

**Kentucky Water Utilities Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 17, 2024**  
**10:00 am ET**  
**300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, KY 40601**  
**Hybrid Meeting – Microsoft Teams**

**Members Present (In-person):** KYDOW Director Sarah Gaddis, KYDOW Assistant Director John Webb, Chloe Brantley (KRWA), Arianna Lageman (KRWA), Valerie Lucas (CWP-KY), Joe Pavoni (BGMU), Scott Young (KRWA), Kay Sanborn (KY/TN AWWA), Derrick Willis (Carrollton Utilities), Todd Ritter (KRWA), Scot Treece (LaGrange Utilities), Donna McNeil (UK KWRI), Brad Montgomery (ACEC-KY), Kimberly Padgett (RCAP), Lindsey Rehtin (NKWD), Jason Baird (KLC).

**Also Present:** KYDOW Branch Managers, staff, and approximately 33 virtual attendees.

The meeting began at approximately 10:00 a.m. EDT.

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

KYDOW Director Sarah Gaddis welcomed attendees and reminded the group that a sign-in sheet was provided for attendees upon entrance.

**Committee Reorganization, Rebranding, and Purpose**

Ms. Gaddis shared that the group's name is changing to the Kentucky Water Utilities Advisory Committee and distributed a survey to gauge interest of the group in potential participation on subcommittees going forward. She explained that the purpose of this Committee is to provide feedback to the Division of Water. She also shared the points of contact and backups for the group.

Ms. Gaddis reviewed subcommittees and leadership and accepted feedback from those in attendance on their interest in participating in subcommittees and workgroups.

The group discussed workgroup/committee membership selection for a core set of members, and a continued need for report-outs from the Division of Water.

**KYDOW Updates**

KYDOW Environmental Scientist Consultant Josiah Frey (Director's Office) shared an update to the Kentucky Nutrient Loads Study. There was discussion about ways the state and other entities are working to reduce nutrient loading through optimization, agricultural coordination, municipal tools, and expanded monitoring. There was a discussion on tools and technical assistance being provided by the KYDOW to utilities to optimize for nutrients and energy.

KYDOW Watershed Management Branch Manager Joanna Ashford provided updates on drought monitoring, water conservation, source water protection, and a new water resources report.

KYDOW Environmental Scientist Consultant Elizabeth Dowling (Drinking Water Branch) provided an update on federal drinking water rules including PFAS, lead and copper service line, voluntary school and childcare lead testing, and how funding and technical assistance are helping utilities. There was a discussion about overlap of monitoring requirements, and how to coordinate with systems to collect

samples that meet each requirement. There was also discussion about powdered activated carbon and technical assistance.

Ms. Gaddis provided an update on legislation that would require KYDOW to study a statewide asset management requirement. There was a discussion about the upcoming Kentucky Water Resources Institute Symposium.

There was a discussion about cybersecurity and how to move Kentucky forward. Interest in forming a subcommittee or workgroup on cybersecurity was expressed by some in attendance.

KYDOW Water Quality Branch Manager Nick Reif provided an update on KYDOW's Triennial Review and comments deadline.

KYDOW Environmental Engineer Consultant Jory Becker (Director's Office) provided a reminder on a call for State Revolving Fund (SRF) projects.

KYDOW Water Infrastructure Branch Manager Hollie Delaney was introduced to the group as having been newly appointed to her position. There was discussion about the re-organization of this branch which is effective October 1st.

There was discussion about the Governor's Conference on Energy and the Environment in October.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

- Lead in Drinking Water Subcommittee Co-Chair Elizabeth Dowling provided an update
- PFAS Subcommittee Co-Chair Arianna Lageman gave an update on upcoming meetings and topics
- Operator Recruitment and Development Subcommittee co-chairs Jessica Wilhoite and Valerie Lucas stated they were working to provide updates for HB 40 but were waiting on new board appointments.

The Subcommittee Interest Survey will also be distributed through the list-serve for the KWUAC meeting. Anyone not on the email list was instructed send their contact information to Administrative Specialist Senior John Carlton (Director's Office) at [john.carlton@ky.gov](mailto:john.carlton@ky.gov). The Committee was also instructed to send completed survey forms to Mr. Carlton by September 20, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:40 am EDT.

The minutes were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote at the December 6, 2024 meeting of the Committee.



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Sarah J. Gaddis, P.G., Director  
Kentucky Division of Water

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Date