 water line relocation project. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Authorization to Bid Materials for Ky. Hwy. 1136 Relocation Project. Upon recommendation of Management Staff, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Tabb to authorize Management Staff to advertise for the materials necessary to complete the Kentucky Highway 1136 water line relocation project. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Authorization to Bid WTP Chemicals. Upon recommendation of Management Staff, motion was made by Commissioner Woosley and seconded by Commissioner Feeser to authorize Management Staff to advertise for the chemicals to be used by the District at its water treatment plants during the next 12 months. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Property Restoration Contract Renewal. General Manager Youravich informed the Board that the District's current yard and property restoration contractor, Cooper Excavating, is willing to renew the current yard and property restoration contract at the same rates which it charged in 2023. Upon recommendation of Management Staff, motion was made by Commissioner Tabb and seconded by Commissioner Feeser to renew the current yard and property restoration contract held by Cooper Excavating for one (1) additional year at the 2023 rates. Motion carried unanimously.

8. KRWA Management Conference. Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Tabb to grant Management Staff's request to attend the KRWA Management Conference which will be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky on February 21-22, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Approval of iPad Purchase. General Manager Youravich informed the Board that the District's iPads were nearing the end of their useful life and requested that they be replaced. He provided copies of the proposal from FirstNet to provide 19 iPads and cases. Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Tabb to grant this request and to purchase the 19 iPads and cases from FirstNet. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Temporary Rate to Charge District No. 1. Damon Talley stated that the District can no longer charge a wholesale rate to District No. 1 until the PSC approves a wholesale rate as part of the general rate case pending before the PSC. Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Woosley to immediately cease charging District No. 1 the wholesale rate of \$2.20 and to

commence charging District No. 1 in accordance with District No. 2's retail tariff schedule approved by the PSC. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Water Loss Reduction Efforts. General Manager Youravich and Trevor Mather provided an overview of the District's past and present efforts to reduce its water loss. They also discussed future plans for reducing the District's water loss.

12. Executive Session. Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Tabb to go into Executive Session, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) and (f), to discuss pending litigation, potential litigation, and discussions which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee. Motion carried unanimously.

*** * * EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION * * ***

Motion was made by Commissioner Tabb and seconded by Commissioner Davis to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Bell announced that it would not be necessary to take action concerning any of the matters discussed in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Tabb to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2

BY: _____
Brian S. Woosley, Secretary

Date Approved: _____

BY: _____
Michael L. Bell, Chairman