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Garrard County Board of Education Attn: Mr. Kevin Stull 322 W Maple Ave Lancaster, KY 40444

Re: AI Name Camp Dick Robinson Elementary AI No. 35348 Case No. DOW-22-3-0054 Activity No. ERF20210001 Facility ID: KY0100421 Garrard County

Dear Mr. Stull:

Andy Beshear

GOVERNOR

Enclosed is the Agreed Order that was discussed at an administrative conference with the Division of Enforcement on July 19, 2022. If the terms are agreeable, please sign the Order and return the entire original document to:

ATTN: Amber Hawkins Department for Environmental Protection Division of Enforcement 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

If the Division of Enforcement has not received an executed Agreed Order within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter, we will assume that you wish the Cabinet to proceed with its legal remedies regarding the violations. If you have any questions, please contact me at 502-782-6266 or amber.hawkins@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

amber Hawkins

Signed by: Amber Hawkins Amber Hawkins, Environmental Enforcement Specialist Division of Enforcement



Enclosure

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT CASE NO. DOW 22-3-0054

IN RE: Camp Dick Robinson Elementary 7541 Lexington Road Lancaster, KY 40444 Garrard County AI No. 35348 Activity ID No. ERF20220001

#### AGREED ORDER

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WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreed Order, the Energy and Environment Cabinet (hereinafter "Cabinet") and Garrard County Board of Education (hereinafter "Responsible Party") state:

## STATEMENTS OF FACT

1. The Cabinet is charged with the statutory duty of enforcing KRS Chapter 224 and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

2. The Responsible Party owns and operates Wastewater Treatment Plant (hereinafter "facility"), located at 7541 Lexington Road, Lancaster, Garrard County, Kentucky, for stormwater runoff from the facility grounds. The facility consists of one outfall 001, with an average annual flow of 0.00185 million gallons per day. The treatment consists of extended aeration, disinfection (chlorine), and discharges to an unnamed tributary of McKecknie Creek.

3. The Responsible Party holds a Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (hereinafter "KPDES") Permit No. KY0100421, issued by the Cabinet's Division of Water (hereinafter "DOW"), for the facility described in paragraph 2. The Discharge Monitoring Reports submitted by the facility indicated permit limit exceedances for Total Suspended Solids, Total

Residual Chlorine, Total Ammonia Nitrogen, Biochemical Oxygen Demand, and E coli.

4. Authorized representatives of the Cabinet identified alleged violations of KRS Chapter 224 and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto at the facility identified in paragraph 2 above and issued Notices of Violation (hereinafter "NOV") on March 03, 2021; May 26, 2021; September 20, 2021; December 14, 2021; April 01, 2022; June 02, 2022; and August 30, 2022. The NOVs are attached to this Agreed Order as 'Exhibit A'.

5. Representatives of the Responsible Party participated in a telephonic administrative conference with the Cabinet's Division of Enforcement (hereinafter "DENF") on July 19, 2022, and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order to resolve the alleged violations. The Responsible Party neither admitted nor denied the allegations contained in the Notices of Violation referenced above, but accepts civil liability for the alleged violations of KRS Chapter 224 and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in the interest of settling all civil claims and controversies involving the alleged violations described above, the parties hereby consent to the entry of this Agreed Order and agree as follows:

#### **REMEDIAL MEASURES**

6. Within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreed Order, the Responsible Party shall submit to the Cabinet for review and acceptance, a Corrective Action Plan (hereinafter "CAP").

a.) The CAP shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- i. An explanation of why the cited violations occurred;
- ii. A report of completed corrective actions;
- iii. A list of proposed corrective actions to be completed to avoid future

non-compliance;

- iv. A schedule of implementation for proposed corrective action items; and
- v. A final compliance date for each proposed corrective action in the plan.
- b.) Upon review of the CAP, the Cabinet may, in whole or in part, (1) accept or (2) provide comments to the Responsible Party identifying the deficiencies. Upon receipt of Cabinet comments, the Responsible Party shall have thirty (30) days to revise and resubmit the CAP for review and acceptance. Upon resubmittal, the Cabinet may, in whole or in part, (1) accept or (2) disapprove and provide comments to the Responsible Party identifying the deficiencies. Upon such resubmittal, if the CAP is disapproved, the Cabinet may deem the Responsible Party to be out of compliance with this Agreed Order for failure to timely submit the CAP.
- c.) The Responsible Party may request an amendment of the accepted CAP by writing the Director of the Division of Enforcement at 300 Sower Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 and stating the reasons for the request. If granted, the amended CAP shall not affect any provision of this Agreed Order unless expressly provided in the amended CAP.
- d.) Upon Cabinet acceptance of all or any part of the CAP, the amended CAP, or any accepted part thereof (provided that the accepted part is not dependent upon implementation of any part not yet accepted), shall be deemed incorporated into this Agreed Order as an enforceable requirement of this Agreed Order and implemented at its facilities. This does not require an amendment request pursuant to paragraph 19 of this Agreed Order.

