

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF HENDERSON	)	
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND JONATHAN	)	
EBLEN, A MEMBER OF THE HENDERSON	)	CASE NO.
COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD, FOR AN	)	2023-00271
EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE	)	
REQUIRED TRAINING FOR NEWLY REPORTED	)	
WATER DISTRICT COMMISSION	)	

ORDER


This matter arises from an application jointly filed by Henderson County Water District (Henderson District) and Jonathan Eblen on August 14, 2023, for an extension of time for Jonathan Eblen to complete the training for newly appointed water commissioners required under KRS 74.020(8). On August 31, 2023, the Commission issued an Order that denied the application for an extension of time to complete new commissioners training and found that Mr. Eblen had forfeited his position as a commissioner as of June 29, 2023.

Because KRS 74.020(4) provides that county fiscal courts must fill vacancies on a board of commissioners of a water district within 90 days of the vacancy, Henderson Fiscal Court had until September 27, 2023, to fill the vacancy. Henderson District was ordered to notify the Commission within ten days of the appointment. Henderson District provided notice to the Commission on October 30, 2023, that Paul Andrew Rideout had been appointed to fill the vacancy on September 26, 2023. Therefore, the Commission finds that the vacancy created by Jonathan Eblen's forfeiture has been filled.

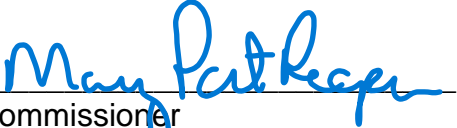
However, the Commission notes that Henderson District did not comply with the Commission's August 14, 2023, Order. Henderson District did not notify the Commission of the appointment until 34 days after its occurrence. This failure to notify the Commission is in violation of KRS 74.020(10)(b) which requires water districts to inform the Commission within 30 days of the appointment of a new commissioner, as well as the Commission's previous Order in this matter. The Commission expects Henderson District to take appropriate care and to comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, and Orders of this Commission. Failure to do so could result in further action by the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this case be closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

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