

WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 19, 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: Jesse Iles, Ed Anderson Monte Garrett and Wayne Blankenship. Staff present: Field Manager Jammie Bowman and Office Manager Melissa Bryant.

2. Visitors present were Eric Thompson, Laura Williams, Penny Whaley, Eula Lemiux, Jeraldine Ziegele with Rural Solutions LLC, Lisa Patrick & Reni Riden.

3. There were no customer concerns. Jeraldine Ziegele with Rural Solutions LLC was present to answer any questions the board may have on putting a tower on the Pomona Tank for internet service in the area. The board asked what progress had been made. Ms. Ziegele stated that they would be doing beta testing in the next week to 10 days. **MOTION: 11/19/19-01** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Wayne Blankenship to move forward with negotiations with Rural Solutions LLC to install a tower on the Pomona Tank. All voted aye. Motion carried.

4. **MOTION: 11/19/19-02** Ed Anderson moved, seconded by Jesse Iles to approve the Minutes of October 15, 2019 Board Meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

5. **MOTION: 11/19/19-03** Ed Anderson moved, seconded by Jesse Iles to approve all financial statements for October. 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 8 disconnects; 2 were not reconnected.

6b. The water loss of 25.01% was reported for October. A copy of this report is attached.

6c. There were 2 leaks between September 14, 2019 and October 15, 2019.

Bell Road was discussed, and the plans have been sent in to the state for approval. Bids can be obtained after the plans have been approved. An estimate was obtained from Wilson Paving for Bell Rd for \$30,000.

Other Business:

7a. The service line replacement project was discussed and it was stated that approximately 275 services have been replaced. Jammie brought up that 1 service on Glade Creek Rd had to be bored again to get it across the road. Monte asked if there would be an extra charge for that and Jammie stated that he didn't think there would be but we would have to wait until after we get the bill.

Melissa brought up new computers for the office, there weren't any cheaper prices due to shipping fees if bought from someone else. **MOTION: 11/19/19-04** Jesse Iles moved, seconded by Ed Anderson to purchase 2 new computers for \$7,000. All voted aye. Motion carried.



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The truck was discussed and Jammie verbally gave the board prices he had obtained. Monte asked if he could get prices separate from the utility bed and present at the next board meeting in December.

The HR committee was discussed and an email was presented that was received from Don Scholes, TAUD attorney, and in his email stated that 2 commissioners could not meet with out having a public meeting. **MOTION: 11/19/19-05** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Jesse Iles to rescind the motion to create the HR committee. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The roof in the kitchen is leaking, Eric said he knew someone that could look at it and give a price to fix. The board agreed that would be good.

9. Adjournment.

MOTION: 11/19/19-06 Jesse Iles moved, seconded by Wayne Blankenship that the meeting be adjourned. All voted Aye. Motion was carried.

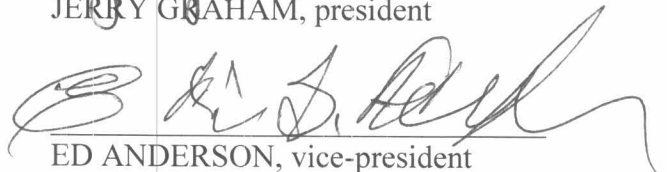
President Graham adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

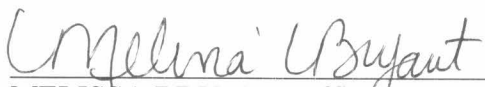
The next Board Meeting will be held on December 17, 2019 at 6 PM.
All correspondence and documentation mentioned in the minutes are attached records of the minutes.


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

12-17-19
Date approved


JERRY GRAHAM, president


ED ANDERSON, vice-president


MELISSA BRYANT, office manager


WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, secretary/treasurer