

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Wise County Public Service Authority held its regular monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Ralph Gilley, Chairman, 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, Treasurer
Hibert Tackett, Jr.
Bob Adkins
Rusty Peters
Worley Smith

Absent:

Robby Robbins

Also Present:

Cody McElroy, Executive Director
Will Sturgill, Wise County PSA Attorney
Alexis Fleming, Recording Secretary

PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Worley Smith, and seconded by Rusty Peters, to approve the agenda as amended. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, and seconded by Ralph Gilley, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025, meeting as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

Pound I/I

We have commissioned a sub consultant to begin finalizing crayfish summaries that are needed and will be submitted to the state in the next month or so.

Pound WWTP Upgrades

We are progressing and are getting closer to being on track with where we would like to be. We have come to an agreement on the generator that was damaged during delivery. We have come to an agreement of a five-year warranty and a cash amount of \$58,000 to cover any repairs that may have to be made, as well as a load test and repair of all damages that were made

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates on behalf of Lane Group

Banner Sewer

We are waiting on Rural Development for their parity review which will happen at a federal level

Pound Water Treatment Plant Improvements

We advertised on February 28th the two water tanks that are part of the project and will have a pre bid soon, with bid opening in early April.

Pound System-Wide Improvements 2023

We are meeting with the engineers this week to go through all the final documents. We hope to begin work on this project in late May/ early June.

Appalachia Elementary School Sewer

We will communicate with the college to see what programs and how many students are to be expected at this facility to communicate with ARC to get funds in place. Engineering has begun on this project as well. We will install a sub-surface drip sewage system at this facility, this provides flexibility for the facility.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for Mattern & Craig

Pound River Interceptor

We received the biological opinion from Fish and Wildlife services in regards to the crayfish. We will have Mattern and Craig reach out to the Army Corps of Engineers to see when we should expect a permit. We hope to advertise late April/ early May to stay on our ARPA timeline

St. Paul Interconnect Study

The PER was submitted to Rural Development for review, and we will get back with the Town of St. Paul to gauge where we are at on the construction project

CLOSED SESSION

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

In late December/early January, the PSA was delivered a Letter of Conditions from Rural Development for the construction of a new water tank in the Coeburn Mountain Area. The total award amount is for \$2,838,000 of which \$791,00 is a loan and \$1,905,000 are grant dollars. The PSA may have to contribute around \$142,000 in interest payments as part of the interim financing agreement for the project as well.

As typical with Rural Development projects, the Board must pass two (2) resolutions:

A motion was made by Rusty Peters and seconded by Worley Smith, to approve the presented Rural Development Resolution of Governing Body as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Worley Smith and seconded by JH Rivers, to approve the presented Rural Development Loan Resolution as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Charter Revision Update

Will and I had a meeting at the courthouse today to discuss the path forward. We have been researching and getting prepared and it looks like the path forward is a little more complicated than we expected but we do think it is doable.

FINANCIALS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Rusty Peters – Mr. Peters expressed his wish to discuss fluoride and its effect and whether it is something that we should do away with.

Fred Luntsford- Mr. Luntsford expressed that there may be future discussions on distribution of sewer payments for the unincorporated parts of the Town of Appalachia

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ralph Gilley, and seconded by Worley Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

ATTEST:

Wise County Public Service Authority



Director



Chairman