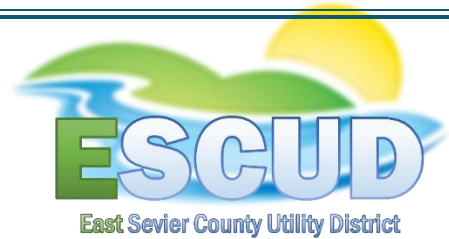


**EAST SEVIER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT**  
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Regular Meeting, Thursday February 9, 2023- 5:30p.m.  
East Sevier County Utility Building



**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Hayes at 5:30p.m. The Commissioners introduced themselves at this time. Ron Cooley, Jerry Hayes, and Dan Barnett the three Commissioners were present. President Hayes at this time introduced two guests at the meeting. Greg Mize with TDEC (Tennessee Department of Environment Control) and Nathan with TAUD (Tennessee Association of Utility Districts), both stood to be acknowledged. Craig Miller was seated at a different table reserved for Alliance with a computer. President Hayes told the customers present thank you for their input. He further stated that the website was working and many of the customers have already used this to report problems. This gives the Commissioners a better record and notifies Alliance and the Commissioners right away of a problem.

1} First the Minutes from the previous meeting of January 19, 2023, were brought for review. Commissioner Barnett advised there was 1 correction that needed to be made to the minutes. This correction in the minutes was under (K) in those minutes and should have been that Craig Miller stated that ( no one but McGill wanted to work with E.S.C.U.D.). After this change was noted to be corrected the minutes were passed.

2) President Hayes recognized the customers that had been asked to be on the agenda with a 5-minute time limit.

A. Charles Rogers 1208 Lakeside Ct.- passed.

B. Jose Portilla- passed.

C. Patricia Rogers- passed.

D. Ronald Mitchell 954 Pawnee Ct. –

1. Approval of 4" pipe for Half High project

2 .When will pipe be ordered and length of time to arrive Jerry was handed the bids by Craig Miller at this time and Jerry explained this will be brought up latter on this agenda

3. Estimated time for the project to begin

Jerry answered this question that Alliance does not have anyone to run a backhoe at this time. Jerry went on that he in conversation with Charles would have cold patch Half High. Cold patch works are the state and county would not be using it. There was further discussion on the project on Half High but no answers until the Commissioners order the pipe and Alliance under their contract get a equipment operator at their expense to lay the pipe.

E) Louie Fromm 1545 Wilhite Creek Rd- A resolution for the Commissioners to consider was passed out. He stated that the problems E.S.C.U.D. and the customers had a lot to do with the contract previously signed. Mr. Fromm further asked the Commissioners to consider the resolution, which explains any further contracts with Alliance or anyone else should contain Benchmarks, performance, and if these benchmarks are not met, an exit strategy for

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E.S.C.U.D. to get out of the contract. The full resolution shall be placed in the minutes, of this meeting.

At this time, President Jerry Hayes asked Louie to grab that woman that had just left the meeting. While waiting for the lady outside, Jerry asked anyone else wanted to speak.

F) Eddie Crosby 1001 Old Laurel Ln- came forward and asked can ESCUD negotiate this contract with Alliance. He further stated he has extremely dirty water and is costing him an extreme amount of money in water filters.

President Jerry to Mr. Crosby NO, the Commissioners could not negotiate on the contract, and it would be in force until 2027.

G) Patricia Rogers 1208 Lakeside Court – came forward and stated she did not like Alliance and wanted them gone. She was tired of dirty water, not having water, and leaks not being taken care of.

At this time, Louie returned with the Lady, Debbie Lewis, President Hayes had asked to be brought back from outside. President Hayes state Mrs. Debbie, I knew you had something you wanted to say.

H) Debbie Lewis 1604 Dogwood St stated, Still the old Board. Dirty water since 2003. Had dirty water this morning she stated. No water pressure and she was going to get an Attorney and not pay any more water bills and ESCUD could not make her. She further stated that she would burn her home to the ground.

President Hayes stated the new Commissioners had only been on a month. He further stated he felt this Board of Commissioners had accomplished a lot. He asked Greg Mize with TDEC over the last month had he received fewer complaints from the customers of ESCUD. Greg further stated this was the biggest change in complaints he had ever seen. Commissioner Barnett asked her, (Debbie Lewis) to please stay for the rest of the meeting and see how it goes.

I) Lisa 1519 Lin Creek- She stated she was putting in a well and sewer system and that ESCUD was not going to stop her. That water was always dirty. Vulgarities through her complaints. She then She was going to burn her home to the ground. By law could not be stopped.

J) Sharon Cloud- Stated she spends \$600 dollars for water from store. Cannot wash clothes at home it turns them brown. She asked when this was going to end. She had to get a new hot water heater who was going to pay for that.

All customers being heard President Hayes started to go to what was next on the agenda, which was financial records. At this time Craig Miller was asked by Commissioner Barnett who was on the computer monitor and been listening to the meeting. Craig Miller stammered and did not answer. The gentleman on the computer introduced himself as Mike Toulis. He further stated he was legal representation for Alliance. He has been in negotiations with ESCUD attorney, reference to the contract and Alliance not doing what the Commissioners feel they should be doing and possible breach of contract.

2) Commissioner Barnett made a motion to retain as counsel Douglas Overby and John Owings with the Law Firm of Owings, Wilson, & Coleman. Commissioner Cooley second the motion

Commissioner Barnett, along with the other Commissioners thought this was not right. Commissioner Barnett made a motion to adjourn until ESCUD had legal representation. Second by Commissioner Cooley.

President Hayes set the date for the a continuation of this meeting for February 16, 2023, at 5:30p.m.

Ronald Cooley  
**ESCUD Board of Commissioners Secretary / Treasurer**

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