

WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING

August 6, 2020

President Monte Garrett called the meeting of the West Cumberland Utility District Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were commissioners: Wayne Blankenship, Jesse Iles & Ed Anderson. General Manager Melissa Bryant. Ed Pugh was absent.

Visitors present were Rob Kimbro and Oliver Ferrell.

Melissa reported to the board that the utility had been served with a civil summons from Ronnie Hargis for \$18,135.50 for damages to a house on Sandy Creek Rd. The service line to the house was replaced on 1/6/2020 and the water was turned back on to the house by Ironwood Construction crew (also named in the summons) and the pipes froze and busted on 1/21/2020. The water meter was locked when the previous owner lived there on 11/26/18 and the lock was removed by the property owner on 12/18/18 and water was stolen. If the lock had not been removed Ironwood crew would not have turned the water back on when the service line was replaced. The reason for the meeting was to decide if the insurance policy should be used or an attorney hired.

MOTION: 8/6/20-01 Jesse Iles moved, seconded by Wayne Blankenship to hire an attorney. All voted aye. Motion carried. The board agreed to hire Will Ridley, because he has dealt with utility law and is the City of Crossville's attorney.

Will's fee for General Session court is \$1500 and if we have to go to Circuit court his fees are \$3500 plus \$200 per hour. Rob Kimbro with Ironwood stated that he would be willing to pay half of the attorney fees.

MOTION: 8/6/20-02 Ed Anderson moved, seconded by Jesse Iles to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

President Garrett adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm.

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

8/18/2020

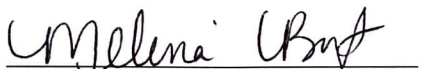
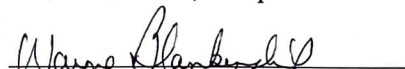
Date approved



MONTE GARRETT, president



ED ANDERSON, vice-president


MELISSA BRYANT, general manager
WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, secretary/treasurer