

Minutes #805

Ledbetter Water District

August 15, 2023

5:30 P.M.

THE EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTH MEETING OF THE LEDBETTER WATER DISTRICT WAS HELD AT THE LEDBETTER WATER DISTRICT OFFICE IN LEDBETTER KENTUCKY AUGUST 15, 2023, 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: Terry Teitloff, Lance Wooten, Micah Joiner, Philip Orr, Arnie Puckett, Ryan Morrow, Alan Fox, Paula Malone.

Guests tonight: Bill Lipham, Michelle Ladd

This meeting was called to order at 5:45 P.M. by Terry Teitloff.

Lance Wooten was introduced as the new Board member tonight. He is replacing James Schade.

OLD BUSINESS:

Website:

Arnie has had Ronnie Holmes work up a quote for our website. With all of the Board here, we will discuss it again. This is so we can communicate more clearly with the community. There can be a link to ask questions, which someone will answer directly to that

customer. If we have boil water orders, our CCR can be added and links to PSC.

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We will also add our monthly financials. Again, the cost is \$200.00 to start up, \$130.00 annual fee and \$20.00 if Rodney has to add something.

Terry asked if we would have access to put stuff on ourselves. We need to be the Administrator for the site. Michelle asked if there will be a pay your bill here button. Arnie said it can have a hyper-link to Paystar and PSC, etc. when we set it up.

Micah stated that if we had some kind of emergency, he would like to be e-mailed as well as the other Board members. That way when they get phone calls, they will know what it going on. The rest of the Board agreed. Last week when the standpipe leaked, they got a lot of calls but were not aware of what happened until later.

Arnie said he makes a motion to get the Webpage started, with the understanding that we will have administration abilities and review the cost.

Micah said he wanted to know the terms. Terry asked if there was a contract for a period of time. Arnie said it is a recurring host.

Philip seconds the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries. Arnie told them when it was finished, he will send them all a link to look at it.

Arnie said the cameras we wanted to purchase were no longer on sale so he didn't buy them. We can look at another kind of security camera. They suggested we might be able to go with the Fire Department. They already have some cameras.

Gate on Faye Dr. :

Alan said Gruber put up a fence on our property and now the people that drive to the gulf course want it down. This is actually Beverly Rd and plotted with Blankenship Subdivision.

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Drew Kirk wanted to stop traffic from going thru his back yard, so he asked for a fence. The golf carts have been going around it and rutting up the area. It is a muddy mess. Mr. kirk did plant trees along his property.

Bill asked if the fence was damaged. Alan said they took it down. If we put it back up, the golf carts are still going to go through it. Micah said if it is a county road, then it isn't on our property. If it is a county road and Gruber wants it closed, we can't do anything about it. Terry suggested putting rock down on the path big enough for golf carts to pass thru. Bill Lipham said he will ask Pete about the road. Alan said that the PVA states that it is our property. He passed a letter from Judge Gruber saying that it is ours. Terry said it was according to this e-mail.

Philip made a motion that if the road is indeed ours, we get a load of gravel and make a path big enough for the golf carts to pass through. Arnie seconds the motion.

Micah said he had reservations. Terry said we don't want trucks to be able to go through there, just golf carts and a walking path. Alan said we have some steel pipes that he can put on the ends to block no one can go around.

Micah sustains, the rest were in favor. Motion carries.

Terry asked if we wanted to discuss the fence or just leave it up to Alan. We need to get our mower through to mow the property. We will leave it to Alan. He can put it up and add the poles.

Rivercrest:

They have plans for the Plant extension. It is almost the same as what we have already. They are getting the cost and hopefully will have it before the next meeting For the Grants we applied for.

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Terry said that C/L will sit down with us at anytime. Right now, Dennis Fleet has been suspended. He went to the training, but it wasn't documented properly with PSC. Alan said he is worried about that with Lance. The 30 days has passed. Paula said, we weren't informed until recently he was on the Board though.

