

WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING
May 13, 2022

President Jesse Iles called the meeting of the West Cumberland Utility District Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Present were commissioners: Monte Garrett, Wayne Blankenship, Ed Pugh & Darrell Moore. General Manager Melissa Bryant. Field Supervisor Clayton Tanner and Field worker Ronnie Kennedy.

There were no visitors present.

Several budget items were discussed, including Tap fees, connections fee, Clayton Tanners resignation and Depreciation amounts to be deposited.

The board agreed to increase tap fees to \$1300 based on Melissas' recommendation.

Also to change the \$150 renter fee from being non-refundable to being refundable when the customer has service disconnected and the amount applied to their last bill.

The depreciation amount being deposited into the account at this time is \$25,000 and Melissa suggested that it continue to be that amount until the end of this year and for the 1st 6 months of 2023 to reduce it to \$18,000 so as not to deplete the general fund.

Clayton Tanner turned in his resignation effective May 20, 2022. The board discussed putting Ronnie Kennedy into his position as field supervisor. **MOTION: 5/13/22-01** Darrell Moore moved, seconded by Ed Pugh to put Ronnie into the field supervisor position at \$20.21 per hour effective May 20, 2022 and he will have 6 months to obtain his CDL license. And to also make the pay upgrades as follows: .50 cents for CDL, \$1.00 for Distribution License and .50 cents for Backflow license to be put into the employee handbook. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Monte Garrett brought up that the cost of fuel is very high right now and to recover some of the cost the utility needed to implement a fuel surcharge. **MOTION: 5/13/22-02** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Wayne Blankenship to add a \$15.00 surcharge to reconnect fees, connection fees, transfer fees and after-hours call-outs effective immediately as long as gas prices are above \$3.50 per gallon, when gas prices drop the surcharge is to be removed. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION: 5/13/22-03 Monte Garret moved to increase the retirement contribution for employees to 5%. Motion dies for lack of a second.

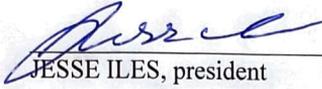
MOTION: 5/13/22-04 Darrell Moore moved, seconded by Ed Pugh to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

President Iles adjourned the meeting at 9:42 am.

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

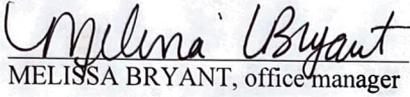
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Date approved


JESSE ILES, president



ED PUGH, vice-president


MELISSA BRYANT, office manager


WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, secretary/treasurer