

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Wise County Public Service Authority held its regular monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 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
JH Rivers
Hibert Tackett, Jr.
Worley Smith
Robby Robbins
Ruthie Rainey

Absent:

Bob Adkins

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 Robby Robbins, and seconded by Worley Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by JH Rivers, and seconded by Robby Robbins, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023, meeting as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

Pound I/I

Still under design and we had one review around a month ago and should have a final set of plans by the first of the year. Hoping for construction in early 2024.

Lower Bold Camp

Construction began about 15 days ago after the break for the Big Sandy Cray fish time restriction. The largest crossing has been completed. We are waiting on the Biologist to survey for the Big Sandy Cray fish to make sure nothing has to be relocated for the project to begin in other areas before they cross the creek.

Pound WWTP Upgrades

Project is still moving slow. About 75% of the sludge press building is assembled. Also waiting for some equipment to be delivered.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates on behalf of Lane Group

Banner Sewer

Waiting on notification for our additional funding application that was submitted in August for \$1.3 million. The Environmental process with DEQ is wrapping up. A Public Hearing will be within the next month which we have Public Notice on this. Once we receive funding, we will work with the Town of Coeburn to make their project and ours move together.

Pound System-Wide Improvements 2023

Plans have been reviewed and Engineer is making the revisions.

Pound Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Received around 60 comments back from the Health Department.

Appalachia Elementary School Sewer

Project is under design. Temporary tank is installed. Old sewer plant is offline and working with the County to get this demolished. Will be setting an electrical panel to monitor SCADA remotely to know the levels in the tank.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for Mattern & Craig

Pound River Interceptor

Had some comments and are working toward final design. We will be getting around 101 easements for this project. The Environmental is slowly progressing. Projecting 6 to 8 months out for Advertisement because of the Environmental.

St. Paul Interconnect Study

Getting ready to submit the PER to Rural Development for review. The Environmental Report is under way and once both are finalized, we will apply for Application of Construction funds.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for PSA

Bear Creek Community Water

The original phase of the project is completed except for some paperwork. We did more Environmental work with Lenowisco, due to some money left over, to determine if we would be able to add an additional 1,500 feet of line to install three more connections.

High Knob Recreation Area Sewer

Gearing up to start working with the Forrest Service.

Pound Water Line Replacement

The Health Department has completed the review and we have received approval for a \$2.4 million water line replacement for Pilkenton Peak and Highland Avenue area. This has been advertised in the newspaper. Project has a Pre-Bid for November 28th and a Bid opening of December 7th.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

The Russell County PSA is looking to develop and extend their water service to the Copper Creek area of Russell County. Russell County PSA is looking for partnerships with the Town of St. Paul and the Wise County PSA to provide a reliable water source to make these projects a reality.

We are already in the study phase of an interconnect with the Town of St. Paul, and this would take this project a step further regionally. Russell County PSA has asked the Wise County PSA and Town of St. Paul to join in support resolutions for the support to discuss and study the feasibility of this regional interconnect. This does not bind us to any funding or project obligations, it is simply an agreement to be open to discussions.

A motion was made by Worley Smith, and seconded by Robby Robbins, for the Board to adopt the support resolution for the regional interconnection with the Town of St. Paul and Russell County PSA. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

FY22-23 Audit Schedule

A representative from Larry Sturgill's office will be at the December board meeting to present our FY22-23 audit.

January 2024 Legislative Trip

The annual Southwest Legislative Reception is scheduled for January 31st in Richmond. We will be leaving on the 30th and returning on the 1st. As usual, we plan to meet with different funding and regulatory agencies while in Richmond to discuss current and future PSA projects/concerns.

FINANCIALS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

The Board wanted to wish all the employees a Happy Thanksgiving and thank them for all their hard work.

Ruthie Rainey wanted the Board to know what a great job the line crew did when she had a water tap installed at her property.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, and seconded by Ruthie Rainey, to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. The vote was as follows.

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

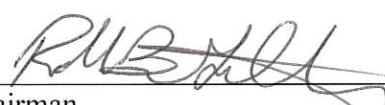
The motion was passed.

ATTEST:

Wise County Public Service Authority



Director



Chairman

**WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, TOWN OF ST. PAUL, AND
RUSSELL COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM INTERCONNECT**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wise County Public Service Authority, Town of St. Paul, and Russell County Public Service Authority wish to explore the feasibility of providing a regional potable water system interconnect between Wise and Russell Counties to support the development and expansion of water services in Russell County;

WHEREAS, future treated potable water will flow through the existing Town of St. Paul water system facilitating the regional interconnect between the Wise County Public Service Authority and Russell County Public Service Authority;

WHEREAS, the Wise County Public Service Authority is currently generating a Preliminary Engineering Report for an interconnection with the Town of St. Paul;

WHEREAS, the Russell County Public Service Authority is currently preparing a Comprehensive Water Supply Study and phased Preliminary Engineering Report to plan and evaluate upgrading its existing water systems to accommodate expanding its water system to underserved and unserved areas in the western portion of Russell County; and,

WHEREAS, the implementation of a regional interconnect between and with the Wise County Public Service Authority, Town of St. Paul, and Russell County Public Service Authority will provide a redundant source and supply for each entity in times of drought, outages, or other emergencies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wise County Public Service Authority hereby votes and agrees to work collaboratively with the Town of St. Paul and the Russell County Public Service Authority supporting future opportunities for all parties that may arise from the implementation of a regional interconnect with the Town of St. Paul and the Russell County Public Service Authority to the benefit to the parties.

Motion by: Worley Smith Seconded by: Robby Robbins

Aye 7 Nay 0 Absent 1

Adopted this the 14th day of November 2023



Ralph Gilley, Chairman

Attest:

 Executive Director
Name/title