

WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
October 21, 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.

2. Visitors present were Mike Moser, Missy Sliger, Rachel Medley, Joedie Brown, Derrick Williams, Darrell Moore, Randy York, Jeff Dyer, Carol Blaylock, Michael Blaylock, Mark Wright, Kolby Young, Reni Riden, Cheryl Kennedy, Gerrica Perdue, Ryan Selby, Missy Selby, Dorothy Hayes, Genetta Iles, Gary Molthen, Mandy Dowdy, Porter Iles, Charlie Mitchell, Matt Garrett, Raymond Parsons, Tony Page, Charlie Threet, Rhonda Selby, Vaughn Seagraves. Others were present but didn't sign in.

3. Gary Molthen inquired about extending the waterline on the corner of POW and Earl Jones Rd, he stated that it would be approximately 325 feet for 3 water taps. Melissa stated that he could purchase 3 taps to be set at the road and not have to extend the waterline. He stated that he would do that.

4. **MOTION: 10/21/25-01** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Brad Brown, to approve the Minutes of September 16, 2025, Board Meeting and October 9, 2025 Work Session. All voted aye. Motion carried.

5a. **MOTION: 10/21/25-02** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Jesse Iles, to approve the financial statements for September. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

5b. The Field Operation report for September has been reviewed. A copy of this report is attached. All samples were negative. There were 4 new water taps installed. There were 11 disconnects. 2 were not reconnected.

5c. A water loss of 12.35% was reported for September. A copy of this report is attached.

5d. There was 1 leak repaired between August 15, 2025 and September 12, 2025.

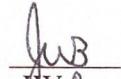
Melissa requested that the board allow her to purchase 400 more meters to complete the change over to cellular meters. The cost would be approximately \$92,000. **MOTION: 10/21/25-03** Jesse Iles moved, seconded by Wayne Blankenship. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The resolution to merge with CPWA was discussed with Jeff Dyer proposing a 5% reduction in customer water rates and increase in pay and benefits for the employees and to pay off the debt that WCUD currently has. Randy York went over the process to join, and paperwork involved in completing the process. There was considerable discussion about the effects on WCUD. Many customers attended and spoke in favor of the merger.

**MOTION: 10/21/25-04** Monte Garrett moved, seconded by Ed Barnwell, to take the information from CPWA and look over it for 90 days and to go to the City of Crossville and Bondecroft UD to see if either of them could present proposals to merge to compare with the proposal from CPWA. And to make a decision by the January 2026 Board Meeting. Monte, Jesse and Ed voted aye. Brad and Wayne voted nay. Motion carried.

  
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**MOTION: 10/21/25-05** Brad Brown moved to nominate Wayne Blankenship to be the spokesperson to approach the City and Bondecroft. Motion dies for lack of a second.

**MOTION: 10/21/25-06** Brad Brown moved, seconded by Monte Garrett for Melissa to prepare a letter to send to the City of Crossville Mayor, Councilmen and City Manager, Bondecroft Manager and commissioners to request a proposal for merger. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Other Business:

There was no other business discussed.

7. Adjournment.

**MOTION: 10/21/25-07** Wayne Blankenship moved, seconded by Jesse Iles, that the meeting be adjourned. All voted aye. Motion was carried.

President Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be held on November 18, 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:

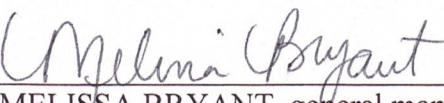
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Date approved

  
BRAD BROWN, president

  
JESSE ILES, vice-president

  
WAYNE BLANKENSHIP, secretary/treasurer

  
MELISSA BRYANT, general manager