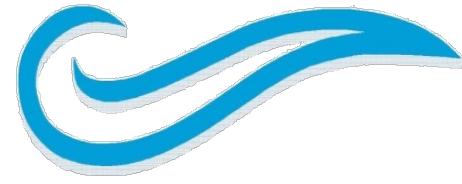


# WATER AUTHORITY OF DICKSON COUNTY

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## Resolution No. 2021-01

WHEREAS Water Authority of Dickson County (the “Authority”) is a public and governmental entity, organized and existing under and by virtue of one or more private acts of the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS the Tennessee General Assembly has given the Authority as its statutory mandate the planning for and development of the water and wastewater resources within Dickson County, Tennessee and other service areas as from time to time established; and

WHEREAS the Authority’s board of commissioners, its governing body, is comprised of, among others, a resident of the service area formerly served by Turnbull-White Bluff Utility District of Dickson County, Tennessee (“Turnbull-White Bluff”); and

WHEREAS in 1999 Kyle C. Ruf was appointed to office as a member of Turnbull-White Bluff’s board of commissioners by order of the Dickson County Executive, and served continually in such office until May 20, 2002; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Ruf was, during his tenure as a commissioner of Turnbull-White Bluff, the delegate of that utility district to serve on the Authority’s board of commissioners; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Ruf during his tenure as a commissioner of Turnbull-White Bluff was a steadfast proponent and advocate for Turnbull-White Bluff’s merger with and into the Authority, for the purpose of assuring to all citizens and residents of the Turnbull-White Bluff service area and Dickson County at large a safe, reliable, and economical source of drinking water into the indefinite future; and

WHEREAS from and after Turnbull-White Bluff’s May 20, 2002, merger with and into the Authority, Commissioner Ruf continued in office as a member of the Authority’s original board of commissioners, and in 2004 was elected Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Authority by his fellow commissioners, continuing in office as such Chairman at all times through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS during Commissioner Ruf’s tenure, the Authority undertook and completed multiple significant service expansions, capital improvements, and organizational advancements, as more fully set forth in this resolution below; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Ruf’s service on Turnbull-White Bluff’s and the Authority’s boards of commissioners materially advanced the Authority’s accomplishment of its lawful mandates, and was at all times characterized by the highest integrity, selfless dedication to his duties, and constant engagement on the Authority’s behalf with local, state, and other officials and agencies; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Ruf’s twenty-one years’ service to his fellow citizens and residents in Dickson, Hickman, and Williamson Counties of the State of Tennessee has demonstrated by example that devotion to the call of duty and the betterment of his world which is all that a free and sovereign people may rightly demand of her citizens; and

WHEREAS the Authority desires that Commissioner Ruf’s years of service be permanently and officially recognized, commended, and commemorated,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by Water Authority of Dickson County, as follows:

**Section 1.** Water Authority of Dickson County hereby commends Kyle C. Ruf upon his service as a commissioner and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners thereof, and extends to him on its own behalf and that of its customers the deepest gratitude for a JOB WELL DONE. Commissioner Ruf’s example in office is hereby commended to the attention and emulation of all persons in public service and otherwise.

**Section 2.** Water Authority of Dickson County hereby specifically commends to the attention and public memory of all residents of its service area Commissioner Ruf’s engagement and leadership in accomplishing the following specific organizational and operational achievements of the Authority:

a. The May 20, 2002, merger, with and into Water Authority of Dickson County, of the entire water systems and service areas theretofore served by Turnbull-White Bluff Utility District of Dickson County, Tennessee and Harpeth Utility District of Dickson County, Tennessee, and the acquisition by the Authority of the entire water and wastewater systems and service area theretofore served by City of Dickson, Tennessee, and the successful and seamless integration thereof, including those systems’ staffs, into a unitary operational whole;

b. The design, construction, and operational integration of the Authority’s five million gallon per day Cumberland River water treatment plant and related distribution infrastructure, and the 2003 inauguration of service from the said treatment plant;

c. The October, 2006 acquisition by the Authority of the entire water and wastewater systems, including the entirety of the service area theretofore served by City of Fairview, Tennessee, and the successful integration thereof into the Authority’s existing systems, including the design and construction of wastewater service extensions connecting the former Fairview system to the Authority’s existing system;

d. The January, 2015 acquisition by the Authority of the entire wastewater system of, including the entirety of the service area theretofore served by, Town of White Bluff, Tennessee;

