

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Wise County Public Service Authority held its regular monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. 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
Hibert Tackett, Jr.
Bob Adkins
Worley Smith
Ruthie Rainey
Robby Robbins

Absent:

JH Rivers

Also Present:

Cody McElroy, Executive Director
Elaine Minor, Recording Secretary

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

The motion was passed.

REORGANIZATION

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford to nominate Cody McElroy to be the temporary Chairman. Robby Robbins made a motion to cease nominations and appoint Cody McElroy Chairman by acclamation, and Bob Adkins seconded the nomination. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

Temporary Chairman Cody McElroy opened nominations for election of officers.

Fred Luntsford nominated Ralph Gilley for Chairman. Robby Robbins made a motion to cease nominations and appoint Ralph Gilley Chairman by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Robby Robbins. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

Cody McElroy turned the meeting over to the re-elected Chairman Ralph Gilley.

Ralph Gilley nominated Fred Luntsford for Vice Chairman. Robby Robbins made a motion to cease nominations and appoint Fred Luntsford Vice Chairman by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Robby Robbins. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

Fred Luntsford nominated JH Rivers for Treasurer. Robby Robbins made a motion to cease nominations and appoint JH Rivers Treasurer by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Robby Robbins. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Ralph Gilley, and seconded by Fred Luntsford, to leave the meeting time as the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Ralph Gilley, and seconded by Worley Smith, to adopt Robert's Rules of Order. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Ralph Gilley, and seconded by Worley Smith, to adopt a tie vote as being a No vote. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

Ralph Gilley advised the Board that the Conflicts of Interest Filings need to be turned into Director Cody McElroy as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Worley Smith, and seconded by Robby Robbins, to change the 2024 Meeting Calendar as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, and seconded by Worley Smith, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023, meeting as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

Pound I/I

Expecting to review the final design plans this month. The stream crossing permits have been submitted. Hoping to go to Bid in the Spring or Sumer.

Lower Bold Camp

The project should be complete by the end of this month. The project has gone over contract time and the contractor will reimburse the PSA for any further costs for inspection and construction administration.

Pound WWTP Upgrades

Slowly progressing and still having material delays.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates on behalf of Lane Group

Banner Sewer

We were awarded an additional \$1.3 million in grant money from DHCD Supplementals. We are working with ARC to get more money shifted from Glamorgan project to the Banner project. DEQ is wrapping up The Environmental. We are working with the Town of Coeburn to get their side of the project ready to Bid.

Pound Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Was advertised last week in the paper. March 5th is the scheduled Bid opening date.

Pound System-Wide Improvements 2023

Has been submitted to the Health Department for final approval of the Construction Permit. Should receive approval back within 30 to 60 days and go to Bid.

Appalachia Elementary School Sewer

We are working with the Engineer and Mountain Empire to make sure we have all our flows accounted for. The plan is to have everything to pump to Appalachia, but we must make sure the flows support a Pump Station and won't go septic sitting there.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for Mattern & Craig

Pound River Interceptor

Waiting on the Environmental. The design is wrapping up. We are close to starting the Easement process.

St. Paul Interconnect Study

The PER has been submitted to Rural Development and comments have been received. The Environmental is underway. Once all the agencies respond, it will be submitted back to Rural Development for approval. Upon approval, we hope to see some further action with the Town of St. Paul and Russell County where we approved the Resolution to have some more discussions about wholesale water.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for PSA

Bear Creek Community Water

Should be finished within the next few weeks. The Environmental for the additional work is closing on the 12th and once this happens, they can finish the final four connections.

Pound - Pilkenton Peak & Highland Avenue

We had the Pre-Construction Conference and construction is slated to start on the 21st near the Post Office, on the Highland Avenue side near the Fire Department, and go that way first and tie into Bold Camp. Then they will go back and start the work at the Water Plant and go onto US 23.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, and seconded by Ruthie Rainey, to go into closed session at 6:19 p.m. under Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A) (7). The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, and seconded by Ruthie Rainey, to return to open session at 6:29 p.m. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

A closed session resolution, attached, was read aloud by Director Cody McElroy and a motion was made by Fred Luntsford, and seconded by Robby Robbins, to adopt the resolution. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

As part of our Rural Development requirements, the staff solicited three (3) local lenders for proposals regarding interim financing for the Pole Bridge Waterline Replacement Project. The three lenders solicited were: First Bank & Trust, New Peoples Bank, and Powell Valley Bank.

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, and seconded by Fred Luntsford, that the Board award the Pole Bridge Waterline Replacement Project Interim Financing to Powell Valley Bank, approve the opening of a line of credit, and furthermore allow the director and Chairman to execute any necessary documents. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Legislative Reception Trip Update

The meetings in Richmond were held on Tuesday with Rural Development, and on Wednesday with DEQ, Health Department, Virginia Resources Authority, and DHCD. The meetings with Rural Development went well and we have a meeting with Josh Hess from Morgan Griffith's

office on the 20th to talk about projects that could receive Congressionally Directed Spending.

FINANCIALS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Fred Luntsford wanted to thank the PSA staff for using their leak detection equipment to help the Town of Appalachia find some leaks and further commend them for always being willing to help other municipalities.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, and seconded by Worley Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The vote was as follows.

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

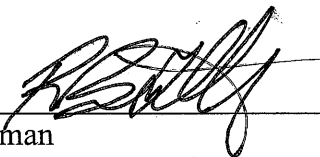
The motion was passed.

ATTEST:

Wise County Public Service Authority



Director



Chairman

CERTIFICATION OF A CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, The Wise County Public Service Authority has convened a Closed Session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Wise County Public Service Authority that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wise County Public Service Authority hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Session to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered by the Wise County Public Service Authority.

VOTE:

AYES: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT DURING VOTE:

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Rivers

ATTEST:

E. A. B.
Executive Director, Clerk

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

R. Ball
Chairman

Date: 2/6/24