

**Minutes of Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
East Sevier County Utility District
April 10, 2024**

Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum:

Lisa Hawthorne called the board of commissioners meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Lisa Hawthorne, Dan Barnett, and Louie Fromm. A quorum was declared. Other persons in attendance were: Tim Ham and Nathaniel Allsup with TUA.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fromm made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 13, 2024, board meeting and to approve as written and presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnett and carried unanimously.

Review of Financials

Mr. Ham reviewed the District's monthly financial statements with the board. The Statement of Income and Expenses for March shows a net 44,957.21. As of March 31, the District's operating account had a balance of \$17,230.27.

Mr. Ham informed the board that when the District's converts its billing software program from G-4 to G-5, he will be able to present more complete financial statements. Upon the conversion, tap fees and connection fees will be included as revenues. Mr. Ham explained the depreciation expense line item to the board members.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Fromm requested an update on the District's transfer of real property owned by it to the English Mountain Fire Department which was approved in the summer of 2023. Mr. Barnett stated that the District was waiting on a legal description of the property to be transferred before a deed could be prepared which legal description was being prepared by the Fire Department at its expense. No action will be taken until a survey has been done and the legal description prepared by the Fire Department.

New Business:

- Mr. Ham reported to the board that he recommended the District adopt a 10% increase in the monthly wastewater service rates of the District's customers served by its off-site, decentralized wastewater systems. The new recommended monthly wastewater service rates will be as follows:

1-3 Bedrooms	\$ 54.50
4-6 Bedrooms	\$ 90.75
7-9 Bedrooms	\$127.05

10-12 Bedrooms	\$163.50
13-15 Bedrooms	\$199.75
16-18 Bedrooms	\$236.00

Mr. Barnett made a motion that the District adopt the new monthly wastewater service rates for the District's off-site, decentralized wastewater customers as recommended by Mr. Ham to become effective for bills issued after April 10th, 2024. Mr. Fromm seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

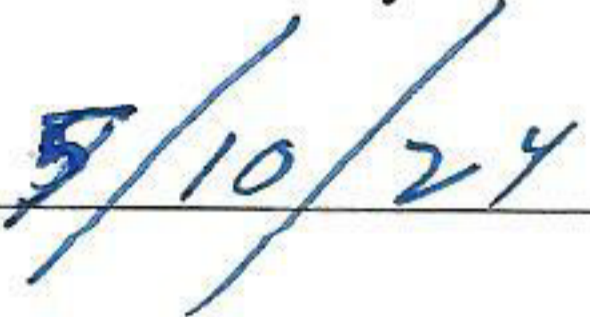
- Mr. Ham suggested to the board members that the District's legal counsel, Overbey, only attend future meetings upon the request of the board members or TUA to minimize the District's legal expenses moving forward. TUA will prepare the minutes for board meetings moving forward. The board members agreed to this procedure moving forward.
- Mr. Fromm asked Mr. Ham to provide the board with the legal process required to be followed to increase the board size from three members to five members. Mr. Ham stated that he would provide this information to the board at its May board meeting.
- Mr. Fromm asked Mr. Ham whether the District could sell several vacant lots which it is not using. Mr. Ham informed Mr. Fromm that he would discuss this proposed action with TUA's legal counsel and would report back.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Fromm made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



 Dan Barnett, Secretary/Treasurer



 Date