

Bullock Pen Water District  
Minutes  
July 17, 2025

**MINUTES OF THE  
BULLOCK PEN WATER DISTRICT  
JULY 2025 MEETING**

The July 2025 meeting of the Bullock Pen Water District was called to order on July 17, 2025, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Chairman Charles Givin, Superintendent Paul Harp, Commissioners Bryan Slaughter, William Wethington, Andrea Walton, and Rodger Bingham. Also present were Counsel Thomas R. Nienaber, HMB Professional Engineers, Inc., Mr. Benton Hanson, Kentucky Engineering Group, Mr. Ryan Carr, Amy Ruark and Ashley Dyer.

The first order of business was a presentation by Mr. Jason Chasteen, 105 Carla Court, Crittenden, Kentucky, regarding water main breaks on his property. Mr. Chasteen reported that over the last few years, there have been several water main breaks on water lines running through his yard. Mr. Chasteen wanted to know why these water main breaks continue with great frequency and when the situation will be repaired. Superintendent Harp reported in 2015 a pump station was installed in the area. Superintendent Harp believes when the pump station kicks on, there may be vibrations in the transmission lines which cause friction and subsequent breaks in the line. Commissioner Bingham inquired as to how much line needs to be replaced to solve this problem. Superintendent Harp did not have a fixed number but estimated it to be several hundred feet. Commissioner Slaughter inquired as to how much pressure is in the line. Superintendent Harp reported approximately 100 psi. Superintendent Harp stated that he would install a pressure meter for 30 days and monitor pressure changes. Mr. Chasteen again inquired as to why the line wasn't installed properly in the first place. Chairman Givin reported that the original lines were installed by Perkins Construction in or around 1985. Commissioner Bingham inquired as to how the situation can be resolved. Superintendent Harp stated that he will monitor the pressure to determine the cause. If the lines were to be replaced, Commissioner Slaughter inquired as to how many driveways would be disturbed. Superintendent Harp did not know at this time. Superintendent Harp did state that if Carla Court is replaced, we should also replace the lines on Beverly Drive. Superintendent Harp reported that he would monitor the situation over the next month and prepare estimates for repair to be presented at the next meeting.

The next order of business was a report by Michelle Ballard regarding the Fish & Wildlife Public Meeting and Bullock Pen Lake. Ms. Ballard stated that she had ten questions as follows:

- 1) She inquired as to what the F& W representatives were talking about when they referred to "9 ½ weeks of water draw". No one knew the answer. Superintendent Harp stated that he would see if he could find out and get back to the District.
- 2) Ms. Ballard inquired as to the cost of water production. Superintendent Harp stated that the District can produce water at a rate of approximately \$2.01 per thousand gallons.

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- 3) Ms. Ballard inquired about the monitoring of lake levels on Bullock Pen Lake. Superintendent Harp stated that Mr. Baker reported that the District has agreed to install a telemetry measuring system that would provide daily water level recordings.
- 4) Ms. Ballard inquired as to the effect that withdrawing additional water would have downstream. The District does not believe any adverse consequence will occur, however, the District would defer to Fish & Wildlife to address that issue.
- 5) Ms. Ballard inquired as to whether or not the District could return “flushed water” back into the lake. She also raised the issue of “looping lines.” Ms. Ballard was informed that returning flushed water to the lake is impossible.
- 6) Ms. Ballard inquired as to the water production versus water purchase ratios. She commented that the District indicated that it is currently 70% purchase and 30% production. She confirmed that the District wants to go to a 60% production versus 40% purchase. Ms. Ballard commented that to her knowledge, there are three prospective farms in the District territory that are contemplating being turned into new subdivisions. Chairman Givin stated that a more significant issue relating to residential growth is sanitary sewer service rather than water service.
- 7) Commissioner Bingham discussed the issue that Senator Williams made regarding BFWC’s commitment to pay for infrastructure improvements if the District were to purchase its water from BFWC. Commissioner Bingham also addressed Senator Williams’ comment that 11 miles of line at a cost of \$11,000,000 would be needed. Based upon HMB Professional Engineering Services, Inc. survey, those numbers are 12 miles of line at a cost of approximately 18.5 million dollars. Chairman Givin also commented that he and Superintendent Harp met with representatives of BFWC and were informed that BFWC will not pay for District infrastructure improvements. Chairman Givin Stated that this is just one more example of Senator Williams inaccurate information which he is spreading.
- 8) Commissioner Slaughter complained that the District, and its employees, are being “killed” on Facebook with hateful statements and slanderous comments. He stated that this is not right and that those comments are prompted by misinformation and/or inaccurate information. Commissioner Slaughter stated that he and other District Commissioners are serving on the Board to serve the community. They could be much more productive working at their respective jobs, however, they feel committed to serving the public. It is not right that a few people on Facebook make hateful and slanderous statements.
- 9) Ms. Ballard inquired as to whether or not the District could purchase water from additional sources in the event the treatment plant were to fail. Superintendent Harp stated that in an emergency situation, the District could purchase additional water to meet customer needs from its existing wholesale customers. He did comment that the quantity of water would be at the discretion of the wholesale suppliers. Mr. Nienaber commented that the District’s current Water Purchase Agreements with wholesale customers do have maximum limitations.

