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# MINUTES of the TENNESEE BOARD OF UTILITY REGULATION MEETING July 19, 2023 10:00 am

#### **Greeting:**

Chairman Moody detected a quorum and called to order the first meeting of the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation ("TBOUR") in the Volunteer Conference Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Cordell Hull Building in Nashville, TN at 10:00 a.m. (CDT).

## **Board Members Present and Constituting A Quorum:**

Greg Moody, Chairman Tom Moss, Vice-Chairman

**Edwin Carter** 

Anthony Pelham

Mike Adams

**David Purkey** 

**Bruce Giles** 

Eugene Hampton

Steve Stone

#### **Staff Present:**

Ross Colona, Comptroller's Office Meghan Huffstutter, Comptroller's Office Nate Fontenot, Comptroller's Office Ben Johnson, Comptroller's Office

#### **Counsel Present:**

Seth May, Comptroller's Office

#### Others present and Addressing the Board

Steve Osborne, Assistant Director, LGF, Comptroller's Office Sheila Reed, Director, LGF, Comptroller's Office Jean Suh, Audit Review Manager, LGA, Comptroller's Office Mike Dunavant, Chief Investigative Counsel, Investigations, Comptroller's Office Chris Leauber, Executive Director, Water and Wastewater Authority of Wilson County Eddie Noeman, Mayor, Town of Mason Dewey Branstetter, Legal Counsel, Witt Utility District

#### **Conflict of Interest Statement:**

Counsel Seth May read the following statement: "The Board was created to act for the public welfare and in furtherance of the legislature's intent that utility systems be operated as self-sufficient enterprises. Board members are not authorized to participate in the discussion of or to vote on matters involving entities in which the Board member has a financial interest, with which the Board member has a contract of employment, or if there is any appearance of impropriety."

No Board members recused themselves at this time.

## **Introduction and Board Orientation:**

Mr. Colona explained that since this is the first meeting of the TBOUR they would begin with introductions and then move into a period of orientation.

After each Board member gave a brief introduction to the other members, Mr. Colona moved to a presentation regarding current Board operations and cases.

Mr. Colona recommended that the Board alter the Update Cycle to be only 2 years of consecutive audits showing positive change in net position instead of requiring bi-annual updates. The Board agreed.

Mr. Colona also recommended that the Board alter the Water Loss process to only require that non-compliant utilities should be brought before the Board for enforcement. The Board agreed.

Mr. Colona explained to the Board the change in the nomenclature of Board Investigations to Administrative Review, in hopes of decreasing the confusion between Board actions and formal investigations by the Comptroller's Division of Investigations.

Further discussion was had on the Board's merger authority, the Utility Revitalization Fund, and customer complaint authority.

## **Public Comment Requirement**

Mr. May was then asked to provide an explanation of the drafted rules on the Public Comment Requirement.

Mr. Purkey asked to amend the rules to allow for three minutes per comment instead of two.

Mr. Stone then moved to accept the drafted Public Comment Rules along with the amendment. Mr. Giles seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### Other Rules

Mr. May continued, briefly explaining the process for the adoption of rules by the Board and recommended various topics that Board staff had anticipated.

Mr. May went on to explain that all WWFB and UMRB matters are carried over to the TBOUR.

# **Annual Information Report Violations**

Mr. Colona described the current standing of the utilities and explained the staff recommendations.

- 1. By September 29, 2023, the entity shall file its Annual Information Report.
- 2. Should the Entity fail to comply with any directive in this order, Board staff and Counsel shall issue subpoenas for the Entity's governing body and Manager to appear in-person before the Board during its next meeting following non-compliance of this order.

Mr. Pelham then moved to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Stone seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **Training Violations**

Mr. Colona described the current status of the utility and explained the staff recommendations.

1. By September 29, 2023, the Entity shall send Board staff proof that all members of the utility system's governing body have complied with the applicable training requirements.

