

Minutes

April 15, 2025

Ledbetter Water District

5:30 P.M.

THE EIGHT HUNDRED-TWENTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE LEDBETTER WATER DISTRICT WAS HELD AT THE LEDBETTER WATER DISTRICT OFFICE IN LEDBETTER KENTUCKY APRIL 15, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M.

MEETING WAS HELD ON PURSUANT TO NOTICE AND CONSENT BY SAID DISTRICT, TERRY TEITLOFF, CHAIRMAN; MICAH JOINER, VICE-CHAIRMAN; ARNIE PUCKETT, SECRETARY-TREASURER; PHILIP ORR, COMMISSIONER; AND LANCE WOOTEN, COMMISSIONER.

Those present: Phillip Orr, Micah joiner, Lance Wooten, Terry Teitloff, Arnie Puckett, Alan Fox and Paula Malone.

Guest: David Hampton, Kemper CPA, Scott Wagoner, KPI

Meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M. by Terry Teitloff

Since we started a little early, if the auditor comes, we will let him present when he gets here.

NEW BUSINESS:

A question asked was "If a Board meeting gets out of hand for some reason, does a Board member have the opportunity to call for Executive Session?" They all answered Yes. Terry added, or we can adjourn the meeting if needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

David Foster Update

David called and said he needed Paula to get him a consumption report for each month of 2023, He will go ahead and file the report, but it will come back with a deviation, We should have the consumption report by that time and will finish up.

Applicant Updates:

Terry asked if Paula would either call or send a letter to all of the other applicants and inform them that we have chosen the ones that we will be interviewing and thank them for considering us for employment.

Miscellaneous Business

We looked at two quotes for IT services. The difference between their cost was about \$25.00. Micro IT is in Paducah and Knights is in Madisonville. Alan said sometimes we can't wait very long to get things up and running. It would be nice to have someone closer.

Micha made a motion to hire Micro IT for their services. Philip seconds the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

David Hampton with Kemper CPA has arrived and will present the 2023 audit.

On the audit report for 2023 David apologized for being so late getting it back to us. It was no fault of the District.

He read over the Opinion letter to the Board and said that They have a clear opinion. Pages 25-28 show the Pension that it not audited. It is supplementary information. Pages 29-32 is other information.

As in the past, they feel there is a lack of segregation of duties, but it is due to lack of staff. This has been the case every year and is usual with small districts. They found no instances of non-compliance.

What is ideal is for Operating income and Revenues to break even. Sewer generated more cash inflow than water, but the debt is on the sewer. Micah stated that the Board, the Fiscal Court and our Magistrate have worked diligently to find Grants. We haven't been able to get any.

Terry said our ratio of lift stations to population is higher than most districts. David agreed, saying Paducah may have 500 people per mile and we may have 50 per mile. When that line breaks, it is going to cost both Districts the same to repair them.

Philip said that we are paying 120,000.00 to KIA each year. This loan will be paid in two years. When they found big leaks in the system and got them repaired, we are saving about \$6,000.00 in water loss. We have a rate case study coming.

After discussing the audit with David Hampton, Micah made a motion to accept the 2023 Audit. Philip seconds the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

Back to Miscellaneous business:

Philip suggested that we pay more on the KIA loan and we could use that money for badly needed repairs. Arnie said that we have got to get the towers painted. Maybe we could have them paint one at a time. Micah said the revenue from the loan won't add up quick enough to do what we need. Terry asked Alan the cost to paint a tower. HE replied \$93,000/00 for just the inside and repairing the cables. We have to clear it with C/L water and find a time that they will let us use their water for a couple of days, We won't be able to do it in the Summer, they are not able to provide properly. Terry asked Alan to get an updated estimate and co-ordinate with them and find out when we can get this done.

Philip asked if we could add an additional \$4000.00 to our Depreciation Reserve Fund each month so we will have the money in the Spring.

Arnie had some reports of the Vendor costs for the last 5 years, He told the Board that our chemicals cost \$34,000.00 in 2021. In 2024 they cost \$56,000.00. The Electric has increased about 25%. Our infrastructure needs repairs.

Scott Wagoner from Kentucky Publishing came into the meeting at this time. He said he was looking for stories to publish. Pictures are welcome. Philip asked him if he could publish the story of Ledbetter Water. If so, he could interview our Auditor who just left. He had some very good information about us. Mr. Wagoner said if we have a story in the future to let him know.

6:50 P.M. Micah made a motion to enter Executive Session. Arnie seconds the motion.

7:08 P.M.

Micha made a motion to return to regular business, Arnie seconds the motion. They discussed the SPGE notice in the paper and what they want to do to inform the public that this is nothing monetary and is being addressed. They will post a statement on our social media site.

Arnie made a motion to accept the financials and minutes from March. Micah seconds the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

This completes our agenda for the night. Meeting is adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED BEING THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LEDBETTER WATER DISTRICT, ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER AND BY THE VIRTUES OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF KENTUCKY, DO HEREBY SEVERLY WAIVER ANY AND ALL NOTICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF SAID DISTRICT, AND RATIFY, APPROVE AND CONFIRM ANY AND ALL BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT SUCH MEETING AND HEREIN SET FORTH.

Terry Teitloff, CHAIRMAN

Micah Joiner, VICE-CHAIRMAN

Arnie Puckett, SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lance Wooten, COMMISSIONER

Philip Orr, COMMISSIONER

Paula Malone, OFFICE MANAGER