

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Wise County Public Service Authority held its regular monthly Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 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
Worley Smith
Robby Robbins
Rusty Peters

Absent:

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

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

The motion was passed.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Robby Robbins, and seconded by Rusty Peters, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024, meeting as presented. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

PROJECT UPDATES

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

Pound I/I

Still continuing the Environmental process which is largely around the Big Sandy Cray Fish. Working on completing design.

Lower Bold Camp

Contractor has remobilized to do the clean up work of fixing yards and paving. Project should be completed within the next few weeks.

Pound WWTP Upgrades

The agreement with the contractor for damages has gone smoothly. We have given them a contract extension accordingly. The project is 50% complete by value.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates on behalf of Lane Group

Banner Sewer

Received final approval on the Environmental. The plans and specs are approved and have all the paperwork from DEQ to go to bid. Easements have been complete for a few years. Still waiting for some funding from ARC to be approved. We will be scheduling a meeting with the Town of Coeburn to discuss plans for the project.

Pound Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Division 2 was awarded last month. Working on getting the tank at the plant and contract paperwork. The tank has a 40-week time frame to be manufactured.

Pound System-Wide Improvements 2023

Finalizing the Environmental because of the Big Sandy Cray Fish. We have 6 Easements to get done.

Appalachia Elementary School Sewer

Waiting to hear the final cost estimate for the final design with the onsite system. Hoping for a 100% grant funded project with no debt service for the PSA or the college.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for Mattern & Craig

Pound River Interceptor

Still waiting on the Environmental with the Federal agencies.

St. Paul Interconnect Study

Working through the Environmental Report with funding agency requirements. Hoping to apply for construction funding this Fall.

Director Cody McElroy submitted project updates for PSA

Pound - Pilkenton Peak & Highland Avenue

Will begin reconnecting customers to the new water system on Highland Avenue near the Post Office this week. Finishing the Bold Camp section and getting them reconnected and moving over to the four-lane area outside the water plant at the reservoir near the Valero where the road goes to the dam. Creek crossing has been completed at the water plant. Project is progressing ahead of schedule. Should see a significant decrease in water loss once this section has been completed.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Typically, each year the Board approves internal accounting transfers to button up our accounting for the fiscal year. This year we have one (1) transfer to make. Most of these expenses are for containers we had to purchase last year to keep up with the growing service.

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford and seconded by Robby Robbins, to permanently transfer \$75,000 from the water operating fund to the garbage operating fund for O&M expenses. The vote was as follows.

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

The motion was passed.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Pound Water Funding Update

We have been actively working with VDH to secure better funding options to perform water system rehabilitation in the Town of Pound. We were informed at the end of May, VDH had some additional grant funds to award the PSA, which greatly reduces the loan amount for the projects. We have now accepted a revised Drinking Water fund offer which includes \$3,063,200 in grant funds and an \$84,800 loan in the DWRLF program. Also, there is a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding offer which includes \$2,394,964 in grant and a \$705,036 loan. The loan funds of these offers will be used to address maintenance items in the existing PSA system and will only be used in Pound as a last resort. We are thankful for the additional grant funds, which brings our total grant amount for Pound Water to approximately \$12M. Also, we have around \$24.5M in grants for the Pound sewer system.

FINANCIALS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Fred Luntsford, and seconded by Worley Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 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			
Rusty Peters			

The motion was passed.

ATTEST:

Wise County Public Service Authority



Director



Chairman