

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
East Sevier County Utility District
Monday, February 23, 2026**

The regular monthly 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 February 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners present were President Lisa Hawthorne, Vice-President Dan Barnett, and Secretary/Treasurer Louie Fromm. Others present were Nathaniel Allsup and Adam Hale, of Tennessee Utility Assistance, LLC ("TUA"), Trevor Nash and Karen Spence, District employees, and Douglas Overbey of 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 meeting of December 22, 2025, were presented. Commissioner Barnett moved to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fromm and carried unanimously.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Review of Financials

Mr. Allsup reviewed the District's most recent financial statements. Among the items discussed were: (i) an issue at the rehabilitation center, which has been corrected, (ii) the budgeted allowance for doubtful accounts, and (iii) a grant received in December to repay Sevier County for ARPA funds.

Report from General Manager

Mr. Allsup reported on various measures taken to restore water throughout the District following the January severe weather conditions. Among other matters, he reported (i) on repairs to Well B, (ii) that another utility district brought two water trucks and pumped water into the tank free of charge which helped Tank C regain pressure, (iii) on-going discussions related to drilling a new well between Well A and Well B, costing around \$75,000, or testing Well A for suitability for putting a drive on the pump for Well A, costing around \$20,000, which could improve production between 20 and 30 gallons per minute; and (iv) on the status of the District's ECWAG grant application for a 6" test well.

Mr. Allsup called on Mr. Hale for a report on the off-site sewer systems. Mr. Hale reported that (i) there are a total of thirteen off-site sewer systems, with twelve being off the mountain and one

being on the mountain, (ii) the District is working with a new contractor, Innovative Waste Water Solutions, and (iii) four new pumps were placed into service during the previous week.

Mr. Allsup then called on Ms. Spence for a report on the District's website. Ms. Spence reported that the website is now live and will be updated with the District's financials and minutes of board meetings.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

The only new business related to Well A which was covered in the General Manager's Report.

Commissioner and Staff Comments:

Mr. Hale said that there is nothing the staff wants more than to get the District's customers their water – good water – and that the District's staff works hard. Commissioner Hawthorne agreed that staff work hard and are doing their best to get customers water.

Hearing 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 and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Louie Fromm, Secretary