

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
East Sevier County Utility District
Monday, December 22, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the East Sevier County Utility District (“the District”), was held at the Sevierville Civic Center, 200 Gary R. Wade Boulevard, Sevierville, Tennessee 37862 on December 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Dan Barnett, Secretary/Treasurer, Louie Fromm, and President Lisa Hawthorne. Others present were Tim Ham, Nathaniel Allsup of Tennessee Utility Assistance, LLC (“TUA”), Trevor Nash and Karen Spence, District employees, and Gavin Smelcer, Owings, Wilson & Coleman, General Counsel for the District.

President Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

President Hawthorne declared a quorum.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

The Minutes of the Board of Commissioner’s September 2025, meeting were presented. Commissioner Fromm moved to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnett and carried unanimously.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Review of Financials

Mr. Ham discussed the District’s financials. Mr. Ham advised the Commissioners that staff is continuing to work with the District’s creditors and bring the District up to date on its outstanding payments and that, after tonight’s meeting, the only remaining creditors (other than in the normal course of business operations) were TAUD and G & C. Mr. Ham noted this was monumental progress since they came on board to help manage the District.

Report from General Manager

After reviewing the District’s financials, Mr. Ham deferred his report to the “Commissioner and Staff Comments” Agenda item.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Ham reported that several off-site State Operating Permits (“SOPs”) the District currently operates are out of date. Staff is working on bringing those SOPs current with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (“TDEC”).

Mr. Ham reported that the engineering firm Ardurra has submitted its final plans to the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") Rural Development for the District's ECWAG grant. Staff hopes the District will see movement relative to the ECWAG grant in calendar year 2026.

New Business

There was no new business.

Commissioner and Staff Comments:

The Commissioners discussed numerous matters related to the District's operations, including blow-off valves, getting a salaried employee for the District, the status of the District's domain and website switch, and the status of the District's office on English Mountain.

Mr. Ham advised that the District will be resuming regular monthly meetings in February 2026. District staff will cooperate with customers to take payments in the regular course of business (even by coming to a customer's residence to pick up a payment), but the District will not be back in the English Mountain office (other than as needed) until further notice. District staff is working to lease an office from which District staff can work.

Hear From District Customers: Various customers addressed the Commissioners with their concerns and comments.

There being no further business, Commissioner Fromm moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnett. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Louie Fromm, Secretary

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