

METROPOLITAN LYNCHBURG MOORE
UTILITY DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2025

The Metro Utility Board meeting scheduled for January 14, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. was called to order by Barry Posluszny, Chairperson. Members' present: Glen Thomas, Charles Johnston, Darrel Richards, and Greg Guinn.

Visitors: Moore County News, The Observer, Newspaper, Bryant Griffin- Engineer

Glen Thomas made a motion to approve December 10, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Greg Guinn. All in favor.

Engineer's Report: Bryant Griffin- 2024 Water Replacement (Magnolia St., Morgan St., Wiggins Ave., and Church St.) is complete other than pavement repair. Pavement repair would take place in mid-February or March once it warmed up some. Ronnie Cunningham and Bryant Griffin met with Tullahoma Utilities Authority and Winchester Utility about purchasing water to fill the Griffin Tank. The rough estimated cost provided by Tullahoma is 3 million dollars to upgrade their lines to allow the additional purchasing of water. There would be an additional estimated cost of one million dollars to upgrade lines on Metropolitan Lynchburg Moore County Utility side for a pump station at the county line to get the water to the Griffin Tank. At the time of the January 14th meeting, Bryant was still waiting to receive an estimated cost from Winchester Utility. Barry Posluszny asked if we had looked into taking that same amount of money to upgrade M.U.D's water treatment plant to which Bryant responded he had not looked into yet. The board discussed different options as far as upgrading the water treatment plant and Bryant suggested that right now, the Utility's best interest would be to purchase water from Tullahoma.

Manager's Report: Ronnie Cunningham- Alan Prince is ordering materials to finish the 12" main project. They are expected to begin in February or March 2025. The heater in the shop is out and a part to repair it won't be received until March 2025 and not guaranteed to fix the issue long term. A new heating unit is \$3,500 and could be installed within the next couple weeks and has been ordered through Palmer's Heating and Air. Chip Hayes signed the Retreat at Whiskey Creek contract today, January 14, 2025. Ronnie informed the board that the information Kevin Holder presented at the December 10th meeting regarding the meters being programmed incorrectly was not 100% accurate. There were some meters that were reprogrammed and additional consumption captured; however, there were not millions of gallons captured due to this finding.

Further discussion: Ronnie mentioned that he received contact information from Charles Johnston for someone that Center Grove Utility uses to test large meters. He stated he was going to get them to come look at the larger meters in our system to tell us where the decimal needs to be read and bill the larger meters correctly. Greg Guinn asked Katie Goodwin if there was a way to simply things for the office staff and board in figuring this out. Katie explained she feels the utility is going to run into more issues trying to make

Kamstrup work with Zenner. These two programs weren't designed to work together. She feels a big portion of the disconnect is using one meter company, trying to make it work with a different company AMI system, and line up to use a separate billing software is causing a lot of disconnect and discrepancies.

Katie stated she spoke with ESource and let them know the board is waiting to receive some type of report regarding their findings, to which ESource responded they needing additional information sent to them. They stated they would have some type of presentation sent at the beginning of the year for the board.

Ronnie explained office staff is in the process of going through the records of the meters that have been changed and looking individually at them to verify all the consumption is being captured and billed.

Katie said she would update the water loss information and sewer stat sheet now that the Jack Daniel account adjustments have been made. The updated information will be emailed to the board once it is completed.

Greg Guinn asked if there was a company we could bring in to look at how everything is programmed, and which numbers are being dropped off at different parts of the reporting process. Bryant Griffin said he talked to Kevin at Core and Main and he stated a lot of the problem is the Kamstrup meters are not being used with a Kamstrup AMI system. Greg said before it was approved to begin changing the meters, the board was told Kamstrup meters would work with the Zenner AMI system. Barry Posluszny asked Ronnie if he could find out what it would cost to change over every part of our meter system to Kamstrup, including their AMI system.

Barry Posluszny asked Ronnie if he had met with the new attorney about writing up the agreement to proceed with the Jack Daniel's impact fee. Ronnie said the attorney is supposed to be getting in touch with himself and Katie to come to the office to discuss the agreement. Ronnie offered to go to his office; however, he preferred to visit M.U.D to ensure we had access to any documentation we may need to move forward.

Glen Thomas asked Ronnie to fix the whiteboard in the conference room with important details regarding the utility so that it is displayed for public knowledge.

With no further business, Darrell Richards made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Charles Johnston. All in favor. None opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Barry Posluszny, Chairman