

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Wise County Public Service Authority held its regular monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 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.
Bob Adkins
Worley Smith
Robby Robbins

Absent:

Ruthie Rainey

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

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 February 6, 2024, 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		JH Rivers	Ruthie Rainey

The motion was passed.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

Pound I/I

Finishing the final design plans to incorporate some tie ins from some side lines into the trunk line. Should be completed by the end of this month for our review.

Lower Bold Camp

The project is wrapping up. The final connection was made last week, and final restoration is being completed. Expected to be closed out by next month.

Pound WWTP Upgrades

Slowly progressing and we have received the next pay request for less than \$100,000. Still working with the contractor about contract times.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates on behalf of Lane Group

Banner Sewer

Supporting documentation was sent to DHCD in Abingdon. We are working through our liaison, DHCD, to get the \$2 million from ARC over to the Banner Project. The funding should be in place within the next month. The Bid documents are ready. DEQ is wrapping up The Environmental. We will have another meeting with the Town of Coeburn to make sure their side of the project is ready to Bid.

Pound Water Treatment Plant Improvements

The Bid opening date has been moved to 2:00pm on March 19th due to several questions.

Pound System-Wide Improvements 2023

We have received the Construction Permit, the Plans have been approved, the Environmental is about ready, and Gordon is working on Easements. There are about 50 to 60 easements for the project.

Appalachia Elementary School Sewer

Mountain Empire is going to be putting more cash toward the project to keep the debt service down. Will have a meeting next week with the Engineers to go over some design options.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for Mattern & Craig

Pound River Interceptor

The Environmental responses will go back to US Fish and Wildlife and the Army Corps of Engineers by the 28th in hopes of getting the Environmental moving toward completion. The plans are 99% complete and once signed, they will be sent to DEQ for approval. There are 102 Easements to get completed. Between Environmental and Easements, we are hoping to be able to Bid by Fall of 2024.

St. Paul Interconnect Study

The Environmental process is about complete and the PER comment response back to Rural Development should take 60 to 90 days to complete.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for PSA

Bear Creek Community Water

The pressure test and back tee test have been completed and the results have come back good so the remaining three customers will be connected. Final pay apps have been sent to the funding agencies.

Pound - Pilkenton Peak & Highland Avenue

The contractor started work on February 21st and has completed around 2,000 feet of water line starting at the Intersection of Route 83 at the Fire Department and going out Highland Avenue toward the Post Office.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Last month, the Board approved the award of interim financing for the Pole Bridge Waterline Replacement Project to Powell Valley Bank, and subsequently authorized the Director and Chairman to execute necessary documents. To be in line with our signatory authorizations at the bank, we need to rescind last month’s motion and make a motion to authorize the Director and a Board member to execute documents.

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, and seconded by Worley Smith, to rescind last month’s motion related to the award of interim financing to Powell Valley Bank, opening a line of credit, and authorizing Chair and Director to execute documents. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, and seconded by JH Rivers, to award the interim financing award to Powell Valley Bank for the Pole Bridge Waterline Project, open a line of credit, and authorize the Director and a Board member to execute any documents needed. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

DIRECTOR’S ITEMS

FY25 Budget Planning has begun.

FINANCIALS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

JH Rivers requested clarification concerning the outsourcing of PSA bills to a third-party company due to the delay in bills for the month of March. He also inquired about Russell County Landfill and any potential impacts for the PSA.

ADJOURNMENT

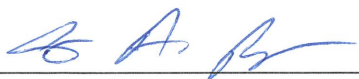
A motion was made by Worley Smith and seconded by Fred Luntsford, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. The vote was as follows.

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.

ATTEST:

Wise County Public Service Authority



Director



Chairman