

## Minutes

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Wise County Public Service Authority held its regular monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:03 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 Worley Smith, and seconded by Robby Robbins, 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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, and seconded by Ruthie Rainey, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 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.

### **Hamilton Town Sewer Extension**

The final paving is being done this week. Project should be closing out at the end of July. Everyone is connected to the sewer. Some clean up still has to be done.

### **Lower Bold Camp**

The contractor will be finishing as much work as they can through the rest of this week and possibly next week. With the time restriction due to the Big Sandy Cray Fish, they will be pulling off the site until mid-September.

### **Pound WWTP Upgrades**

Mobilized yesterday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. The demolition sub-contractor is on site to begin tearing down the old drying beds and putting the new press building up in the next month or so. This project will most likely stop and start back up later on due to the wait times on the electrical equipment. The generator for the plant is anticipated to be delivered September 2024.

### **Pound I/I Projects**

This is still in design. We anticipate the first round of preliminary review to be done in mid-August.

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

### **Banner Sewer**

We have made the applications and requests for funds from DHCD. We are working with

lenwisco and the county administrators office, in August the Board of Supervisors should see some resolutions for the funding application for additional funds. We are still working on meeting with Coeburn.

### **Pound System-Wide Improvements 2023**

We have a meeting on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, with the Health Department. The following week we plan to start reviewing the preliminary design.

### **Pound Water Treatment Plant Improvements**

This should be submitted to the Health Department in the next couple of weeks. They are wrapping up a few things on the electrical design.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for Mattern & Craig

### **Pound River Interceptor**

This project is almost complete in design. We are waiting on the environmental report to come back. The surveys were done in June and Big Sandy Cray Fish were found as we anticipated. Once we get the environmental report back we will start applying for permits and other things necessary to start the work. We will also be working on acquiring easements which we have counted 101 so far that are needed for this project.

### **St. Paul Interconnect Study**

We met on this last week and got some information from Russell County for what they may need in the future. We should start seeing the report in the next 30-60 days.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for PSA

### **Bear Creek Community Water**

There is a recommendation for the bid that we opened for this project last month.

### **Appy Elementary STP**

We are still waiting for the MOU to be signed by Mountain Empire, the county, and the PSA. We don't have any updated on that right now. We are also meeting to discuss the demolition but the new tanks are here as well as the electrical equipment.

### **High Knob Rec Area Sewer**

A year or so ago we redone the water and now we have been working with the Forest Service. They have received about \$7,500.00 in a grant. We will be working with them on a new septic/holding tank at the bath house. This will be something that would be pumped instead of doing an entirely new sewer system. We would pump and haul of the waste for them.

## **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

Fred Luntsford made the motion to transfer up to \$130,000.00 from the water capital to the sewer capital fund for project costs while awaiting grant funding. Robby Robbins seconded the motion. 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.

Fred Luntsford made the motion for the Board members to participate in the Worker's Comp plan. Hibert Tackett seconded the motion. 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.

JH Rivers made the motion to award the Bear Creek Community Waterline Extension to the lowest bidder at \$442,060.00 witch was Traxon Construction with the contract pending legal review. Worley Smith seconded the motion. 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.

## **DIRECTOR'S ITEMS**

None

## **FINANCIALS**

None

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Hibert Tackett asked about bear problems if the Pound area with our garbage service. Director, Cody McElroy stated that individuals who are having issues with bears can call our office for a bear prevention system that we will install on the cans free of charge.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Worley Smith, and seconded by Ruthie Rainey, to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 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

  
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Director

  
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Chairman