

South Kenton County Working Group

Minutes: March 12, 2018

Kenton County Administrator Joe Shriver called the regular quarterly meeting to order at approximately 12:00 Noon, in the Commission Chambers of the PDS Building in Fort Mitchell. He welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Shriver indicated that Mondays are very busy for him and the Judge-Executive and asked everyone to be ready to start at noon.

Those in attendance were as follows: Dan Allen, Kenton County Extension Service; Gailen Bridges, Kenton County Conservation District and citizen member; John Cole, Mayor Ryland Heights; Daniel Doss, SD1; Stacey Hans, KYTC; Drew Harris, Kenton County Attorney's Office; Nick Hendrix, Kenton County Public Works; Steve Hensley, Kenton County Homeland Security; Amy Kramer, Northern Kentucky Water District; Paul LaFontaine, Fire Chiefs' Association; Ron Lovan, Northern Kentucky Water District; Brian Miller, Building Industry Association of Northern Kentucky; Tony Schmiade, Kenton County Public Works; Bill Schneider, South Kenton County Citizens' Group; Dave Schroeder, Kenton County Public Library; Rob Schroeder, SD1; Joe Shriver, Kenton County Fiscal Court; John Stork, District Manager, Kenton County Conservation District; and, PDS staff members Dennis Gordon and Lori Remley.

After introductions, Mr. Shriver asked if there were any changes to the June meeting minutes. With no changes or corrections, he declared the minutes accepted as presented.

CITIES

Ryland Heights Mayor Cole stated that the south end of Decoursey needs to be looked at by KYTC. He noted that he and Mr. Hendrix had looked at a hole that is developing and that it may be a culvert collapsing. He also stated that they are working on cleaning up the park after the flood. Mr. Hensley asked everyone to submit their costs for flood damage to him for a countywide assessment.

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County Attorney – Mr. Harris indicated that he had nothing to report.

Homeland Security – Mr. Hensley stated that he and others are working to meet the \$600,000 threshold for flood damage and again asked for costs to be submitted to him as soon as possible.

Public Works – Mr. Hendrix indicated that his people have been busy and are working on damage estimates and several slides.

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Conservation District – Mr. Bridges stated that they are waiting for a call back from the County Attorney’s Office regarding a log cabin in the south end of the county. Mr. Harris indicated that they are looking into the cabin. Discussion followed.

Mr. Stork briefly reviewed the Conservation District’s Report to Citizens for March and stated that their spring events would be posted to their Facebook page and website.

Extension Service – Mr. Allen indicated that they have been busy. He noted the following events –

July 9	4H Camp – goal to send 100 students
July 16	Kenton County Fair starts

He indicated that they continue to work on the pond and poultry programs. Mr. Allen stated that he is looking for education opportunities to get the word out regarding the use of fertilizer and pesticides and water quality. Mr. Hensley asked if there was a hand out regarding the best practices when using fertilizers and pesticides and Mr. Allen indicated that there was. Discussion followed.

Library – Mr. Schroeder announced that the library’s administrative offices are complete and that they have moved in. He noted his new address is 3095 Hulbert Avenue in Erlanger. He stated that the new library space includes a new meeting area that can be split into three separate spaces or used as one to seat 460 people. There are two other smaller meeting rooms that can be combined into one.

Mr. Schroeder stated that the new STREAM Makerspace is an interactive technology space used for classroom learning and includes two 3D printers, a poster printer, laser cutter, coding equipment, sewing machines and more. This equipment was purchased with nearly \$50,000 in donations from area companies, individuals and grants.

Fire Chiefs’ Association – Chief LaFontaine indicated that he had nothing to report.

PDS of Kenton County – Mr. Gordon reported to the group that there are now links to OpenGov and ‘PDS by the Numbers’ on the agency’s website and invited them to visit. He also provided them with information regarding the new online customer service survey staff is pursuing with customers and asked them to take the two-minute survey.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Ms. Hans indicated that they are on the backside of the snow/ice and are now working daily on potholes. They are also working on the right of way for the west end of KY536 (Toebben Road

to 1303) and are in the appraisal phase. She stated that this is a budget year and that they are waiting on the numbers before the transportation plan is developed.

There was discussion regarding the South 75 re-pavement plan for the area from Buttermilk to 275.

Discussion regarding funding from Frankfort followed.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Building Industry Association of Northern Kentucky – Mr. Miller provided members with a copy of the first Relocation Guide that is being distributed to companies who might be looking at relocating. He noted that they are nailing down the details for their skills initiative and that there will be a career convention held at the Boone County Fair Grounds on April 20th and 21st. He noted that the event will be open to the public on the 21st for Dozer Day.

Mr. Miller announced that the Cavalcade of Homes will be held from Noon to 5:00 PM on the first three weekends of May.

Northern Kentucky Water District – Mr. Lovan indicated that there is a planned event taking place across the street from their offices and not to worry if they see flames.

Ms. Kramer indicated that the month of January had been bad but that February had been milder with only three main breaks and a few slides. She indicated that a change order has been put in for Sub-District M – Wright, Raven, and Northcutt Roads – due to boring under the creek. She indicated that they are working on an automatic kill switch at the fill station to help with the problem caused by people driving away. Ms. Kramer also noted that they are working to increase pressure in the Taylor Mill / Covington area.

Sanitation District 1 – Mr. Doss indicated that he would now be attending these meetings. He noted that SD1 projects are being uploaded into Accela to coordinate their projects with other agencies. He asked members to let him know if they had questions or if there was something specific they would like him to report on at these meetings. Mr. Lovan asked if there was an update regarding the stormwater fee adjustment. Mr. Doss indicated that it is being reviewed at the state level.

CITIZENS

South Kenton Citizens Group – Mr. Schneider indicated that, in addition to the Independence parade, there would be a Memorial Day event focused on veterans at the library on Saturday. He then acknowledged Mr. Shriver's earlier comment regarding keeping this meeting to 60 minutes and stated that they need to see what works best for everyone involved. Mr. Shriver

indicated that he and the Judge-Executive needed to have an internal discussion and that they would get back to everyone.

Mr. Shriver asked if there were any other reports or questions. With none, he thanked everyone for their attendance. He noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2018, at noon and the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:45 PM.

Dennis Andrew Gordon, FAICP, Executive Director
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