

**Minutes of Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting  
East Sevier County Utility District  
February 12th, 2025**

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, Louie Fromm and Dan Barnett. A quorum was declared. The other persons in attendance were Tim Ham and Nathaniel Allsup with TUA and Trevor Nash and Karen Spence with ESCUD.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Louie Fromm made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 18, 2024, board meeting and to approve as written and presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lisa Hawthorn and carried unanimously. There was no meeting in January of 2025, therefore no minutes from January.

Review of Financials

- Mr. Allsup explained will have to email financials to board members Friday. Mr. Allsup explained that Melanie had been on vacation and the financials would be emailed to the board members as soon as they are completed.

Managers' Report

- Mr. Allsup Reported that they had replaced a well pump in well A. Additionally the crews repaired a leaky valve on c-tank. Mr. Allsup reported that with recent storms a Tree had fallen at the Wastewater treatment plant and the district had contracted with a third-party vendor to cut down the rest of the tree down.

New Business

- Mr. Ham explained that the utility still owes Merkal Bros. Construction, District Attorneys, Tennessee Utility Assistance (TUA) and other vendors \$160,000 plus dollars. Mr. Ham explained that moving forward TUA's rate will be 7500.00 per month and that the money TUA is owed will be reduced to \$6250 a month from \$15,000.00 per month.
- Mr. Barnett asked about the possibility of acquiring one loan to pay off all of the utilities debt and just have 1 monthly payment. Mr. Ham told Mr. Barnett that he would look into that as a possibility.
- Mr Ham explained that moving forward Trevor Nash will assume the position of Operations Manager for the Utility District.

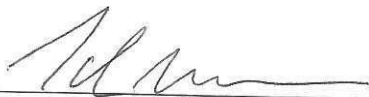
Unfinished Business

- The Board voted to ratify the General Managers Decision to accept Witt Utilities settlement offer of 30,000.00 in the Lawsuit. The Motion was made by Dan Barnett and Seconded by Louie Fromm and carried unanimously.

Discussion

- A customer that lives on Swann Saddle complained a road conditions from a previous repair. Mr. Allsup said that the utility would address and correct the problem.

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 6:38pm.



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Louie Fromm, Secretary/Treasurer

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