

WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
August 26, 2025

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

2. Visitors present were Rusty Vollmer, Jason Vaughn, Jim Hawbaker, Brian Dowdey, Genetta Iles, Matthew Tucker, Reni Riden, Crossville City Mayor RJ Crawford and Jeff Dyer with the CPWA.

3. Rusty Vollmer requested a line extension for Mayland Rd, 1200 feet from WCUD's existing waterline. **MOTION: 8/26/25-01** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Wayne Blankenship to approve a line extension of 1200 feet of 6" pvc from the end of our existing waterline on Mayland Rd installed by WCUD specifications with the utility supplying the 6" pvc pipe and Rusty Vollmer will be responsible for all other materials and the installation of the waterline. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Jim Hawbaker requested a line extension on Everett Lane off Glade Creek Rd to put in some rental units. The board stated that he would need to install a 2" waterline and the utility would need an easement to service the waterline since it is on private property. Also, he would need to sign a developer's agreement. Melissa will get with him and work out the details.

Tim Carroll requested to put in a valve at the end of his development on Chardon Ave off Meadows Rd for future development to be able to connect to the end of the line. **Motion: 8/26/25-02** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Wayne Blankenship to approve for Mr. Carroll to put in a valve and a 20 ft piece of 6" pvc according to WCUD specifications. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Jeff Dyer with the CPWA came to give the board information on the meeting he had with TDEC and the Army Corp of Engineers. They are going to begin a study on the best option for our region. They want to know who is going to be in the authority and who isn't. There was a very lengthy discussion on the best option for WCUD – to start the process of negotiating with the CPWA for what the best option for everyone would be – customers, employees, etc. or not start the process. **MOTION: 8/26/25-03** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Brad Brown to start the process of negotiating to join the CPWA. Monte Garrett, Ed Barnwell and Jesse Iles voted nay. Motion failed.

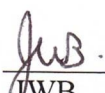
The ARP project was discussed, and no bids were received at the bid opening on August 21, 2025. Matthew Tucker stated that he had made several calls to find out what our options are, but he hasn't heard anything yet. We could either rebid or solicit contractors for the work. **MOTION: 8/26/25-04** Jesse Iles moved, seconded by Brad Brown, to allow Melissa and Matthew to proceed with TDEC's decision. All voted aye. Motion carried.

4. **MOTION: 8/26/25-05** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Jesse Iles, to approve the Minutes of July 15, 2025, Board Meeting and July 31, 2025, Called Meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

5a. **MOTION: 8/26/25-06** Jesse Iles moved, seconded by Brad Brown, to approve the financial statements for July. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

  
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5b. The Field Operation report for July has been reviewed. A copy of this report is attached. All samples were negative. There was 6 new water taps installed. There were 8 disconnects. 4 were not reconnected.

5c. A water loss of 12.68% was reported in July. A copy of this report is attached.

5d. There was 1 leak repaired between June 17, 2025 and July 15, 2025.

Other Business:

Melissa asked the commissioners who wanted to attend the commissioners conference in Gatlinburg in October. Wayne, Jesse and Brad stated they would like to attend.

7. Adjournment.

**MOTION: 8/26/25-07** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Ed Barnwell, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted aye. Motion was carried.


President Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be held on September 16, 2025, at 6 PM.

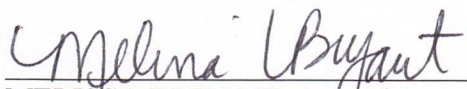
All correspondence and documentation mentioned in the minutes are attached records of the minutes.

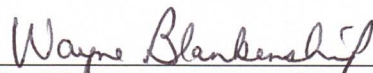
The minutes above are approved by the following to be the official records of the West Cumberland Utility District Board of Commissioners meeting:

9/16/2025  
Date approved

  
BRAD BROWN, president

  
JESSE ILES, vice-president

  
MELISSA BRYANT, general manager

  
WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, secretary/treasurer