

WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
March 21, 2023

1. President Jesse Iles called the meeting of the West Cumberland Utility District Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were commissioners: Monte Garrett, Darrell Moore, Ed Pugh and Wayne Blankenship. Staff present: General Manager Melissa Bryant and Ronnie Kennedy Field Supervisor.

The meeting in February was cancelled due to illness.

2. Commissioner Election results: Wayne Blankenship – 65, Brad Brown – 41, Monte Garrett – 66 and Paul Royko – 11

3. Visitors present were Sheila Barnwell, Penny Whaley & Eula Lemieux.

4. Sheila Barnwell explained to the board that her bill in February was high and she thought there must be something wrong with her meter and commissioners explained to her that she probably had a leaky toilet.

5. **MOTION: 3/21/23-01** Darrell Moore moved, seconded by Monte Garrett to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2023 Board Meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

6a. **MOTION: 3/21/23-02** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Ed Pugh to approve the financial statements for January & February. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

6b. The Field Operation report for January & February was reviewed. A copy of this report is attached. January all samples were negative. There was 1 new water tap installed. There was 15 disconnected; 4 were not reconnected. February all samples were negative. There were 5 new water taps installed. There was 14 disconnected; 1 was not reconnected.

6c. The water loss of 14.22% was reported for January. The water loss of 20.05% was reported for February. A copy of this report is attached.

6d. There were 2 leak repairs between December 16, 2022 and February 15, 2023.

Other Business:

7. Melissa reported to the board that the Pleasant Hill tank is not eligible for ARP money and the cost is approximately \$50,000 and would have to be paid for by the utility. The money that was earmarked for that would be put into line replacements.

The contract with Hopper Excavating is up on March 22, 2023 and Melissa asked that it be extended 2 years and add a 12% inflation cost which is in accordance with the CPI for the last 2 years. **MOTION: 3/21/23-03** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Darrell Moore to approve to extend the contract 2 years with an increase of 12% to all line items. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Melissa also asked if the board would consider selling the Cowpen Tank to the property owners that own the property surrounding the tank. **MOTION 3/21/23-04** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Ed Pugh to offer to sell the Cowpen tank and property to the property owners that own the property surrounding the tank for \$1500 or best offer and for them to sign saying they are accepting responsibility for the tank. All voted aye. Motion carried.

  
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Also, Melissa reported that the computer billing software would have to be upgraded in the next budget year.

The Cumberland Plateau Water Authority will have another meeting April 3, 2023 at 6 pm at CMC.

**MOTION: 3/21/23-05** Ed Pugh moved, seconded by Wayne Blankenship to place Jesse Iles – President, Monte Garrett - Vice President, Wayne Blankenship - Secretary. Monte & Jesse abstained from voting and the rest voted aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed increasing the commissioner pay from \$100 to \$200 per month. **MOTION: 3/21/23-06** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Ed Pugh to increase commissioner pay from \$100 to \$200 per month effective April 2023. Wayne abstained; the rest voted aye. Motion carried.

8. Adjournment.

**MOTION: 3/21/23-07** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Darrell Moore that the meeting be adjourned. All voted aye. Motion was carried.

President Iles adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

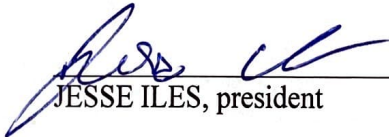
The next Board Meeting will be held on April 18, 2023 at 6 PM.

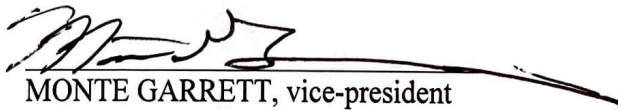
All correspondence and documentation mentioned in the minutes are attached records of the minutes.

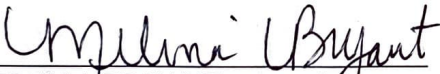
minutes above are approved by the following to be the official records of the West Cumberland Utility District Board of Commissioners meeting:

4-18-23

Date approved

  
JESSE ILES, president

  
MONTE GARRETT, vice-president

  
MELISSA BRYANT, general manager

  
WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, secretary/treasurer