

WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
July 15, 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 Ross Colona with the Comptroller's office and Jeff Dyer with the CPWA.
3. Tim Carroll has a subdivision that has a water line in the ground that was installed in the 1970's. The waterline has never been online or used. There was some discussion on who's responsible for the cost of disinfection and pressure testing the waterline. Monte Garrett stated that since it is attached to the water system it is the utilities responsibility.
4. **MOTION: 7/15/25-01** Brad Brown moved, seconded by Monte Garrett, to approve the Minutes of June 17, 2025, Board Meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- 5a. **MOTION: 7/15/25-02** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Jesse Iles, to approve the financial statements for June. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
- 5b. The Field Operation report for June has been reviewed. A copy of this report is attached. All samples were negative. There was 1 new water tap installed. There were 16 disconnects. 4 were not reconnected.
- 5c. A water loss of 13.64% was reported in June. A copy of this report is attached.
- 5d. There was 1 leak repaired between May 16, 2025 and June 16, 2025.

Other Business:

Ross Colona with the State of Tennessee comptrollers' office addressed the board about the integration of the utility into the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority (CPWA). He stated the benefits of joining are combined resources of all utilities operating as one, the potential for lower water rates, a long-term future source of water supply for the entire region. All utilities combined would have the same goal of finding a long-term source of water for future generations. Commissioners had questions as to what that water source would be, and Jeff Dyer stated that he is meeting with the Army Corp of engineers and TDEC to discuss a water feasibility study to determine the best option. Commissioners also stated concerns of high water rates to the customers, because the cost to implement a new water source could be substantial. Mr. Colona stated that his job is to be an advocate for rate payers. Mr. Colona encouraged the board to decide in the next month on how they would like to proceed with starting the process of joining the water authority or not doing anything.

Wayne Blankenship asked the board if they were going to discuss the CPWA integration and Monte Garrett stated that we needed to find out if the Bondecroft contract could legally be transferred over to the CPWA. Melissa will contact Don Scholes with TAUD and find out.

  
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Melissa also informed the board that there will be a pre-construction meeting on July 17, 2025 at 10 am for the water tank rehabilitation project. A bid opening for the waterline replacement project on July 29, 2025 at 11 am and a bid award on July 31, 2025 at 6 pm.

7. Adjournment.

**MOTION: 7/15/25-03** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Jesse Iles, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted aye. Motion was carried.

President Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be held on August 19, 2025, at 6 PM.

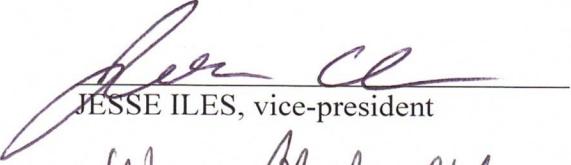
All correspondence and documentation mentioned in the minutes are attached records of the minutes.

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

8/26/2025

Date approved

  
BRAD BROWN, president

  
JESSE ILES, vice-president

  
WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, secretary/treasurer

Melissa Bryant  
MELISSA BRYANT, general manager