- e. The 2009 extension of wastewater service into six existing neighborhoods in City of Dickson, which neighborhoods were then experiencing pervasive and worsening failure of residential septic systems, thereby relieving a significant public safety and health risk to approximately 425 residences;
- f. The 2012 extension of sewer service to the entirety of Town of Burns, Tennessee and surrounding neighborhoods, all of which areas were then experiencing pervasive and worsening failure of residential septic systems, thereby relieving a significant public safety and health risk to approximately 400 residences and businesses;
- g. The achievement of such reduction in nutrient discharge at the Authority's Fairview wastewater treatment plant as to induce the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to lift a previously imposed building moratorium within that service area and to achieve the de-listing of the treatment plant's discharge stream, Flatrock Branch, from the designation as an "impaired stream" pursuant to applicable federal statutes and regulations;
- h. The extension of wastewater service to areas of eastern Hickman County, Tennessee and the Tennessee Highway 46 corridor from there to City of Dickson, Tennessee;
- i. The construction of dissolved air filtration pretreatment at the Authority's Cumberland River water treatment plant to protect and extend the service life of that facility's membrane filtration systems, reducing the plant's dependency on chemical pretreatment and thereby significantly reducing the formation of chlorine disinfection by-products in the Authority's water distribution system;
- j. The program design and implementation of system-wide analysis and investigation of sources and amounts of water inflow and infiltration into the Authority's wastewater system, and the development of prioritized and cost-effective remediation programs to eliminate and reduce the same;
- k. The system-wide introduction of area master meter and automated residential water customer service meters and reading technology to identify areas of water loss and assist customers in avoiding undetected water leaks;
- l. The funding of the state's most generous water leak billing adjustment policy from within the customer service base of the Authority;
- m. The integration of the Authority's service extension and improvement plans for the Tennessee Highway 48 South corridor with the environmental contamination remediation objectives and programs of Dickson County, Tennessee, providing improved water flow and pressure to disadvantaged and theretofore inadequately served regions of the Authority's service area;
- n. The replacement and upgrading of the raw water intakes and high-service pump room of the Authority's Turnbull Creek water treatment plant;
- o. The cost-effective expansion of the treatment capacity and service life of the Authority's Fairview wastewater treatment plant to accommodate increased treatment demands with ever-more-stringent nutrient loading limits imposed by regulatory agencies having jurisdiction of the Authority's operations;
- p. The commencement of planning and permitting for a fourth wastewater treatment plant, to be located in and to serve northeastern Hickman County and northwestern Williamson County;
- q. The negotiation for and acquisition of 135 acres of land in the immediate vicinity of the Authority's Jones Creek wastewater treatment plant to serve as a discharge area for future land-application disposal of treated wastewater, thereby taking better and more economical advantage of the said plant's design treatment capacity relative to its permitted discharge limits into Jones Creek;
- r. The transition from an underperforming, inadequately funded, and negligently managed defined benefit pension plan to full participation in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System, thereby increasing the retirement income security to the Authority's employees and reducing the financial exposure to the Authority's customers occasioned by the incompetent investment management services theretofore provided by the Authority's benefits administrator;
- s. The implementation of rigorous and systematically updated cost-of-service studies for both water and wastewater systems, to avoid internal cross-subsidy of systems and customers and assure a transparent, equitable, and defensible mechanism for setting the Authority's customer service rates and fees;
- t. The establishment and active management of current and long-term capital improvement plans to enable better financial planning by the Authority and its customers;
- u. Through careful plan structuring and aggressive management of contractual relationships the provision of a 100% subsidy of health insurance expense for Authority employees, and the avoidance, for eleven consecutive years, of increases in the employees' expenses of providing health insurance coverage;
- v. The implementation of employee hiring processes and practices to identify and recruit talented potential employees, with a focus upon the identification and hiring of individuals of under-represented demographic groups;
- w. The procurement and integration of professional financial and economic consulting into the Authority's financial operations and planning processes; and,
- x. Through engagement of competent certified municipal financial advisors and aggressive monitoring of municipal financial markets, the material reduction in the Authority's long-term debt service obligations simultaneously with the financing of many of the operational expansions, improvements, and remedial accomplishments listed above.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall be spread upon the official minutes of Water Authority of Dickson County's board of commissioners, and made a permanent part of the records of the proceedings thereof.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall be communicated to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, to the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts, and to the chief legislative bodies of Dickson County, Tennessee, Hickman County, Tennessee, and Williamson County, Tennessee, together with the recommendation for such other and further recognition of Commissioner Ruf's years of service as those bodies may deem appropriate.

ADOPTED, this 11 day of January, 2021

  
Chairman

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NAY:

A. David Jones

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