

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Wise County Public Service Authority held its regular monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the PSA Board Room in Norton. Chairman, Ralph Gilley, called the regular monthly meeting to order and the Director, Cody McElroy, called roll.

Members Present:

Ralph Gilley, Chairman
Fred Luntsford, Vice-Chairman
JH Rivers
Hibert Tackett, Jr.
Robby Robbins
Worley Smith
Ruthie Rainey via telephone

Absent:

Bob Adkins

Also Present:

Cody McElroy, Executive Director
Elaine Minor, Recording Secretary
Will Sturgill, Wise County PSA Attorney

PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, and seconded by Worley Smith, to approve the agenda, with exception of adding, under Board Action Items, Authorization to advertise RFP for Pound Interceptor Project. The vote was as follows.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ralph Gilley Fred Luntsford JH Rivers Hibert Tackett, Jr. Robby Robbins Ruthie Rainey Worley Smith			Bob Adkins

The motion was passed.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Mayor Carson of Pound addressed the Board regarding questions she had from the Town’s perspective. Per Chairman Gilley’s direction, she will email all questions to Director Cody McElroy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Worley Smith, and seconded by JH Rivers, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022, meeting as presented. The vote was as follows.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ralph Gilley			Bob Adkins
Fred Luntsford			
JH Rivers			
Hibert Tackett, Jr.			
Robby Robbins			
Ruthie Rainey			
Worley Smith			

The motion was passed.

PROJECT UPDATES

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates on behalf of T&L.

Airport Hollow Pump Station Replacement

The loan has been closed. Construction should begin in April.

Hamilton Town Sewer Extension

Working on final funds and received last Block Grant Fund. Will be applying to DEQ for the remaining funds needed.

Lower Bold Camp Sewer Replacement

At DEQ for their review and approval.

Pound WWTP Upgrades

Engineer is making changes before submitting back to DEQ.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates on behalf of Lane Group.

Banner Sewer

Still on hold waiting on some funding.

Glamorgan Sewer

We did receive \$500,000 from ARC moved over from Lee County Project and a little more from Lenowisco. Hoping DEQ will provide the remaining \$75,000 to \$85,000 funding for this project.

Upper Guest River Sewer Phase I

The Environmental Report has been approved and the PER is wrapping up as well. We will be submitting for funding in the next couple of months.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for PSA projects.

Bear Creek Community Water Project

This is near the cemetery in Ramsey with around 20 homes. We worked with Virginia Tech public health folks back in November and did some well testing. Some of the tests came back showing the need for public water extension. An ARC application was submitted for around \$600,000. About 11 of the homes were interested in participating. This would be a small extension off our system.

Family Crisis Center Utilities

\$1 million dollars of funding has been awarded from DHCD to move the homeless shelter beside the CAVE church and the PSA would be servicing them water and sewer. This project would be designed in-house over the next few months.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

With the pending funding for the Pound River Interceptor Project, we need to procure engineering separate from our GES due to the amount of the contract and work involved. The project is replacing the main trunk line in Pound that is in the river all the way down to the pump station near the sewer plant. This would be advertised for 30 days per the funding requirement.

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, and seconded by Worley Smith, to approve the PSA to authorize the Request for Proposal to procure engineering services for the Pound River Interceptor Project. The vote was as follows.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent Bob Adkins
Ralph Gilley			
Fred Luntsford			
JH Rivers			
Hibert Tackett, Jr.			
Robby Robbins			
Ruthie Rainey			
Worley Smith			

The motion was passed.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

ARPA Update

The PSA received \$66,674.65 in ARPA Utility Relief Funds in late November 2021. We received the funds from the County in mid-January. Those funds were prorated across all outstanding balances of customers from March 2020 to August 31, 2021. The funds were able to pay towards 92% of each of the 173 customers outstanding balances that qualified.

The County has shared their ARPA local funding plan, and it includes zero funding for the PSA to receive. The PSA requested, through formal application, just under \$1.8 million split into two (2) priorities. Priority 1 funding totaled \$928,675 and Priority 2 totaled \$815,826.95.

The items on this list are items which need to occur for maintenance of operations and without the ARPA funding, they will be funded through customer rates which may include increases to cover expenses in future budgets

FY23 Budget Planning

Our typical budget calendar is to present the proposed budget in April, then hold the public hearing and adoption of the budget in May.

FINANCIALS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Fred Luntsford wanted to welcome Mayor Carson of Pound and extend our welcome mat. Also wanted her to know he would do what he could do to assist her.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, and seconded by Robby Robbins, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The vote was as follows.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ralph Gilley Fred Luntsford JH Rivers Hibert Tackett, Jr. Robby Robbins Ruthie Rainey Worley Smith			Bob Adkins

The motion was passed.

ATTEST:

Wise County Public Service Authority



Director



Chairman