

## Minutes

### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Wise County Public Service Authority held its regular monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:02 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.  
Bob Adkins  
Worley Smith  
Robby Robbins

#### ***Absent:***

Ruthie Rainey

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

The motion was passed.

### PUBLIC EXPRESSION

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, and seconded by Fred Luntsford, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

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

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

We have a meeting scheduled on September 28, 2023, to go over the preliminary design with T&L. So far, we are slightly ahead of schedule with this project.

### **Lower Bold Camp**

Has been on hiatus due to the time of year restriction due to the Sandy Ridge Cray Fish. The restriction is in effect until October and the contractor will start mobilizing again the first of October to work along the side of the stream and get ready to work inside the stream when the time of year restriction is lifted.

### **Pound WWTP Upgrades**

Material delays continue to change and grow so it is unpredictable at this time. We are working with the contractor to try to find a schedule that is realistic. The contractor is proposing 10 months past the original end date. They are working right now to get prepared to start on the new sludge building.

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

### **Banner Sewer**

The additional funding applications were submitted at the end of August for the 1.3 million dollars from DHCD. The request for ARC money to be moved was submitted last week. Hopefully we will hear something back soon about those funds.

### **Pound WTP Improvements**

We did receive notification from the Coalfield Water Development fund that we have been awarded 106,000.00 from the grant to assist with the project. This will be for security upgrades at the water plant.

Director Cody McElroy added that we were notified today that the WTP is receiving a silver award from the Health Department and gave recognition to the staff for their hard work. Also, the Carfax WTP is receiving a gold award.

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

The funding application also went in along with the one for the Banner Sewer Project for three million dollars at the end of August. We do have preliminary designs for this project and plan to review them next week and get those commented on so we can start on the final design and hopefully advertise the project in early 2024.

Hibert Tackett suggested publishing the information about the silver and gold awards for the Pound WTP and the Carfax WTP in the newspaper. Director Cody McElroy stated that he will work on getting that done.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates on behalf of Mattern & Craig.

### **Pound River Interceptor**

We did meet with our consultants before the board meeting. The plans are finalizing, the environmental report has been submitted to the regulatory agencies, so we are waiting for their review. Director Cody McElroy requested a sit down with them to go through a realistic timeline and path to get the project moving since it is the most important sewer project we have to reduce the amount of I&I that we have in the main interceptor project. We should be starting on the 101 easements next month.

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

We should receive the first draft of the report this week. We are thinking about five million for the project to connect to each other. This may have some other improvement to get to Russell County, but we do not have a cost estimate for that yet. It is something that we are looking forward to receiving. We received a notification from the Health Department last week that there is a one-time funding opportunity at the federal level for resiliency and drinking water systems that we could apply to for this project.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for PSA.

### **Bear Creek Community Water Project**

This project is set to kick off on Monday September 18, 2023. We spoke to the contractor today and they are gearing up to be there on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Appy Elementary STP**

We did get all the signatures on the MOU for this project. We are having a meeting next week with the contractor on site. We will be trying to map out how it will look and where the pump station will be to get this project kicked off.

**High Knob Rec Area Sewer**

We are still waiting for a few things to fall into place, but it will most likely be late fall or early spring to get the holding tank in place.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Robby Robins, and seconded by JH Rivers, to enter a closed session at 6:13 p.m. under Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(3). The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Worley Smith, and seconded by Robby Robbins, to return to open session at 6:30 p.m. The vote was as follows.

Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Ralph Gilley			Ruthie Rainey
Fred Luntsford			
JH Rivers			
Hibert Tackett, Jr.			
Bob Adkins			
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 Worley Smith, to adopt the resolution. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

Director Cody McElroy called roll proceeding the closed session.

***Members Present:***

Ralph Gilley, Chairman  
Fred Luntsford, Vice-Chairman  
JH Rivers  
Hibert Tackett, Jr.  
Bob Adkins  
Worley Smith  
Robby Robbins

***Absent:***

Ruthie Rainey

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

None

**DIRECTOR ITEMS**

None

**FINANCIALS**

None

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Rivers stated that he was approached about extending sewer service to Powell Valley. Directory Cody McElroy added that there will be plans shown next month for the plans on how we would like the sewer extension to look that we are currently working on.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, and seconded by Robby Robbins, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. The vote was as follows.

Ayes

Nays

Abstain

Absent

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

Ruthie Rainey

The motion was passed.

ATTEST:

Wise County Public Service Authority

  
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Director

  
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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) (3) 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: Rainey

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director, Clerk

WISE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

  
Chairman

Date: 9/14/23