

Minutes #810

Ledbetter Water District

December 13, 2023

6:30 P.M.

THE EIGHT HUNDRED-TENTH MEETING OF THE LEDBETTER WATER DISTRICT WAS HELD AT THE LEDBETTER WATER DISTRICT OFFICE IN LEDBETTER KENTUCKY DECEMBER 13, 2023, AT 6:30 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; LANCE WOOTEN, COMMISSIONER; PHILIP ORR, COMMISSIONER.

Those present: Terry Teitloff, Lance Wooten, Micah Joiner, Philip Orr, Arnie Puckett, Alan Fox, Paula Malone Patrick Buie, Austin Stafford.

Guests:

This meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Terry Teitloff

Review of Tariff

Last month after the meeting, Paula e-mailed each Board member the tariff for them to review for this meeting. They all acknowledged receipt of the tariff and that they had reviewed it. They agreed that they understand the Tariff and no changes will be made at this time.

Employee Raise

Alan told the Board that Austin and Patrick have been doing an excellent job. They are never late, and Paula has been doing 2 jobs now. He would like to encourage the Board to give them a raise this year. He supplied a list of pay rates and hire dates for the Board to consider.

Micah asked if they could go into Executive Session. Philip made a motion to go into Executive Session since they will be discussing employee pay. Micah seconds the motion. Paula, Austin and Patrick stepped out at this time.

Micah made the motion to return to regular session and Arnie seconds it.

In regular session, Philip made a motion to accept the wage proposal discussed. Micah seconds the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries. Alan will discuss they pay with the employees tomorrow.

Website Promotion

Arnie said there is not a lot of traffic on our website. He thinks we need to advertise it. Maybe we can send our post cards that advertise it. Philip sent an e-mail her got that said after December, they will no longer mail out billing statements. We decided to check on that situation first and readdress this next month. Mailing our bills each month cost about \$700.00 so the cost of these cards would be comparable and we need to make sure we can do it before we spend money on the cards.

Fiscal Court

Alan tried to talk to the Judge Exec. About the Fiscal Court writing us a letter of need for Grants. If any District is up for a Grant, they usually tell us we have to show a need for a project. Our Judge just said he wants to look at the numbers, but we have to have it engineered, which is at a cost, to get actual numbers. He wouldn't look at an estimate.

Arnie said he thinks we need to improve our communication with the Fiscal Court. We are not asking for money from them, just help to get it. Terry said, it starts with the Judge. The Fiscal Court needs to be behind the District.

Arnie said we have some major projects will have to be done soon. The lift station on Willet needs a total rehab that costs \$115,000.00.

Alan said he talked to two people with the State to see if they would pay for part of it and they replied they can't. This is the lift station that they were going to move 10 years ago when they bought all of that property for the new road. The road has changed, prices have gone up considerably in the last 10 years. The lift station has deteriorated so much in those 10 years and will have to be fixed.

Alan said he can talk to Bill Lipham about it and see what he can do.

Cellphone package

Our cellphone package cost \$100.00 a month. This is for 1 phone with AT&T. We should really try to find a cheaper service. The phone is for after hour calls and weekends. Terry suggests that we look at different business plans. He has Verizon. Philip has Cricket and said that they are happy with it. It is just a subsidy account of AT&T and cheaper.

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We will look into some different plans this month and see what we can come up with for the next meeting.

Misc. New business.

None.

Old Business

Philip said that the Boring Company cut our water lines three times on Ferren Rd. Our people fixed the yard where they had to repair the lines. They did an outstanding job repairing the yard. Philip was wondering when another company hits our lines, who is responsible for the repairs. He feels we need to bill them for the overtime paid to the employees and the cost to repair everything. Alan said that they claim there were no flags. We painted the ground, and someone may have removed the flags. Sometimes the homeowner does if they have been there for a while. Now we are watching them while they bore. They were supposed to go down 4-5 feet but did the bores only 2'9". When they hit the line on US 60, it was just negligence. Philip made a motion to bill the Boring Company to cover the expenses for Hwy 60. Arnie seconds the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion carries. Micah said we need to create a workorder for the incidence, so we have a record.

Arnie asked if we contacted the Credit Bureau. Paula said she had forgotten. He said we can do that next month as well.

Arnie asked Alan if he heard anything about the backhoe. HE said that we are at the top of the list for next year. As soon as they get one in, they will call us.

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He didn't realize that we can purchase them through the State like we did the truck. They are considerably cheaper. They start at \$30,000.00 - \$37,000.00. These are equipment traded in by other utilities.

Micah asked Alan if this was the contact that he got from Judge Gruber. Alan said it was.

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

This completes our agenda for the evening. Terry adjourns this meeting at 7:45 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