Water Resources Board
Draft Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2016

Board Members in Attendance: Earl Bush (County Judge Executives); Brent Burchett (Proxy, KDA); Steve Coleman (KY Farm Bureau); Lloyd Cress, Jr. (KY League of Cities); Dr. Nancy Cox (UK); John Dix (KRWA); Peter Goodmann (Proxy, EEC, Director DOW); Kevin Jeffries (Soil and Water Conservation Districts); Kevin Rogers (KY Chamber of Commerce)

Board Members Absent: Jared Carpenter (LRC); Tom McKee (LRC); Ryan Quarles (Commissioner Dept. of Agriculture); Charles Snavely (EEC Secretary)

Others in Attendance: Lowell Atchley (LRC); Biff Baker (GOAP); Jory Becker (DOW); Warren Beeler (GOAP); Lanny Brannock (EEC); Bill Caldwell (KDOW); Pete Cinotto (USGS); Mike Griffin (USGS); Steve Higgins (UK CAFE); Carey Johnson (DOW); Samantha Kaiser (DOW); Jim Kipp (KWRRI); Gary Larimore (KRWA); Allen Luttrell (DNR); Haley McCoy (EEC); Kate Shanks (KY Chamber of Commerce); Steve Workman (UK); Chip Zimmer (DOW);

The meeting began at 1:05 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call of Board Members

Peter Goodmann called the meeting to order and led the roll call of Board members.

Introduction of Guests

Guests introduced themselves.

Chip Zimmer discussed the current drought issues that Kentucky is experiencing. There is currently a moderate drought in Southeast Kentucky and the Cumberland area. The current concerns are for drinking water supplies and forest fires. There are currently 2800 acres of active uncontrolled fires in Kentucky, with three significant fires burning at the same time and 75% are considered arson.

Approve Minutes of September 29, 2016

The meeting minutes from September were approved by consensus.

Presentation by Bill Caldwell, Environmental Scientist, DOW – *Looking Ahead to a Kentucky Water Resources Plan*

Mr. Caldwell gave a Power Point presentation discussing how to establish a Kentucky Water Resources Plan. The Water Management Working Group has made available a comprehensive collection of resources which can be found online at; www.kyfb.com/federation/water/resources/. Several states, including Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Georgia, have already implemented a Water Resources Plan. Each state has a unique plan but all share common features that form the foundation for water planning. The core elements of a water plan process were discussed. Technical data and studies will help determine water availability and demand forecasting. Identifying gaps in data will help determine future projects. Plan development can be determined from local and regional stake-holder driven meetings. Projects can

be prioritized and recommendations can be made to the cabinet. This process could take several years until completion. The Board agreed that this is a good direction in which to proceed.

The Board agreed to establish both a Technical Data Committee and a Plan Development Roadmap Committee. Committee members were discussed and a list will be distributed to the Board. Committee meetings will be public meetings.

Action Items and Reports

Mr. Caldwell discussed the Project Profiles Summaries for Kentucky Climate Center WKU, USGS, KGS, and UK. A Doodle poll will be created for the Board to prioritize the projects. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Open Discussion for Board Members

The Board indicated interest in a presentation on funding sources for the next meeting to discuss the differences between State Cost Share Funds (SCS) and State Revolving Funds (SRF), one time funding sources versus reoccurring funding sources, and funds available from sources that wouldn't normally be considered (e.g. FEMA, Water Infrastructure, etc.). The technical Data Committee and the Plan Development Roadmap Committee should schedule meetings. A member from the Army Corps of Engineers will be invited to a future meeting.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were made.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday November 28, 2016 at 1:00pm E.T.