

**Lake Cumberland Area Development District
Regional Water Management Planning Council Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. CDT**

Chairman Eddie Wesley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Central Time via Zoom video conference due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic with 19 persons attending. Mr. Wesley welcomed everyone, then turned the meeting over to Water/Wastewater Coordinator, Mr. Derek Aaron.

With there being no project profiles to review and approve Mr. Aaron turned the floor over to Featured Speaker, Ms. Anshu Singh with the Kentucky Division of Water. Ms. Singh gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation on Changes to the SRF Ranking Criteria for 2022 Funding Cycle. Ms. Singh discussed Drinking Water Project Ranking Criteria, Public Health Criteria – Treatment, Distribution, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Clean Water and Drinking Water Project Ranking Criteria, Asset Management, Asset Management Plan, Capital Improvement Plan and Asset Inventory. Ms. Singh also state that the points have increased from 10 to 25 if the system has specifically allocated funds for the rehabilitation or replacement of aging and deteriorating infrastructure. Ms. Singh stated that other important information to keep in mind is the Call for projects: September 15 through December 4, review your project profiles and check all appropriate boxes, review the planning tab under system data for water protection and water usage data to document accurate water loss, review the asset management tab under system data to complete asset inventory and also the proposed project should be listed in the CIP or in the WRIS inventory if claiming points for asset management. After a time of discussion, Mr. Aaron thanked Ms. Singh for her presentation.

In Other Business: Mr. Aaron discussed the Covid-19 survey that was recently sent out by Kentucky League of Cities, Rural Water Association as well as some other entities. This survey was sent to members of the Rural Water Association asking the water systems to complete and submit back. Some of the high points Mr. Aaron discussed were things such as how the number of delinquent accounts has increased 30% in the past year according to the respondents. Mr. Aaron went on to say that they didn't really have an accurate figure on the total number of respondents due to not having all the surveys returned, but 85% of utilities were reporting that the pandemic has negativity impacted their financial position. 2/3rds say they've been somewhat or negativity impacted, late payment penalties in June average a little over \$14,000 and late fees represented an average 6% of total utility revenue, 44% of utilities that responded have suspended notifying delinquent customers during the pandemic.

Mr. Aaron went on to congratulate Western Pulaski Water District who was recently honored with a plaque for being recognized as one of ten finalist in the Kentucky Rural Water Associations Wooden Bucket Award. The Wooden Bucket Award is presented to a water and/or wastewater utility that has made substantial and lasting improvements in providing high levels of customer service and high quality drinking water and wastewater services in its community.

With no other business Mr. John Phelps made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Eddie Wesley. All In Favor. Motion Carried.

Those attending the September 5, 2020 meeting of the LCADD Water Management Council via Zoom video conference:

1. Mr. Deron Burn, Monarch
2. Ms. Brenda Allen, Mayor City of Campbellsville
3. Mr. Don Schiever, KIA
4. Ms. Judy Hachey, LCADD Staff
5. Mr. Eddie Wesley, East Casey Water District
6. Ms. Kasey Hoskins, LCADD Staff
7. Ms. Ashley Richards
8. Ms. Anshu Singh, Kentucky Division of Water
9. Mr. Jimmie Greene, McCreary County Judge-Executive
10. Ms. Julie Bickers
11. Mr. Neal Cundiff, LCADD Staff
12. C. Mounce
13. Mr. John Phelps, Cumberland County Judge-Executive
14. Mr. Chris Ford, LCADD Staff
15. Ms. Fara Popplewell, LCADD Staff
16. Ms. Jean Wilson, LCADD Staff
17. Mr. Derek Aaron, LCADD Water/Wastewater Coordinator
18. Ms. Chari Bennett, LCADD Staff
19. Mr. Darryl McGaha, LCADD Executive Director