

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Wise County Public Service Authority held its regular monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:01 p.m. Chairman, Ralph Gilley, called the regular monthly meeting to order and the Director, Cody McElroy, called roll.

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Also Present:

Cody McElroy, Executive Director
Chelsie Hall, 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 as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Roy Boatright, 4555 Boatright Rd Coeburn, addressed the board regarding a potential connection to the PSA water.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, and seconded by Ruthie Rainey, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023, meeting as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

Pound I/I Projects

This project is continuing with design. We should have preliminary designs next month to review.

Lower Bold Camp

The time of year constriction for the Big Sandy Cray Fish has been hit so this project will be on hold. The contractor has left the site and construction should restart September 11, 2023 to do more work.

Pound WWTP Upgrades

This project is underway. The Notice to Proceed was signed July 10. The sludge drying beds are in the process of being demolished. The new building should start going up in the next few weeks.

Fred Luntsford asked about the grant that we were applying for in regard to pound and where we were at with those funds. Cody McElroy stated that this would be related to the Pound System Wide Improvements 2023 project with The Lane Group. It is funding provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development. We received \$2,500,000.00 for sewer last year and this is equivalent to \$3,000,000.00 for water to replace lines between the Old Indian Creek and Route 83 area in Pound.

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

Banner Sewer

Chairman Ralph Gilley and Director Cody McElroy met with the town 2 weeks ago with the new Mayor and the town manager about their sewer projects. They are looking at the funding with their projects which our Banner Project will tie into. There are two support resolution for this also.

Pound WTP Improvements

We have the final design comments and there are some adjustments to the site grading. We hope to submit to the Health Department in the next couple weeks. Hopefully we can get this up for bid soon.

Pound System-Wide Improvements 2023

This includes Old Indian Creek and State Route 82 and some of US 23 water line replacement. As of now we are losing about 75% of the water. We hope to get those lines replaced to cut down on the loss of water in that area. It will be finishing preliminary design and hopefully go up for bid in the late winter or early spring.

Chairman Ralph Gilley asked if this would help with the Kentucky side that we have talked about covering in relation to the Pound System-Wide Improvements 2023 Project. Cody McElroy stated that it would and that we hope to expand that system some and that the water loss would have to be taken care of beforehand.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for Mattern & Craig

Pound River Interceptor

We are awaiting the environmental report from the consultant and that should be received any day now. We would then be able to apply for the permits to do the stream crossings. The easements are almost ready to start being compiled. There are 101 easements for this project.

St. Paul Interconnect Study

There was some data exchange last week between the town and Mattern & Craig. They are looking at what it would take to connect and the economic benefit.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for PSA

Bear Creek Community Water Project

The Notice to Proceed date will be September 18, 2023. We had a conference with Traxon last week on this project. We are hoping for about an eight-week construction time since this is 2,500 feet and 11 connections.

Appy Elementary STP

Cody McElroy attended a meeting last Monday about the building exchange and spoke about the sewer plant and the issues with it. The MOU that we approved last spring is now signed by MECC and Director Cody McElroy. We are still waiting for a signature from the county. MECC may have additional funds for this project also.

High Knob Rec Area Sewer

There are no new updates with this project. We are still waiting to communicate with the Forest Service, but we are assuming that they will wait until their season starts winding down before we start any digging at the location. We will most likely start working with them this fall to get the sewer system underway.

J.H. Rivers asked if the PSA was going to do a comprehensive infrastructure water and sewer for the county. Cody McElroy stated that it is not a comprehensive infrastructure, but we are doing a lead service line inventory for the county. The EPA has a new regulation where every utility in America must identify the material of the service line on their side of the meter and the customer's side of the meter. They want all the lead service lines replaced across the nation. The towns and the county will be receiving one grant as a large project to cover the costs and will all cover their individual areas.

Ralph Gilley asked what would happen if lead pipes were found. Cody McElroy stated that if lead service lines or galvanized requiring replacement, meaning a galvanized pipe downstream from a lead pipe, we would work with the homeowner to pay for the replacement and there is federal funding in place to help with it.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

None

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

The LSL Inventory Project

We spoke about this previously in the meeting about replacing the lead service lines. There is a \$250,000.00 grant to get this taken care of. There will be other requirements later. The Lane Group and Thompson & Litton will be working together. Cody McElroy met with them today and they will be getting us a task order then we will host a meeting with all the localities and whoever they want to bring. By October 16, 2024, we all have to submit the inventory to VDH.

Kentucky Water Wholesale Update

We met with the Letcher County district on sewer and water last week. Director Cody McElroy wrote a support letter for them to submit with their request to the state of Kentucky for the plan review. They are reviewing the draft that was sent over by Cody McElroy and Will Sturgill. We hope to hear back in the next couple of weeks.

Pound Funding Update

DEQ authorized and reviewed our rates to close on a couple of grants only portions of the sewer plant for the Pound River Interceptor Project which has helped due to depletion of our funds. We were hoping to have the ARC agreement by the end of July but we received an email last week saying that there was a snag and that we needed to redo the report and had to be resubmitted to the attorney general.

National Rural Water Conference

The conference will be held in Aurora Colorado this year and if the board members are interested in attending, let Cody McElroy know and we will work on making arrangements for the event.

FINANCIALS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Worley Smith, and seconded by Robby Robbins, to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

ATTEST:

Wise County Public Service Authority



Director



Chairman