

Meeting February 9, 2026, 6:00pm

Minutes

Prayer and pledge led by Virginia Lewis

Approval of January minutes — motion by Robert and 2nd by Virginia

In attendance Leon Deweese, Virginia Lewis, Robert Walling, Thomas Champagne, Monica Blankenship, Julie Neely, Calvin Wooden and Jonathan Zadick

A discussion on tank designs was tabled till the March meeting, Jonathan relayed that the asset management plan is almost ready to be submitted to the state, we should have the diamond maps done with-in the week, the Wyatt Loop plans have been submitted to the state and Cumberland Overlook (Hawks Bluff) plans need to be submitted.

Thomas provided his monthly update on the treatment plant

A motion was made by Robert and 2nd by Virginia to contact Neptune and or Freguson about doing some random meter testing.

There was a lengthy discussion on employee raises, no discission was made and the discussion was tabled.

Approval of new water rates was tabled for a later time.

Approval of the 2026-2027 Budget was tabled for a later time.

Implementation of a leak detection service call was tabled for more information before a discission can be made.

A motion was made by Virginia and 2nd by Robert to contract with Online Collection Services to collect bad debt and do background checks on new customers for the purpose of account deposits.

The meeting was recessed until February 23, 2026, at 4pm to continue the discussion on the tabled items around the rates, budget and employee raises. Motion made by Virginia and seconded by Robert.

February 23, 2026, 4pm

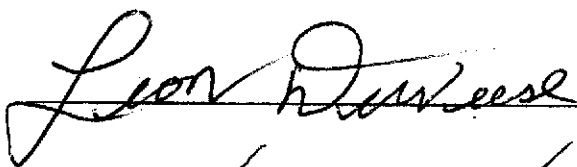
The meeting was called back to order by Leon, and the board was joined by Monica Blankenship, Julie Neely, Thomas Champagen and Mr. John Pool.

A motion was made by Virginia and 2nd by Robert, to set the new rate structure for the utility as a \$28 service charge with no water usage for residential customers, a Separate vote was done for Commercial meters as Board Member Robert Walling abstained from voting on Commercial meters as he has a conflict of interest as an employee of Tennessee State Parks, a motion was made by Virginia and 2nd by Leon to charge a \$50 service charge for Commercial customers also with no water usage, water usage charges will be set at \$13.65 per 1,000 gallons of water used for all customers. (commercial customers will consist of businesses, Air B&B's, chicken houses, Dairy's, Fall Creek Falls State Park, the state prison and Tri-Cor with the exception that the prison and tri-cor can only be charged the service charge and not water usage at this time).

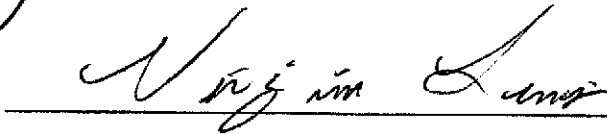
All employees will get a \$1 per hour raise on July 1, 2026, then the board has decided to institute an evaluation-based raise system going forward that will start July 2026 at the time of the employee's anniversary date with the utility. Motion made by Virginia and 2nd by Robert.

Robert made a motion to approve the budget prepared by Virginia, Leon 2nd the motion.

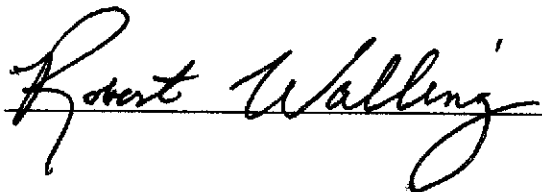
A motion to adjourn was made by Robert and 2nd by Virginia.



Leon Deweese



Virginia Lewis



Robert Walling