

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The Wise County Public Service Authority held its regular monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 09, 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.  
Bob Adkins  
Worley Smith

***Absent:***

Robby Robbins  
Ruthie Rainey

***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 Worley Smith, and seconded by Ralph Gilley, to approve the agenda as presented. The vote was as follows.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
			Robby Robbins Ruthie Rainey

Ralph Gilley  
Fred Luntsford  
JH Rivers  
Hibert Tackett, Jr.  
Bob Adkins  
Worley Smith

The motion was passed.

**PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

Walter Crouse, living at 6855 Hurricane Road, Wise, Virginia spoke.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by JH Rivers, and seconded by Fred Luntsford, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022, meeting as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

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

***Airport Hollow Pump Station***

Pump station has been started and going well, project is closing, and we are waiting on the final pay app from the contractor and end of project paperwork. Should be closed out within a month.

***Hamilton Town Sewer Extension***

Have received the executed contracts back from DHCD. We are waiting on DHCD to give us a wage decision for the Davis Bacon application and as soon as we have that back we can advertise the project for construction. This is a 13 connection project that is an extension of the Hamilton Town project. Should be able to advertise by September.

***Lower Bold Camp***

Waiting on the Environmental Permit to be reissued due to it expiring during the time we took over Pound.

**Pound Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades**

Engineer should get comments back from DEQ soon.

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

**Banner Sewer**

Waiting on the ARPA funds applications for DEQ to open and they will not be due till December 15<sup>th</sup> and will be reviewed for a couple of months.

**Glamorgan Sewer**

Waiting an environmental clearance from Richmond's DEQ headquarters. Once we receive this it will be ready for bids.

**Upper Guest River Sewer Phase I**

An application was submitted in July to DEQ for regular application funds and will submit for ARPA funding in December. This project will be around 25 connections that extends off Rock Switch Road up toward the Union Hall section of Guest River.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for Mattern & Craig project

**Pound River Interceptor**

Waiting on a contract to come from DHCD to Mr. Hatfield. They have approved us for about \$500,000 of the funds to get started on design and environmental work. The project cannot move forward until we deal with the environmental concerns in the Pound River with endangered species.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for PSA projects

**Family Crisis Utilities**

All easements have been secured. The Town of Wise gave us an easement after their July meeting to tie in with the main system. Waiting on DHCD to sign contract and then the project will be bid.

## **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

### **DIRECTOR'S ITEMS**

#### **NWRA Water Pro Conference – September 26th-29th**

The National Rural Water Association's Water Pro Conference is scheduled for September 26th-29th in National Harbor, MD if any members of the Board are interested in attending.

#### **Pound Update**

In last conversations with DEQ, they are hopeful we will be able to apply for the set-aside ARPA funds for Pound projects in August. Also, the funds should be available in early 2023 to spend. We are working diligently with their staff to expedite this process as we know prices are changing daily and the systems continue to deteriorate.

On July 28th, it was estimated 6" of rain hit Pound in 12 hours. We escaped relatively unharmed with a few service lines broken, a 4" line separated, some pipes exposed from washed out roads/banks, and our fence line at the sewer plant eroded. We implemented a Boil Water Advisory for Bold Camp and Mill Creek due to loss of pressure in those systems and the advisory was lifted when we received good test results. We are tracking damages, man-hours, and expenses in the event we are reimbursed through FEMA.

### **FINANCIALS**

None

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

JH Rivers stated he was in a workshop with Fire and Rescue and they had concerns about the PSA testing and flushing the fire hydrants which kept them from presenting an annual report. Director Cody McElroy told him the PSA does not test every hydrant every year due to manpower. The PSA is in the process of launching a hydrant flushing program with a new software to be more proactive.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, and seconded by Worley Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. The vote was as follows.

Ayes

Nays

Abstain

Absent

Robby Robbins

Ruthie Rainey

Ralph Gilley  
Fred Luntsford  
JH Rivers  
Hibert Tackett, Jr.  
Bob Adkins  
Worley Smith

The motion was passed.

ATTEST:

Wise County Public Service Authority



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Director



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Chairman