

WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
September 16, 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 Rob Harrison, Brian & Mandy Dowdy, John Williams, Genetta Iles, Dorothy Hayes, Jeff Dyer, Reni Riden, Susan McCullough, Jake Almond and Matthew Tucker. Others were present but didn't sign in.

3. There were no customer comments at this time.

6a. The ARP project was discussed, and a bid tab sheet was presented along with a recommendation letter from Matthew Tucker with JC Hailey Engineering. **MOTION: 9/16/25-01** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Brad Brown to award Contract 224Rebid to Hopper Excavating LLC in the amount of \$1,170,380.00. Monte abstained due to conflict of interest with contractors, the rest voted aye. Motion carried.

6b. Jeff Dyer was present to answer any questions on a potential merger with CPWA **MOTION: 9/16/25-02** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Brad Brown to move forward with step 1 of creating a resolution to outline a potential merger with CPWA. Ed, Wayne and Brad voted aye. Monte Garrett and Jesse Iles voted nay. Motion carried.

MOTION: 9/16/25-03 Jesse Iles moved, seconded by Eddie Barnwell, to explore a merger with the City of Crossville or Bondecroft UD. Monte, Jesse and Ed voted aye. Wayne & Brad voted nay. Motion carried.

There was discussion from Gary Brittain on possibly extending a waterline off Taylors Chapel Rd on Bowater Rd for 9 large lots of 60 plus acres. The board agreed for Melissa to get a price on materials and get back to Mr. Brittain with a cost estimate.

4. **MOTION: 9/16/25-04** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Jesse Iles, to approve the Minutes of August 26, 2025, Board Meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

5a. **MOTION: 9/16/25-05** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Jesse Iles, to approve the financial statements for August. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

5b. The Field Operation report for August has been reviewed. A copy of this report is attached. All samples were negative. There were 4 new water taps installed. There were 19 disconnects. 6 were not reconnected.

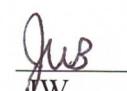
5c. A water loss of 14.21% was reported in August. A copy of this report is attached.

5d. There were no leaks repaired between July 16, 2025, and August 14, 2025.

Jeff Dyer suggested the board give Melissa authority to hire an attorney to start creating the resolution for negotiations. **MOTION: 9/16/25-06** Brad Brown moved, seconded by Jesse Iles, to authorize Melissa to hire Randy York and work with him to create a resolution for negotiations. All voted aye. Motion carried.


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Other Business:

There was no other business discussed.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: 9/16/25-07 Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Brad Brown, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted aye. Motion was carried.

President Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be held on October 21, 2025, at 6 PM.

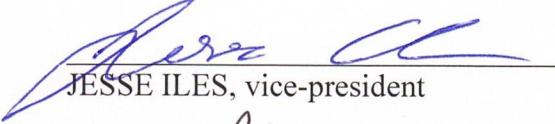
All correspondence and documentation mentioned in the minutes are attached records of the minutes.

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

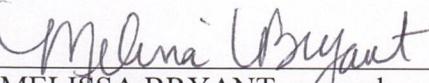
10-21-2025

Date approved


BRAD BROWN, president


JESSE ILES, vice-president


WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, secretary/treasurer


MELISSA BRYANT

general manager