

**Minutes of Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting  
East Sevier County Utility District  
June 12, 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. Barnett made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 8, 2024 board meeting and to approve as written and presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fromm, and the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Financials

Mr. Ham reviewed the monthly financials with the Board and explained that the District is still working on rebuilding the billing database which should increase billing revenues. Karen has been working with the homeowners associations to obtain homeowner information for all of the offsite sewer drip systems as a part of this process.

Manager's Report

- Mr. Ham reported that the District had volunteered to take part in an EPA program for technical assistance. After a complaint was filed with the EPA, personnel from its compliance enforcement group performed a site visit and provided a list of items which the District needs to complete to bring its utility system into compliance. The District has already is making plans about how to address these items.
- In 2017, the District's wastewater treatment plant construction project had a cost overrun causing certain items not to be completed. One of those items was the installation of an effluent composite sampler. The District has ordered this sampler for installation.
- Mr. Ham reported that TDEC performed an inspection of the District's offsite sewer systems in late January and early February and outlined work which needed to be done on these systems. Cleanup of the treatment and disposal systems and property and work on pumps and UV systems has been ongoing. Billy Dranes, an EPA training specialist with TAUD, has been assisting the District with this clean-up process and maintenance items. TDEC will be performing a follow-up inspection in July.
- The District paid Muni-link \$5,000 to export the data from the old billing system to the new system. Muni-Link is requiring proof that TUA manages the District for security reasons before the billing data is exported which TUA will provide.
- Mr. Ham reported that one bypass coming down the mountain has been completed. G&C will be here through the month of June working on completing the other three bypasses.

- Mr. Ham requested that the board declare certain pieces of equipment owned by the District as surplus property so the equipment can be sold. Mr. Barnett made the motion to declare the equipment described by Mr. Ham as surplus and to authorize Mr. Ham to sell the equipment through govdeals.com. Mr. Fromm seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Unfinished Business

- Mr. Ham reported to the board that the wastewater service agreement for Forgotten Forest was still being completed. The District plans to meet with the Forgotten Forest homeowners association or property manager to review the service agreement to finalize it.
- Mr. Barnett had a question pertaining to the new tank at well D and flushing. Mr. Allsup explained that the tank had been installed, and the District is periodically flushing the lines. He stated that the new tank is helping with capacity and is permitting longer flushing which is improving water quality.
- Mrs. Hawthorn asked if the District could get new tires for the backhoe. Mr. Allsup stated that he would obtain quotes for new tires and report back to the board.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Fromm made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Barnett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

  
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Louie Fromm, Secretary/Treasurer

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