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- 10) Ms. Ballard inquired into whether or not the District has conducted any population surveys. Superintendent Harp stated that over the last 10 years population growth in the District is approximately 1.3%. Superintendent Harp took exception with Senator William's quote that the HMB 2021 Water Treatment Plant Study was based upon fatally flawed information, including a 0% growth rate. Mr. Nienaber explained Matthew Baker's response to Senator Williams' comments made at the F & W Public Meeting. Mr. Nienaber also referred to the HMB 2021 Study.
- 11) Ms. Ballard inquired as to whether or not the District has a District Service Map. Superintendent Harp reported that we do. Commissioner Walton made an interesting comment. She researched the issue and concluded that a reduction of 1" in water level on the 134 acre Bullock Pen Lake is the equivalent of approximately 3,600,000 gallons of water. 1" of water on 1 acre of water surface is the equivalent of 27,954 gallons.

The next order of business was a review of the June 2025 Minutes. After discussion, upon motion of William Wethington and second by Bryan Slaughter, it was unanimously,

“RESOLVED: the June 2025 Minutes be and the same are hereby approved as attached.”

The next order of business was a review of the June 2025 Profit and Loss Statement and Warrants. Commissioner Bingham inquired as to why there are two separate bills from NKWD. Superintendent Harp and Ms. Ruark reported that there are two separate master meters and, therefore, two separate bills. Commissioner Slaughter inquired as to the reimbursement of cell phones for District employees. Ms. Ruark reported that office employees are reimbursed for their phones if they are used for District business. Amy Ruark also stated that employees are paid mileage when using personal cars for District business. Commissioner Bingham inquired as to whether or not the District should purchase a road plate. Superintendent Harp stated that he would investigate and report at the next meeting. After discussion, upon motion of Bryan Slaughter and second by Andrea Walton, it was unanimously,

“RESOLVED: the June 2025 Warrants and Profit and Loss Statement be and the same are hereby approved as attached.”

The next order of business was a review of the District's Annual Audit submitted by Chamberlin Owen CPAs. After discussion, upon motion of Andrea Walton and second by William Wethington, it was unanimously,

“RESOLVED: that the December 31, 2025 year end annual audit be approved as attached.”

The next order of business was a report by Counsel Thomas R. Nienaber as follows:

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1. Mr. Nienaber reported that there have been no developments in the Garrison litigation.
2. Mr. Nienaber reported that the Napoli Shkolnik Retainer Agreement proposal could not be signed electronically as it had expired.
3. Mr. Nienaber reported that the F&W Public Meeting went very well. He reported that F&W stated that Bullock Pen Lake is one of the finest fishing destinations in the state. They reported that the fish population at Bullock Pen Lake is very healthy and plentiful.

The next order of business was a report by Kentucky Engineering Group, Inc., Mr. Ryan Carr, as follows:

1. Mr. Carr reported that the Division of Water currently has the Water Treatment Plant plans. As soon as F&W reports to DOW regarding water withdrawal limitations, DOW will be approving those plans. Mr. Nienaber inquired as to whether or not funding for the WTP Project will require BABA compliance. It appears that currently there is a BABA exemption in place. Commissioner Bingham inquired as to what the District can do to expedite the F&W report regarding the water withdrawal limitations from Bullock Pen Lake. Mr. Carr stated that he would call F&W to see if there is anything they can do to assist in expediting that process.

The next order of business was a report by HMB Professional Engineers, Inc., Mr. Benton Hanson, as follows:

1. Mr. Hanson stated that he has nothing to report.

The next order of business was a report by Superintendent Harp as follows:

1. Superintendent Harp reviewed with the Commissioners his monthly Superintendent Report as attached.
2. Superintendent Harp wanted to make various comments in response to statements made during the F&W meeting. Superintendent Harp addressed the issue of water loss and water flushing statistics that were discussed during the F&W Public Meeting. Superintendent Harp reported that the District needs to come up with a process to address some of the inaccurate and false information being presented to the public-at-large through various sources. Superintendent Harp suggested that the District post a FAQ page on the District's website. A fact sheet should also be put together for publication. After considerable discussion, Superintendent Harp stated that he would put together a fact sheet and an FAQ page together for presentation at the next meeting.

The next order of business was a report by Amy Ruark and Ashley Dyer as follows:

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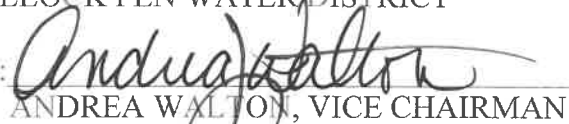
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1. Ms. Dyer reported that Caleb Spray gave the District his two week notice. Superintendent Harp stated that the District will do a rotation of employees at the Sanitary Sewer Treatment Plant which should be able to provide adequate service after Mr. Spray leaves. No new employees are necessary.
2. Ms. Ruark reported that the next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2025.

There being no further business to conduct, upon motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.

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BY:

  
ANDREA WALTON, VICE CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
WILLIAM WETHINGTON, SECRETARY