

First and foremost, SD1 recognizes that the Central Boone County Sewer Project has a very real and personal impact on Miss Pille and her property. We respect that, and we're not here to minimize anyone's concerns, especially hers.

At the same time, SD1 has a responsibility to make decisions based on what is best for the entire community today and for decades to come. This project addresses an immediate public health and environmental need by eliminating 1.2 million gallons of sanitary sewer that currently overflows into Woolper Creek. It also provides a cost-effective, long-term solution that reduces reliance on pump stations while providing the sewer capacity necessary to meet the future needs of Boone County.

A number of claims have been made publicly about this project. Among them are that another route should have been decided or selected, that the project is primarily intended to benefit private development, that Boone County officials determined the route, and that SD1 did not negotiate with Miss Pille in good faith. These are serious allegations. They are also not new. Miss Pille's claims were presented to the Circuit Court court, where evidence was heard and witnesses questioned. The Circuit Court found that the project serves a legitimate public purpose, that the easements are necessary, and that SD1 acted in good faith. Miss Pille appealed that decision, which is always her right, and the Kentucky Court of Appeals considered the case and unanimously affirmed the Circuit Court decision. Those decisions do not mean Miss Pille has to agree with SD1 nor do they make the impact on her property any less personal. We understand.

All proposed solutions require easements from multiple property owners, and SD1 did not make important engineering decisions based solely on the impact to one property. The selected route was based on sewer overflow remediation needs, system reliability, long-term costs to our ratepayers and the needs of the community at large. Our engineers and consultants evaluated multiple alternatives. The selected approach provides a gravity-based solution that reduces reliance on pump stations and ongoing operation, maintenance and the eventual replacement cost associated with those pumps. Those costs matter because infrastructure decisions made today will affect our ratepayers long into the future. We respect Miss Pille's right to advocate for her property and express her concerns. We also respect the right of everyone here today to address the board.

—As read by SD1 Executive Director Adam Chaney, Sept. 15, 2026