

METROPOLITAN LYNCHBURG MOORE
UTILITY DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
October 10, 2023

The Metro Utility Board meeting scheduled for October 10, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. was called to order by Shane Taylor, Chairperson. Member's present: Glen Thomas, Boo Johnston, Barry Posluszny, Shane Taylor, and Brooke Fanning.

Visitors: Mayor Sloan Stewart, Tabitha Moore, *The Lynchburg Times*, and Charles McGee.

The motion was made by Barry Posluszny and seconded by Shane Taylor to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023. Motion carried 3-0 with Mr. Glen Thomas abstaining from the vote because this was his first meeting.

1. Board member resignations: Shane Taylor notified the board that Will Shavers had planned to come to the meeting to announce his resignation. He was unable to attend, and Mr. Taylor expected a formal resignation letter from him any day. Mr. Taylor also informed the board that Jon Robertson had resigned earlier in the month with Mr. Glen Thomas being accepted by the Metro Council as his replacement. Mr. Taylor then welcomed Mr. Thomas to the board.

Manager's Report:

1. Ronnie Cunningham was on vacation and not present at the meeting. Brooke Fanning told the board that the financial audit had begun, and the audit was in process.
2. Shane Taylor alerted the board to an email received from the State of TN Comptroller's Office regarding the utility's water loss placing the utility under the scrutiny of the TN Board of Utility Regulation (TBOUR). The utility has until December 31, 2023, to provide the Comptroller's office with a written plan to address the water loss.
3. Shane Taylor also brought to the attention of the board a second email received from the Comptroller's Office regarding training hours for the utility board. He encouraged everyone to become compliant with the training requirements as soon as possible. This compliance requirement should be addressed no later than December 31, 2023. The new board member Glen Thomas has twelve months to become compliant with this state law.
4. Barry Posluszny brought up the matter of a written report being included in the utility board monthly packets from the General Manager. Mr. Posluszny wants the report to include a summary of projects and/or details for addressing any recent violations enforced by the state. Shane Taylor explained that steps have been taken for the past three years that he has served on the board to address the state violations regarding water loss and all TDEC violations. Mr. Posluszny wants the Managers report to include a recap of what steps have been taken so he can look back with ease between

meetings. Mr. Taylor felt like this was unnecessary since Mr. Posluszny could take notes during the meetings. Mr. Glen Thomas stated that the board runs the utility, and the board members should remember what items were discussed and voted on for utility business.

5. Glen Thomas asked the board members why they had voted on the 12” transmission line being installed and the current 6” transmission line being cut off? He stated that it didn’t make any sense why the 6” transmission was being decommissioned. The other board members didn’t know why they had voted on that engineering plan. Mr. Shane Taylor stated this would have been a good time for the engineers to be present to answer those questions. Mr. Thomas stated that the board had made the decision and the engineers do not run the Metro Utility. He also asked if they didn’t understand what they were voting for? After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Glen Thomas to issue a change order for the project – not cutting off the 6” transmission line and leaving the 12” transmission line running directly to Jack Daniel’s South Bottling facility. Barry Posluszny seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken for Glen Thomas- Yes, Barry Posluszny – Yes, Boo Johnston – Yes, Shane Taylor- Abstain. Motion carried 3-0. Shane Taylor stated he would like to hear from the engineers before casting a vote to change the project this far into it.
6. Shane Taylor asked that LJA and Prince and Sons be present at the November meeting to discuss the changes.

A motion was made by Barry Posluszny, and seconded by Boo Johnston, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM. Motion passed 4-0.

Shane Taylor, Chairperson