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 From:
 PSC Executive Director

 Subject:
 2020 00398. Withdrawal BCWD

Respectfully, JL John Lester Smith

**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 9:32:05 AM

2020-00398 case no. I would like to withdrawal my application for the vacancy on the BCWD citing scheduling conflicts going forward with meetings, local tensions that I have no interest in and the fact the board is now paying itself, it was a volunteer position when we founded the district. During our time we would not consider a monthly stipend. I understand it's permissible but considering that there are monies needed in the districts future reserve and a rate increase is on horizon. I doubt the board would consider not accepting payment for there monthly services, but I suggest they consider. Every dollar saved is less monthly for our poor mountain folks that have to pay these proposed rate increases. I encourage PSC to visit these KRS regs about monthly stipends to all water districts in KY and encourage legislators to change the allowance because most water districts struggle financially and the end user should be the focus on providing "Clean drinking water "to the citizens of KY.