

**Minutes of Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
East Sevier County Utility District
December 18, 2024**

Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum:

Mrs. Lisa Hawthorn called the board of commissioners meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Dan Barnett and Louie Fromm. A quorum was declared. The other person in attendance was Nathaniel Allsup with TUA.

Approval of Minutes

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

Review of Financials

- Mr. Allsup explained the financials to the board.

Managers' Report

- Mr. Ham and Mr. Allsup talked with Al Scott of South Blount Utility about billing for the offsite wastewater system located in Louisville TN. South Blount Utility will bill for the wastewater off of consumption instead of bedroom county.
- Mr. Ham has been in contact with Jackson Thornton to start the process of the rate study. Mr. Allsup explained that through the completion of the rate study the utility will be able to set sewer rates for the offsite systems based off of consumption instead of bedroom count.
- Mr. Allsup reported that he had been in contact with G&C supply getting quotes for replacing existing manual read meter tops with new radio read meter tops. Crews are working on getting a count of old meters that need to be replaced and meters that have already been replaced that just need the new top.

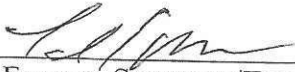
Discussion

- The District experienced a leak on December 17th at Dogwood and Black Oak Drive. Crews were onsite most of the day. The Crews flushed late into the night and most of the day on the 18th to help get the water cleared up.
- Mr. Louie Fromm asked for some figures for the employees on a 401k option as well as, Health Insurance, TCRS, Vision and Dental.

New Business

- Mr. Allsup brought up giving the employees a Christmas Bonus. After Discussion it was decided that all employees would get a flat \$500.00 Christmas Bonus. Mrs. Lisa Hawthorn made the motion and Mr. Louie Fromm seconded the motion.
- Mr. Allsup reported that the lawsuit filed by Witt Utility District has been turned over to Mr. Ham and Mr. Scholes. The District is working with our Attorneys. We have a meeting scheduled with the Attorneys on January 15th 2025. Their will be more of an update in February.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Louie Fromm made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dan Barnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.



Louie Fromm, Secretary/Treasurer

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