



Duck River Watershed Planning Partnership

*The Stables Event Center
September 18, 2025*

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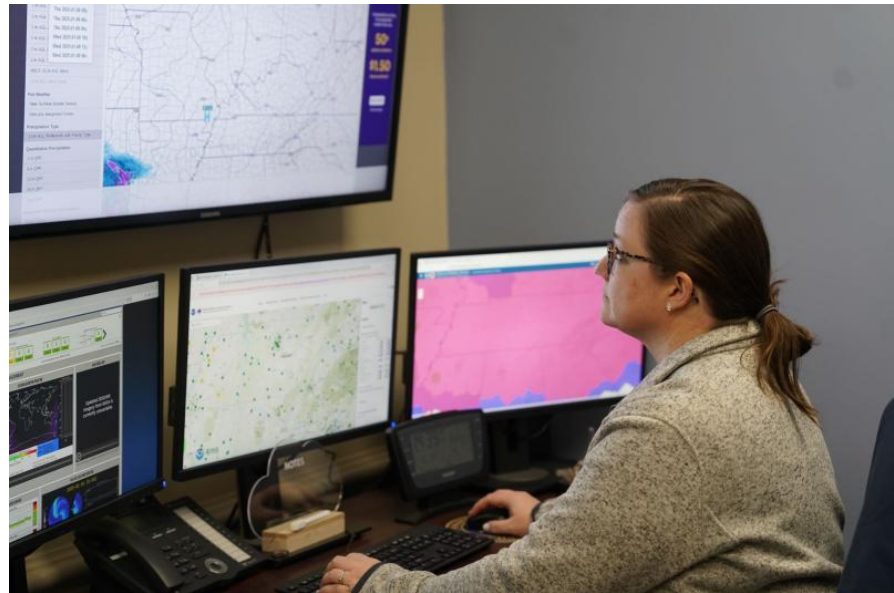
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Agenda

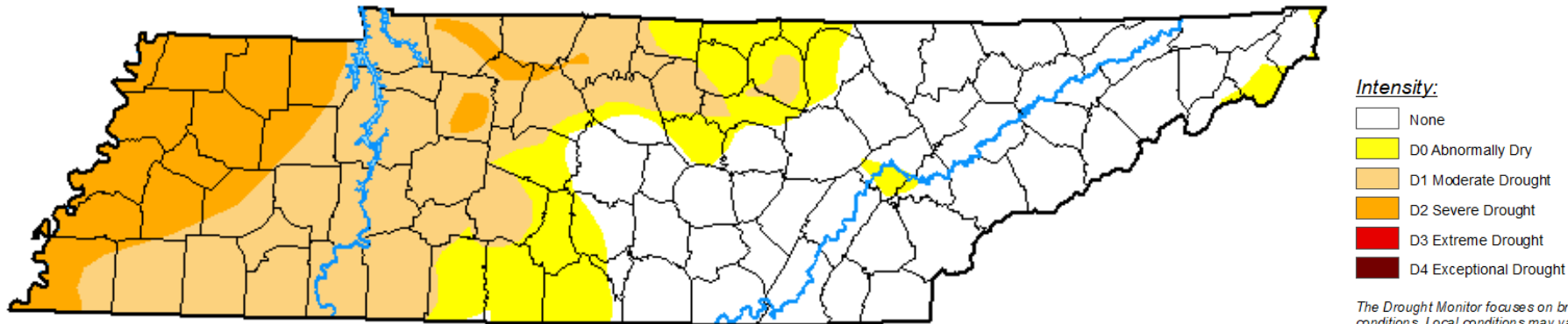
10a	Call to Order	Chuck Yoest, TDEC
10:05	Welcome	Jim Bates, Hickman County Mayor
10:15	Chairman's Report	Commissioner Salyers
10:15	TDEC Update	April Grippo, TDEC
10:30	Drought Management Work Group Update	Amanda Turk, TVA
11:30	Lunch	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Special Guest – Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher	
12:15p	Regionalization Work Group Update	Randal Braker, DRUC
1p	Conservation, Water Loss, Ed/Outreach	Grace Stranch, Harpeth Conservancy
1:45p	Next Steps	Commissioner Salyers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Special Workshop on 10/28 or 10/29Next Partnership Meeting on 11/4 at Fly Arts Center in Shelbyville	
2p	Public Input Period	Chuck Yoest, TDEC
2:30p	Adjourn	Commissioner Salyers

