

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Wise County Public Service Authority held its regular monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 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 via phone
JH Rivers
Hibert Tackett, Jr.
Bob Adkins
Ruthie Rainey
Worley Smith

Absent:

Robby Robbins

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 Hibert Tackett, to approve the agenda, with the exception, of adding Closed Meeting. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by JH Rivers, and seconded by Bob Adkins, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022, meeting as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

Airport Hollow Pump Station

Pumps have been started and are online pumping sewer. The training from the factory went well with the employees. Substantial completion will be any day and we are working toward final close out in August.

Lower Bold Camp

Targeting to advertise in August or September with DEQ.

Pound Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Targeting to advertise in August or September with DEQ. In the process of revising the plant cost estimate.

Hamilton Town Sewer Extension

Waiting on DHCD to send the contract from Richmond to Mr. Hatfield to sign. Once DHCD receives the signed contract back and signs off, it will be advertised.

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

Banner Sewer

Waiting on DEQ to open their ARPA funds applications.

Glamorgan Sewer

Will advertise after DEQ finalizes the environmental process. Wanting to advertise in August.

Upper Guest River Sewer Phase I

Will go in the new regular funding as well as the ARPA funding application for DEQ.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for Mattern & Craig project

Pound River Interceptor

Went through procurement a few months ago and are under contract. Waiting on funding to go into place. DHCD has \$2.5 million for this project. We are trying to get prior authorization to spend some funds early to begin the environmental process because of the endangered species.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for PSA projects

Family Crisis Utilities

Waiting on the contract from DHCD. Working with the Town of Wise for an easement to tie in with the main system. Project should advertise in 30 to 60 days once we get the approval from Richmond.

Bear Creek Water

Project has been awarded \$437,000 from ARC. We partnered with VA Tech's public health people to test wells in certain areas and the Bear Creek area was classified as an urgent need. This will be at least 11 customers. This will be an in-house project and hope to advertise by the beginning of the year.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Ralph Gilley, and seconded by Worley Smith, to go into closed session at 6:15 p.m. under Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A) (1 and 8). The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Worley Smith, and seconded by Bob Adkins, to return to open session at 6:32 p.m. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

A closed session resolution, attached, was read aloud by Director Cody McElroy and a motion was made by JH Rivers, and seconded by Ruthie Rainey, to adopt the resolution. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

As previously approved by the Board, we are moving forward with the purchase of the land and building next door to the PSA to create a maintenance shop for \$625,000 through a revenue bond. As typical with loan closings, the Board needs to approve the documents and authorize the Chair and Director to execute loan documents.

A motion was made by Worley Smith, and seconded by Ruthie Rainey, that the Board approve authorizing resolutions for the above referenced funding package, as presented, and authorize the Executive Director and Chairman to execute the loan documents for the loan to purchase the new shop and land. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

Per our insurance carrier, VA Corp, each year the Board must elect to include themselves on the PSA's Workers Compensation coverage. The Board has elected to do so in the past.

A motion was made by Bob Adkins, and seconded by JH Rivers, that the Board elect to be included in the PSA's Workers Compensation coverage and adopt the attached resolution. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Pound Update

Working diligently with DEQ, Richmond and the office of Natural Resources to get the funds to the PSA. Water Plant inspection was three weeks ago and are talking about an improvement award.

FINANCIALS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ruthie Rainey, and seconded by Worley Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. The vote was as follows.

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

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 2.2-3712. 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: *Robbins*

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Executive Director, Clerk

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

[Signature]
Chairman

Date: 7/12/22