

EAST SEVIER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT

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Regular Meeting, THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2023 - 5:30 PM

East Sevier County Utility Building

AGENDA

- 1) Prayer by Eddie Crosby**
- 2) Call the meeting to order**
- 3) Board Introduction**
 - (1) Jerry Hayes**
 - (2) Ron Cooley**
 - (3) Dan Barnett**
 - (4) ESCUD attorney Doug Ogleby**

Jerry advised that meeting was being recorder by Ron Cooley and others present.

Board members (1) Ron Cooley (2) Dan Barnett (3) Jerry Hayes

Guests: TDEC Greg Mize & Ben Harris from Whitt Utility.

- 4) Minutes approved from last meeting.**

**Ron Cooley made motion to accept
Dan Barnett seconded the motion**

5) Treasury Report: Not Available at this time because alliance had outstanding bills. Motion By Dan Barnett and seconded by Ron Cooley.

Alliance group as of 3/8/23 is done with ESCUD @ 5pm.

(6) Water loss situation by Ben Harris for past 8 days or so and Improvements made.

**Alpine leaks repaired and pipes run. Well F repairs & pipe run.
Well A & B repairs new pipe. Pump fixed well A & B. Half High
New pipes laid. Well C underground to be repaired. Well D
Filters to be replaced with new well C ones.**

(7) ESCUD website ; forgiven water bill debts beyond customers Control. Dan said if monthly bills "spiked" let the board know. Dan said tell everyone to look at water bills & report if spiked. Motion by Dan 2nd by Ron Cooley.

(8) Off site customer modifications (Sewer)Customer sold their Home in October/November 2022 and are still getting billed

for them. Motion made by Ron 2nd by Dan.

(9) Alliance contract terminated 3/8/23 wed. Pay them \$54,000.00 by March 31 2023. Alliance kept (1) saw (2) Laptop Computer (3) JD Truck (4) Ford Ranger. Board agreed to Not pursue legal action against alliance. Alliance agreed to Not pursue legal action against ESCUD. But if state wants to Take any legal action then ESCUD Board will fully cooperate Fully. Alliance will do billing for March!

WE need State money NOW!

The computer alliance has has personal information on it They said. Board will see that this will be taken care of On the personal info. Motion DAN 2nd Ron Cooley.

(10) Dan noted that craig miller the division manager for Alliance resigned as of Tues 3/7/23.

(11) Mutual Aide again discussed about Witt Utility. Dan and Jerry from our board and 18 people from our community Met them Witt Utility Thursday 3/9/23 to thank them For helping us. Board Member not present was Ron Cooley. Witt will manage ESCUD for a month or 2 &

Then go on with that with Witt.

(12) Board retained Bert Underwood as sewer man. Uncertain About ESCUD Building at this time. Moving on with maybe A year type basis with Witt going after grants etc.

(13) 3 things Dan stated that the state requires

(a) How much Money

(b) Money for What

(c) Money to who

(13) Outside contractors hired will be to costly compared to Witt Utility. Board wants Witt to continue our work in The future other places were asked for "Mutual Bid" but None available. No one wants to help us but Witt Utility. Jerry explained how Witt helped Baneberry according Witt Board Member.

Motion by Dan to have agreement with Witt Utility to Pay \$110,000.00 for work he is doing 2nd by Ron Cooley. Witt can spend up to \$5000.00 without board approval. Can Terminate with 10 days notice. Board approved to Pay Witt in 15 days.

(14) Establish Rules and Regulations:

Ron searching for policies that were adopted. Ron

Found Some. Motion by Ron to adopt "Roberts Rules of Order 2nd by Dan.

(15) Recognize people to talk.

Customer interrupt or get unruly they will be asked to Leave!

(16) Steve Bradley: Holly Berry Court

(a) Has Alliance done billing for March?

(b) Next billing will be Whitt?

Pay Cash Dan said we will figure it out.

COMMENT: Appreciate board for all the misery they Have taken. Steve asked if anyone here didn't have Water? We all do! Who will board enter into with an Agreement. Long term contract with a company Soon!

(17) Heather Cartier Lakeside Ct,

(a) Alliance off checking account.

(b) Signature cards changed to Ron & Jerry

© Locks and keys changed (not yet but board will Do it.)

(18) Indepth audit from Witt suggested first to do so we Will know where we stand.

(19) Chris Rabbidou Pipe Fitter thanked the board

**Condition of his water was bad. Proper thanks to
Board transition not going to be easy. Respect to all
Board members. Pump pieces and pipes still laying
On rich mountain from alliance.**

Tank Contamination board check please he asked.

(20) Well D water issues : All filters from well C to Well D

**To clear up water here. He will do it Friday bring
Filter from Well C.**

(21) Terry Ogle Wilhite Creek brought in his water bills.

Board made copies of them and will look at them.

(22) Heather Fromm

(a) Brought a bottle of water (colored Water)

(23) Jill Snapp Alpine Drive

(a) No Water! And couldn't come because of no water.

**She was told nothing could be done to help us with
Water. In 8 days look how far we have come!**

You can call and get info from board now.

(24) Cheryl Crabb Wilhite Rd

Brought her new towel and it was stained up.

Bathed her husband he is sick.

(25) Charles Rogers Lakeside Ct

(a) no idea of water here

(b) recommended call Witt July of 2023

© Talked to Witt (who also talked to previous Board.

**(d) Long hours Jerry and Trish put in. Board left
With mutual aide bid.**

**(e) Tank C full for first time. Witt put in long
Hours. Rumors Witt spent grant money which
He never received any grant money. Tainted
Water not true!**

(f) Urged board to make Witt our new manager!

(26) Debbie Curtman 1233 sunset drive

**Addresses our community : Jerry's integrity
Jerry is trustworthy.**

(27) Jeff Braggonier Lin Creek?

Challenge of this mountain. He had enough

Of alliance – no repairs made from them.

Alliance never had us house water etc.

We are on right track now. Jeff apologized

To jerry and board & Ben Harris. Jeff praised

Whitt and board.

(28) Norm Bowen Old Laurel Lane

Praised Witt for work & cleaning things up.

He thanked Witt.

(29) Rob gave Steve Bradley his 5 minutes

(a) Well D working filter system from -

Well C.

Well A & B working- if it shuts down we are

Out of water at tap.

3 wells working 140 gallons a minute. We

Only need 35 to 40 gallons minute to run

Mountain.

Jerry praised Greg Mize for all he has

Done. Ben ran 4 inch line at well A&B to

Tank. 250,000 gallons at tank C. Ben Said

Well F will be another 30,000 gallons a

Day with bigger pump.

3 million grant from state to build

Water treatment plant. Filter in well D

Not strong enough. Use well C's filter

Now in well D.

(30) Dan : Remote sewer location Emergency

Call in number. Get new sign put up

With new number. Get Burt a phone.

Articles of Corporation to get Burt a

Phone. Sign for remote sewer site and

Burt a phone Dan motion and Ron

2nd it. Jerry thanked Burt.

(31) Louie Fromm asked where number for

Alliance. Put Burts number on it and

Website.

(32) Greg Mize: With tainted water rumor

Ben wasn't involved in that. Had to

Make changes and Ben changed that.

(33) Whitt's board meeting only had 2

People at their board meeting and

Today they had 20.

Adjourned by Jerry Hayes. Next meeting

April 13, 2023.