

WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
April 16, 2019

1. President Jerry Graham called the meeting of the West Cumberland Utility District Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were commissioners: Monte Garrett, Jesse Iles, Ed Anderson and Wayne Blankenship. Staff present: Field Manager Jammie Bowman and Office Manager Melissa Bryant.
  2. Visitors present were Eddie Barnwell, Carol Selby, Darrell Moore, Robert Mitchell, Susan Bowman, Eula Lemieux, & Lisa Patrick.
  3. There were no customer concerns.
  4. **MOTION: 4/16/19-01** Ed Anderson moved, seconded by Jesse Iles to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2019 Board Meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.
  5. **MOTION: 4/16/19-02** Ed Anderson moved, seconded by Wayne Blankenship to approve all financial statements for March. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
  - 6a. The Field Operation report was reviewed. A copy of this report is attached. All samples were negative. There were no new water taps installed. There were 15 disconnects; 1 was not reconnected.
  - 6b. The water loss of 20.46% was reported for March. A copy of this report is attached.
  - 6c. There were no leaks between February 16, 2019 and March 14, 2019.
- Old Business:
- 7a. There was a lengthy discussion about going forward with the service line contract. The board agreed that the utility should move forward because it is proven that the water loss is going down and saving the utility money. **MOTION: 4/16/19-03** Jesse Iles moved, seconded by Ed Anderson for Jerry Graham, Jammie Bowman and Monte Garrett to meet at their convenience and work out the conditions of the contract. All voted aye. Motion carried.
  - MOTION: 4/16/19-04** Jesse Iles moved, seconded by Wayne Blankenship to hold a special meeting on April 30, 2019 at 6 pm to discuss the contract for the service line project. All voted aye. Motion carried.
  8. **MOTION: 4/16/19-05** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Jesse Iles to hold a Budget meeting on May 17, 2019 at 8 am. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Jammie Bowman brought up the Cross-connection or Backflows that have to be tested in the system. Rick Mayberry has been testing them and Jammie got a call from Frank Brown at Uplands stating that he did not think anyone had been testing them and that they had hired an outside company to test theirs. Jammie asked the board if they should be charged since no one knows if they were actually tested. **MOTION: 4/16/19-06** Jesse Iles moved, seconded by Monte Garrett to not charge them for any of the backflow tests. All voted aye. Motion carried.

  
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Also, Jammie asked the board if he could go to training classes to get his license to test backflows.

**MOTION: 4/16/19-07** Wayne moved, seconded by Ed Anderson to send both field employees for backflow training and testing if they are willing to go. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor of Pleasant Hill Lisa Patrick asked Jerry Graham if he would like to report their discussion on the rumors about the utility. He asked her to give the report and she stated that the first rumor was the 9 year water purchase contract being extended to 20 years and Mr. Graham stated that was not true. Also, she asked him if talks of a merger were still considered and he stated no, that any discussion of a merger would have to be brought before the whole board of commissioners, that 1 commissioner cannot make any decisions outside of a meeting. Also he stated that if a merger with BonDeCroft were to be reconsidered that the Town of Pleasant Hill would be notified and our customers as well.

Monte Garrett brought up the rates and presented a new rate structure that could save all customers approximately \$7.00 each. The rate would be as follows:

Minimum charge to include	1,000 gallons	\$25.00
	1,001 – 2,000	\$12.13
	2,001 – 3,000	\$12.33
	3,001 – 4,000	\$12.84
	4,001 – 9,000	\$13.05
	9,001 and up	\$15.21

**MOTION: 4/16/19-08** Jesse Iles moved, seconded by Ed Anderson to table discussions on rate restructuring until the Budget Meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment.

**MOTION: 4/16/19-09** Jesse Iles moved, seconded by Ed Anderson that the meeting be adjourned. All voted Aye. Motion was carried.

President Graham adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be held on May 21, 2019 at 6 PM.

All correspondence and documentation mentioned in the minutes are attached records of the minutes.

The minutes above are approved by the following to be the official records of the West Cumberland Utility District Board of Commissioners meeting:

5-21-19  
Date approved

Jerry S. Graham  
JERRY GRAHAM, president

Ed Anderson  
ED ANDERSON, vice-president

Melissa Bryant  
MELISSA BRYANT, office manager

Wayne Blankenship  
WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, secretary/treasurer