Lance asked how he scheduled training. Alan said he will set it up for him. Philip still has to go too. He was trying to get it virtual or close to the area. He thinks they are doing one in December.

Miscellaneous Business::

Arnie read the letter he had written about Mr. Schade. He told Lance it wasn't anything against him, just the way the process was handled. He said the Board governs this utility, not the magistrate. They are not supposed to nominate Board members for a reason. Arnie made a motion to adopt this letter as a statement of resolution. He plans to mail a copy to PSC. Philip asked if there is a law in place, why do we need a resolution? Arnie replied he wants to bring attention that it was handled improperly. Not in the law of governing utilities. He just asks that it be done properly in the future. Terry said the Judge said he shouldn't have done that.

No second to the motion. Motion dies.

Alan said John Driskill is wanting us to come up with a plan that doesn't rob his pressure. Alan told the board how much a booster station will cost and a larger water line. Terry said we will postpone this subject until next month.

Paula asked if they have done anything with the hydrant on Bishop Rd that people are getting water out of. Alan said they bought the lock, but haven't put it on yet. Terry says James Marine will pay us for the water they have used. If they want it next year, we will let them because it benefits us and flushes the line.

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Paula said when they did work on the highway, they would call and tell us how many times they filled their trucks up that day and were billed accordingly.

Micah said if we had a meter on it, it would help us with our water loss. Alan said we have two other hydrants that we need locks on. The one on Thomasson Loop is hidden so someone could get water from there.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance payment:

Paula said the Insurance emailed about the premium due. It is \$12,765.00 and we only have almost \$20,000.00 in the account. Can we transfer the money from the Bond & Interest acct to cover this? The Board said that would be fine.

New Signature cards:

Arnie resigns as Vice President and assumes the Secretary-Treasurer job. He will approve the invoices and sign the checks over \$2,000.00 each week. Philip made the motion to accept Arnie as the new Secretary-Treasurer. Micah seconds the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries. Philip made a motion to have Micah as the Vice President of the Board. Arnie seconds the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

A new signature card will be needed at the bank to remove James Schade and add Arnie Puckett as Sectary-Treasurer. The Board approved.

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Miscellaneous Business:

Micah asked if the rate case study was for Water and Sewer. Yes, it is. Do we have a time-frame? Alan replied, they are planning late Fall.

Arnie pulled out the paper he worked on last month with neighboring Water Plants and their rates for water. We are #8 out of 18. This just gives us an idea of where we stand with rates. Micah asked what the customer charge is. Ours needs to be comparable to the others. Michelle said it hasn't gone up since she was young. Most water companies has a much higher customer charge. Ours is \$7.47, some places are as high as \$18.00. Philip said if we raised the customer charge, we may not have to raise the rates for water. That could be the answer to our problem.

Bill L said he said the Fiscal Court will help us in 2027. He just wants us to keep the rates the same until then. Micah asked him how long his term is and when does it end. He said 2026. So, Micah says, we shouldn't raise rates until 2027 but, what if you or Gruber are not still in service then? Watch what happens if you are not.

Michell said she agrees that the customer basic rate should increase. We need to designate maybe \$1.00 per customer to a savings

account that we can pay off this loan from that. That will give us a little revenue. This plant is 30 years old and things need either repaired or replaced. Making the information available will help out a lot.

The Board explained the need for a new well and clarifier to Lance and that we are far behind on having the towers painted, along with the cost of these projects.

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Arnie made a motion to go into Executive Session. Philip seconds the motion. Micah makes a motion to leave Executive Session, Lance seconds it.

Micah made the motion based on the recommendation of the Board the Manager (Alan) has been instructed to eliminate the position of Office Clerk by September 15, 2023. Philip seconds the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.

Philip made a motion to accept the minutes from July 2023 as written and the Financials with the correction of 700-000 (interest of \$9,000.00 being changed to principal payment in Sewer on the financials) correction made. Arnie seconds the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion Carries.

This completes our agenda for the evening. This meeting is adjourned at 9:00 PM by Terry.

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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