

WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
April 15, 2025

1. President Monte Garrett called the meeting of the West Cumberland Utility District Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6 PM. Present were commissioners: Brad Brown, Ed Barnwell & Wayne Blankenship. Staff present: General Manager Melissa Bryant and Field Supervisor Ronnie Kennedy. Jesse Iles was absent.
2. Visitors present were Norma Ashburn, Hailey Tanner, Jason Vaughn and property owners from Mayland Rd, Matthew Tucker - James C Hailey Engineering and Reni Riden.
3. Ed Barnwell was sworn in prior to the start of the meeting. The Election results were 2 votes for Ed Barnwell, he was the only candidate on the ballot.
4. Norma Ashburn requested more time to purchase a water tap for 437 Claysville Rd because she has 2 houses on the same meter, and she was sent a letter saying that she would need to purchase another meter. **MOTION: 4/15/25-01** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Brad Brown, to allow Ms. Ashburn 3 more months to purchase a water meter for her other residence. If she is not compliant the water will be disconnected until the tap is paid for. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Jason Vaughn asked the board if he could extend the waterline on Mayland Rd, the line ends and there are 3 water meters at the end of the line that are not in front of the property that they go to. The board stated that he would need to come up with the footage for the line and the utility could get a materials list for what it would cost. And they also stated that the line would have to be installed according to the utility's specifications.

- 7a. The bids for the tank project were discussed at this time, Matthew Tucker presented the board with a recommendation for the award of the bid. **MOTION: 4/15/25-02** Brad Brown moved, seconded by Monte Garrett to award the bid to G&L Sandblasting & Coatings, LLC, for \$510,820.00. All voted aye. Motion carried.
5. **MOTION: 4/15/25-03** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Brad Brown, to approve the Minutes of March 18, 2025, Board Meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- 6a. **MOTION: 4/15/25-04** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Wayne Blankenship, to approve the financial statements for March. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
- 6b. The Field Operation report for March has been reviewed. A copy of this report is attached. All samples were negative. There were 3 new water taps installed. There were 6 disconnects. 4 were not reconnected.
- 6c. A water loss of 11.76% was reported in March. A copy of this report is attached.
- 6d. There were 2 leaks repaired between February 14, 2025, and March 13, 2025.

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Other Business:

7b. Melissa presented the board with a copy of increase on the rate from Bondecroft U D. The new rate is 4.40/1,000 gallons, which is an increase of .35/1,000 gallons. Chad with BDC said if the board would like to discuss the way the rates are calculated to let him know and they would try to schedule a meeting. The WCUD board agreed they would like to set up a meeting with them to discuss the rate.

Melissa stated that the board also needed to schedule a budget meeting, the board agreed to hold a budget meeting on April 29, 2025, at 6 pm.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: 4/15/25-05 Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Brad Brown, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted aye. Motion was carried.

President Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be held on May 20, 2025, 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:

5/20/25

Date approved



MONTE GARRETT, president

Jesse Iles
JESSE ILES, vice-president

Wayne Blankenship
WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, secretary/treasurer

Melissa Bryant
MELISSA BRYANT, general manager