

WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
March 18, 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, Darrell Moore & Wayne Blankenship. Staff present: General Manager Melissa Bryant and Field Supervisor Ronnie Kennedy. Jesse Iles was absent.

2. Visitors present were Reni Riden and Jeff Dyer, CPWA.

3. Mr. Dyer gave the board updates on how things are progressing with the CPWA. He has been to meetings with TDEC, and they have stated that there will be no funding available for water infrastructure needs unless it is for a regional solution for water supply. Also, he has a meeting with the City of Crossville this week to discuss logistics to work together to resolve the water supply issues on the Cumberland Plateau.

4. **MOTION: 3/18/25-01** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Wayne Blankenship, to approve the Minutes of February 18, 2025 Board Meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

5a. **MOTION: 3/18/25-02** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Darrell Moore, to approve the financial statements for February. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

5b. The Field Operation report for February has been reviewed. A copy of this report is attached. All samples were negative. There were 2 new water taps installed. There were 15 disconnects. 2 were not reconnected.

5c. A water loss of 15.22% was reported in February. A copy of this report is attached.

5d. There were 2 leaks repaired between January 16, 2025 and February 13, 2025.

Other Business:

6a. Melissa reported to the board that there will be a bid opening on the tank rehabilitation project on April 8, 2025 at 2 pm. The bid will be awarded at the regular board meeting on April 15, 2025 at 6 pm.

Melissa also requested that Good Friday be added to the employees' holiday list.

MOTION: 3/18/25-03 Brad Brown moved, seconded by Darrell Moore to approve to add Good Friday to the employee holiday list. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Also, the electronic parts to the new meters have not been received and the field employees are reading over 400 meters by hand and Ronnie requested that the utility hire a part-time temporary employee for \$20 per hour to help get caught up once the parts are received. **MOTION: 3/18/25-04** Darrell Moore moved, seconded by Brad Brown, to hire a temporary part-time employee to get caught up on meter installations. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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