Welcome







- Hickman County Mayor **Jim Bates**
- TEMA Meteorologist **Megan Schargorodski**



TN Drought Monitor – 9/9/25



Intensity:

-  None
-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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droughtmonitor.unl.edu

Today: More than half the state is in some condition of drought

3 Months Ago: No part of the state was in drought conditions

1 Year Ago: 94% of the state was in drought conditions

www.tn.gov/tnwildlandfire/resources/predictive-services/intelligence/drought-monitor.html

“Hydro Illogical” Cycle



Maury Co. Breakfast with the Mayors on 9/16

Maury Co. Breakfast with the Mayors talks growth, infrastructure: 'We want to work together' (Columbia Daily Herald/Powell)



Maury County Mayor Sheila Butt, Columbia Mayor Chaz Mulder, Spring Hill Mayor Matt Fitterer and Mt. Pleasant Mayor Bill White share updates.

News Coverage in the Watershed

We need solutions, not old ideas that don't hold water on Columbia Dam: Opinion

Eslick Daniel Columbia Daily Herald

Aug. 7, 2025, 8:46 a.m. CT



The Columbia Dam failed for a reason — and it wasn't just the mussels.

Columbia Dam: 'The only affordable solution?' Opposing voices suggest otherwise for Duck River.



Jay Powell

Columbia Daily Herald

Sept. 15, 2025, 4:02 a.m. CT



Results from Duck River study on potential new pipeline show a price tag of almost \$2 billion

by: [Elisheva Wimberly](#)

Posted: Sep 15, 2025 / 10:47 PM CDT

Updated: Sep 15, 2025 / 10:47 PM CDT



Congratulations to Andy Holt

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HEALTHCARE EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT POLITICS IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATES CASH FOR CLOUT

AGRICULTURE POLITICS

TN Agriculture Department Commissioner Charlie Hatcher to retire; Andy Holt will fill role

BY: CASSANDRA STEPHENSON - SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 1:52 PM



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This Morning in Hartsville



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On Nov. 20, 2024, Gov. Lee issued Executive Order 108 about the Duck River – a 284-mile river flowing exclusively within Tennessee and recognized as one of the most aquatically diverse waterways in the nation. As the Duck River is also the drinking water source for more than 250,000 people in nine growing counties south of Nashville, EO 108 established the Duck River Watershed Planning Partnership and provided directives for TDEC, other agencies, and partners acting in the Duck River Watershed. Gov. Lee placed particular emphasis on regional approaches to water supply and the potential of identifying solutions for the Duck River to be a model for statewide water management and other watersheds in Tennessee.

[Executive Order No. 108](#) [Press Release](#) [Video](#)

Duck River Maps Members Meetings Resources Working Groups News Engagement Funding

Next: Aug 14

05-05-2025

03-04-2025

Thursday, August 14

TN Farm Bureau Columbia Office

Clyde York Conference Room
147 Bear Creek Pike
Columbia, TN 38401

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. CDT

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tn.gov/environment/duckriverpartnership

Online Community Survey

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COMMUNITY SURVEY

Take the [Duck River Community Survey](https://bit.ly/duckriver) at:

<https://bit.ly/duckriver>

Email at DuckRiver.Partnership@tn.gov

DRWPP Working Groups

DRWPP's three (3) Working Groups at work:

- **Regionalization** – Randal B.
- **Drought Management** – Amanda T.
- **Conservation/Water Loss Reduction/Community Engagement, Education & Outreach** – Grace S.

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Recognizing Commissioner Charlie Hatcher



Charlie Hatcher
Tennessee's Commissioner of Agriculture

UT Institute of Agriculture Features Commissioner

Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. was featured in the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture's 'Outstanding in Their Field' series. Dr. Hatcher talks about his farming roots, journey from veterinarian to commissioner, and passion for supporting Tennessee's agricultural community.



Charlie is a LifeSaver Too!



Upcoming Events

- “Hidden Rivers” Screening: Sat., Sept. 20 at Nat’l Wildlife Refuge Ctr
- TN Biodiversity Summit: Wed, Oct. 22 at MTSU
- **Next Planning Partnership Meeting: Tues, Nov. 4 at Fly Arts Center in Shelbyville**
- TN Nutrient Summit, Fri. Nov. 7 at TN Tech University
- DRA’s Duck River Symposium: Mon., Dec. 8 at HHSP

Others to note... suggestions from members

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