

**Water Resources Board
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2016**

Board Members in Attendance: Earl Bush (County Judge Executives); Steve Coleman (KY Farm Bureau); Lloyd Cress, Jr. (KY League of Cities); John Dix (KRWA); Kevin Jeffries (Soil and Water Conservation Districts); Ryan Quarles (Commissioner Dept. of Agriculture); Kevin Rogers (KY Chamber of Commerce); Charles Snavely (EEC Secretary)

Board Members Absent: Dr. Nancy Cox (UK); Jared Carpenter (LRC); Tom McKee (LRC);

Others in Attendance: Brent Burchett (KDA); Biff Baker (GOAP); Jory Becker (DOW); Warren Beeler (GOAP); Joe Cain (KYFB); Bill Caldwell (KDOW); Peter Goodman (Director DOW); Samantha Kaiser (DOW); Jim Kipp (KWRRI); Gary Larimore (KRWA); Chip Zimmer (DOW)

The meeting began at 1:05 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call of Board Members

Secretary Snavely called the meeting to order and led the roll call of Board members.

Introduction of Guests

Guests introduced themselves.

Chip Zimmer gave an update on the drought issues that Kentucky is experiencing. Conditions have continued to decline and most of the state is in a D₂ or D₃. The agricultural community has been hit hard with possible hay shortages and water usage shortage. The future forecast is calling for rain, which will help, but not end the drought.

Commissioner Quarles made the Board aware of Kentucky Department of Agriculture's (KDA) Hay/Forage Sales Directory, <http://www.kyagr.com/buyky/hay-search.aspx>, and the Hay Hotline, <http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/hay-hotline.html>.

Bill Caldwell discussed the La Nina, which is supported by empirical data, in the spring and an early summer drought.

Minutes of October 31, 2016

The meeting minutes from October were approved by consensus.

Review and Ranking of Project Profiles

Mr. Caldwell reviewed the project profile ranking results with the Board. A State Water Plan Initial Project Profile, DOW-1, ranked at the highest priority with the Kentucky Groundwater Observation Network, KGS-1, and the Kentucky Mesonet Station Acquisition and Installation, WKU-1, in second and third place. Only half of the Board members have submitted their rankings.

The Board agreed that KGS and USGS data need to be compatible and these two agencies need to explore this possibility. Multiple projects can be pursued at once depending on when funding becomes available. Projects do not need to be pursued in order of ranking if funding is available. Once sources of funding are identified the Board should make a plan to move forward as the primary applicant or co-applicant.

Motion: (Steve Coleman) To move forward with projects and receive funding once available.

Second: (Kevin Jeffries)

Vote: Unanimous

A collaborated effort to compile current data and resources from farmers across the state should be made, to close current gaps in data from each of the project profiles.

State Water Plan Committees Report

The Board received the State Water Plan Initial Project Profile document. Mr. Caldwell briefly reviewed the document.

In order to proceed with the State Water Plan, data from subsequent project profiles will be needed. When developing the State Water Plan, Kentucky will view Water Plans from other states that could match Kentucky's need. DOW will start reviewing current literature and other state Water Plans and send them to the Board for review.

Open Discussion for Board Members

The two sub-committees of Data Management and Road Mapping were reviewed. The Board would like to keep these sub-committees smaller. Once the groups meet, additional individuals may be identified to fill knowledge gaps. Sub-committee kick-off meeting will take place in 2017.

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 Board should discuss the option of updating legislation on current progress.

Public Comment Period

No public comments were made.

Next Meeting February 02, 2017 (following the Ag Water Quality Authority Meeting)

At the next meeting the Board will decide how frequently meetings will take place. The Board would like to discuss the option of choosing one reoccurring day and time for scheduling purposes or using Doodle Poll again.

The meeting ended at 2:40 p.m.