



# Union Williams

PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

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April 12, 2023

Wood County Commissioners  
No. 1 Court Square, Suite 203  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Re: Minutes of Board Meetings

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed are copies of the minutes from our Regular Board Meeting held on March 14, 2023 and the Special Board Meeting that was held on March 22, 2023. These meetings were held in the District's office, Waverly, West Virginia.

Should you have any questions, please give me a call.

Cordially,

Tracy Orr  
Office Supervisor

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UNION WILLIAMS PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT  
Special Board Meeting  
March 22, 2022

Roll Call:

Present -

S. L. Nulter, Chairman  
G.K. Arnott, Treasurer  
D. A. Raines, Secretary

Attended:

Location and Time:

3:00 P.M. – District Office

Minutes by:

K. A. Sanders

**MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT**

**APPROVED**

BY: *S. L. Nulter*

DATE: 4-11-2023

S. L. Nulter called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

The purpose to today's special board meeting is to discuss how to address the fears and concerns of both our residents, and employees, concerning the media releases regarding the possible sale and privatization of local PSD's to WV American Water. Customers have been phoning and visiting the office, as well as stopping employees in the field wanting answers; all voicing their opposition to the sale of our facilities to WV American Water. Employees are concerned about losing their jobs and livelihood if this transition takes place. After review, the Board of Directors addresses the concerns as follows:

There have been discussions that consolidation and/or privatization would benefit the systems in cost savings and efficiency by utilizing cost sharing. We see no merit in this claim. Union Williams PSD currently has one of the lowest rates in Wood County, and the state. We continue to work to keep our debt low, also being one of the lowest in Wood County. Our staffing is sized to meeting the needs of our customers and facilities. There would be minimal efficiencies gained by and consolidation or privatization efforts of our system.

As we explore the process, we find the following criteria must be met in order to pursue consolidation and/or privatization:

The District's Board of Directors must agree to pursue the consolidation and/or privatization. Once they have agreed all debt holders have to agree, as well as the Public Service Commission of West Virginia. It would be a very complicated and lengthy process.

Lastly, we understand through media outlets that WV American Water will be requesting to complete a tour and inspection of our facilities. Upon the review of counsel, Union Williams PSD respectfully declines this request. We suggest that anyone wanting information concerning our system should visit the Public Service Commissions website and pull the copies of our Annual Reports as well as our Financial Audits.

Next Board meeting is April 11, 2023 4:30 PM, at the District office.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

UNION WILLIAMS PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting

March 14, 2023

Roll Call:

Present -

S. L. Nulter, Chairman

G. K. Arnott, Treasurer

D. A. Raines, Secretary

Attended:

Katrina Kratche, Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council

Fred Hypes, Thrasher Dunn Engineers

Location and Time:

4:30 P.M. – District Office

Minutes by:

K. A. Sanders

S. L. Nulter called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

Minutes from the regular board meeting held on February 14, 2023 were read. G. K. Arnott moved to accept the minutes. D. A. Raines second. Unanimous.

Reviewed monthly financial statements. G.K. Arnott moved to approve the financial statements. D. A. Raines second. Unanimous.

Fred Hypes, Thrasher Dunn Engineers, gave an update for the Sewer Renovation Project. The engineers should be prepared to hold a meeting with the District employees in August, 2023 to review the design plans so that we can give feedback or additional information to help finalize the plans.

Mr. Hypes also gave an update of the Fordyce sewer line relocation project. Predesign is complete and he is currently working with Attorney Arden Cogar to get the right-of-way prepared for the project. Once the right-of-way is signed by Mr. Fordyce, we can proceed with the final design work.

Mr. Hypes advised the board that Clay Riley has returned from the legislative session and will resume work on the Water Loss Project. Ashley Tomko has been collecting information for the project and it is expected to be complete and ready for presentation during our next board meeting.

Katrina Kratche, Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council, gave an update on the Middle Ridge Critical Needs Project. She has had nine residents sign the user's agreements. She has an appointment to speak with the IJDC Board on March 28 to see whether the project will be approved.

Customer concerns – none

Personnel issues – none

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

APPROVED

BY: Stephen L. Nulter

DATE: 4-11-2023

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This month's District unaccounted for water loss is -6%. A large leak was repaired at the corner of Rt. 2 and Carpenters Run Road that has been attributing to water loss over the past couple of months.

G. K. Arnott requested the Board go into executive session at 5:05 PM. The Board returned from executive session at 5:30 PM. G. K. Arnott moved to approve the employee pay raises that were discussed during the executive session. D. A. Raines second. Unanimous.

Bennett and Dobbins suggested that the District apply for a water rate increase of 6.9% and a sewer rate increase of 7.30% due to inflation/higher costs of doing business in the fiscal year 2021-2022. G. K. Arnott moved to approve moving forward with both requests. D. A. Raines second. Unanimous.

Date of the next regular board meeting is April 11, 2023, 4:30 PM, at the District office.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.