e.) The Cabinet approved CAP shall specify a final compliance date by which compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit is achieved.

7. At the end of the first calendar quarter following the execution of this Agreed Order and through its termination, the Responsible Party shall submit quarterly progress reports to the Cabinet for each three (3) month period no later than the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of the month following the end of the quarter that describes its progress in complying with this Agreed Order. The quarterly report shall include, at a minimum:

- a.) A detailed description of projects and activities conducted and completed during the past reporting period to comply with the requirements of this Agreed Order.
- b.) The anticipated projects and activities that will be performed in the upcoming three (3) month period to comply with the requirements of this Agreed Order.
- c.) Any additional information necessary to demonstrate that the Responsible Party is adequately implementing its CAP.

8. By the date specified in the CAP, the Responsible Party shall be in compliance with KRS 224, and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, KPDES Permit No. KY0100421, and this Agreed Order.

9. All submittals required by the terms of this Agreed Order shall be sent to:

Division of Enforcement Attention: Director 300 Sower Blvd Frankfort, KY 40601

### **CIVIL & STIPULATED PENALTIES**

10. The Responsible Party has been assessed a civil penalty of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), to resolve the violations listed in Exhibit A. The full payment shall be tendered by the Responsible Party to the Cabinet within thirty (30) days of execution of this Agreed Order.

11. The Responsible Party may be assessed a stipulated penalty in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) to the Cabinet, for failure to timely submit the CAP as described in paragraph 6 above.

12. The Responsible Party may be assessed a stipulated penalty in an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per day to the Cabinet, for failure to timely complete each action identified in the accepted CAP or failing to meet the final compliance date as described in paragraph 6 above.

13. Following the execution of this Agreed Order by the Cabinet's Secretary (or designee) until the termination of this Agreed Order, the Cabinet may assess stipulated penalties up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for each instance where:

- a) The violation of the effluent limits for any Group I parameter (as defined by 40 CFR 123.45, Appendix A) which is more than 40% above the permitted limit at least twice within two consecutive quarters.
- b) The violation of the effluent limits for any Group II parameter (as defined by 40 CFR 123.45, Appendix A) which is more than 20% above the permitted limit at least twice within two consecutive quarters.
- c) The violation of the effluent limits for any parameter which is in violation of the permitted limit at least 4 times within two consecutive quarters.

14. If the Cabinet determines that a stipulated penalty is due in accordance with paragraphs eleven through thirteen (11-13), it will send the Responsible Party a written notice, including the amount of the stipulated penalty. The Responsible Party shall pay the stipulated penalty within thirty (30) days of notice to the permittee at the address provided to the Cabinet. Stipulated penalties are in addition to and not in lieu of any other penalty which could be assessed by the Cabinet. If the Responsible Party believes that, a request for payment of a stipulated penalty is erroneous or contrary to law, it may request a hearing in accordance with KRS 224.10-420(2). This request for a hearing does not excuse timely payment of the stipulated penalty. If an order is entered pursuant to KRS 224.10-440 that excuses payment, the Cabinet will refund the payment to the Responsible Party. Failure to pay the stipulated penalty may be deemed an additional violation of this Agreed Order.

15. Payment of the civil penalty and stipulated penalties shall be by cashier's check, certified check, or money order, made payable to "**Kentucky State Treasurer**" and sent to the attention of the Director, Division of Enforcement, Department for Environmental Protection, 300 Sower Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; note "**Case Number DOW 22-3-0054**" on the instrument of payment. Payment may also be made electronically, if available, by accessing the Office of Administrative Hearings through its website found at http://eec.ky.gov.

## MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

16. This Agreed Order addresses only the violations specifically alleged above. Other than those matters resolved by entry of this Agreed Order nothing contained herein shall be construed to waive or to limit any remedy or cause of action by the Cabinet based on statutes or regulations under its jurisdiction and the Responsible Party reserves its defenses thereto. The Cabinet expressly reserves its right at any time to issue administrative orders and to take any other

action it deems necessary that is not inconsistent with this Agreed Order, including the right to order all necessary remedial measures, assess penalties for violations, or recover all response costs incurred, and the Responsible Party reserves its defenses thereto.

17. This Agreed Order shall not prevent the Cabinet from issuing, reissuing, renewing, modifying, revoking, suspending, denying, terminating, or reopening any permit to the Responsible Party. The Responsible Party reserves its defenses thereto, except that the Responsible Party shall not use this Agreed Order as a defense.

18. The Responsible Party waives its right to any hearing on the matters admitted herein. However, failure by the Responsible Party to comply strictly with any or all of the terms of this Agreed Order shall be grounds for the Cabinet to seek enforcement of this Agreed Order in Franklin Circuit Court and to pursue any other appropriate administrative or judicial action under KRS Chapter 224, and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

19. The Agreed Order may not be amended except by a written order of the Cabinet's Secretary or her designee. The Responsible Party may request an amendment by writing the Director of the Division of Enforcement at 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 and stating the reasons for the request. If granted, the amended Agreed Order shall not affect any provision of this Agreed Order unless expressly provided in the amended Agreed Order.

20. The Cabinet does not, by its consent to the entry of this Agreed Order, warrant or aver in any manner that the Responsible Party's complete compliance with this Agreed Order will result in compliance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 224, and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Notwithstanding the Cabinet's review and approval of any plans formulated pursuant to this Agreed Order, the Responsible Party shall remain solely responsible for compliance with the terms of KRS Chapter 224, and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto,

this Agreed Order and any permit and compliance schedule requirements.

21. The Responsible Party shall give notice of this Agreed Order to any purchaser, lessee, or successor in interest prior to the transfer of ownership and/or operation of any part of its now-existing facility occurring prior to termination of this Agreed Order, shall notify the Cabinet that such notice has been given, and shall follow all statutory and regulatory requirements for a transfer. Whether or not a transfer takes place, the Responsible Party shall remain fully responsible for payment of all civil penalties and response costs and for performance of all remedial measures identified in this Agreed Order.

22. The Cabinet agrees to allow the performance of the above-listed remedial measures and payment of civil penalties by the Responsible Party to satisfy the Responsible Party's obligations to the Cabinet generated by the violations described above.

23. The Cabinet and the Responsible Party agree that the remedial measures agreed to herein are facility-specific and designed to comply with the statutes and regulations cited herein. This Agreed Order applies specifically and exclusively to the unique facility referenced herein and is inapplicable to any other facility.

24. Compliance with this Agreed Order is not conditional on the receipt of any federal, state, or local funds.

25. This Agreed Order shall be of no force and effect unless and until it is entered by the Secretary, or her designee as evidenced by his signature thereon. If this Agreed Order contains any date by which the Responsible Party is to take any action or cease any activity, and the Secretary enters the Agreed Order after that date, then the Responsible Party is nonetheless obligated to have taken the action or ceased the activity by the date contained in this Agreed Order.

### **TERMINATION**

26. This Agreed Order shall terminate upon the Responsible Party's completion of all requirements described in this Agreed Order. The Responsible Party may submit a written request for termination to the Cabinet when it believes all requirements have been performed. The Cabinet reserves its right to enforce this Agreed Order, and the Responsible Party reserves its right to file a petition for hearing pursuant to KRS 224.10-420(2) contesting the Cabinet's determination.

# AGREED TO BY:

Kevin Stull, Superintendent Garrard County Board of Education

Date

# **APPROVAL RECOMMENDED BY:**

Natalie P. Bruner, Director Division of Enforcement

Elizabeth U. Natter, Executive Director Office of Legal Services

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## <u>ORDER</u>

Wherefore, the foregoing Agreed Order is entered as the final Order of the Energy and

Environment Cabinet this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_.

## ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

# JOHN S. LYONS, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing AGREED ORDER was mailed,

postage prepaid, to the following this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_.

Garrard County Board of Education Attn: Mr. Kevin Stull 322 West Maple Avenue Lancaster, KY 40444

And mailed, messenger to:

Natalie P. Bruner, Director Division of Enforcement 300 Sower Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Elizabeth U. Natter, Executive Director Office of Legal Services 300 Sower Boulevard, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

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