- 2. Board staff shall issue subpoenas for the Entity's governing body and Manager to appear in person before the Board at its next meeting if the commissioners do not comply with paragraph 1.
- 3. If the Entity shows that all governing body members are compliant with training requirements and Board staff are unaware of any reason for which the Entity should remain under Board supervision, Board staff may close the Entity's case without further action by the Board

Mr. Giles moved to accept staff recommendations. Vice-Chairman Moss seconded the motion which passed unanimously

## **Update Cycle**

Mr. Colona described the current standing of the utilities and explained the staff recommendations.

1. Board staff will review their audited financial statement for compliance until Board staff believes the entity is postured to be released from Board oversight. The entity will continue to follow board directives to ensure compliance with relevant state statutes.

Mr. Pelham moved to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Adams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **Request for Utility Revitalization Funds**

Mr. Colona described the current request being made by the Town of Mountain City and the outstanding problems that the Utility is facing.

Mr. Colona explained that he does not believe that this is a legitimate request since no merger has occurred. The Board agreed.

Mr. Purkey moved to reject the funding request due to it not meeting statutory requirements. Mr. Adams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **The Town of Mason**

Mr. Colona addressed the Board regarding the utility and provided the Board Summary. Vice-Chairman Moss explained that TDEC has been working with Mason while they do not have a certified water or wastewater operator. The Mayor asked for a TDEC citation in order to

persuade the Town's governing body to hire new employees. Vice-Chairman Moss explained that no TDEC orders have been issued as of the date of the Board meeting.

Further discussion was had regarding the status of Mason, questions were raised regarding criminal investigations and if the Comptroller's office could speak to any ongoing charges. Mr. Dunavant provided a short statement on reports published by the Division of Investigation, multiple officials have been indicted and are currently in circuit courts.

The Board then allowed Mayor Noeman to address concerns raised by the Board regarding Mason's ability to operate their utility.

Ross followed up on what the Mayor spoke to, he couldn't comment on the financial health but explained that the Board would need to order a feasibility study before a merger could take place.

Mr. Adams asked if Mr. Colona could speak on the health of surrounding utilities. Mr. Moss asked if the Board had authority to subpoena the governing body if they refused to hire a certified operator. Mr. Colona spoke to both questions, Mr. Giles then followed up with a recommendation to order a third-party feasibility study if the Town does not hire a certified operator by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Vice-Chairman Moss asked to add subpoena language to the order as well and Mr. May clarified that the feasibility study should directly look into Poplar Grove Utility District. Mr. Pelham asked to also include proof of implementation.

Mr. Pelham moved to accept all recommendations made. Mr. Adams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **Spencer**

Mr. Colona gave a staff summary and opened the time for Board discussion.

Vice-Chairman Moss explained that a new TDEC order is being issued. Mr. Colona added that the City is in danger of missing out on grant funding

Mr. Pelham spoke about issues with working with Spencer, no communication has been had in the past three to four months. Mr. Purkey asked Mr. Pelham to provide an overview of connections that Warren County Utility District has with Spencer.

Mayor Farmer spoke to the Board regarding actions being taken by the City and asked for more time to address various issues and meet TDEC requirements. Mr. Colona followed up on the issues addressed by the Mayor, becoming self-sustaining would be very difficult for the City.

Mr. Adams asked for a feasibility study to be added to the recommendation.

Mr. Pelham said he did not believe that there was enough time for the utility to meet the grant deadline. He also added that he was the City's engineer in 2015 and recommended the merger at that time.

Mr. Adams moved to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion, which passed with all ayes and Mr. Pelham abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

## Watertown

Mr. Colona described the current standing of the utility and explained the staff recommendations.

Mr. Moss explained that the Town is currently refusing to comply with the TDEC Directors' orders.

Mr. Colona explained that in addition to outstanding utility issues the general government is also experiencing large deficiencies.

Further discussion was had regarding possible actions that the Board could take and the possibility of a feasibility study. Mr. Colona agreed that an administrative review could be ordered, and Board staff could review the concerns being discussed.

Mr. Purkey asked Mr. Dunavant if there was any other terminology that could be used instead of "Administrative Review". Discussion was had regarding other options for denoting administrative reviews.

Mr. Pelham asked if any further actions could be taken by TDEC.

Mr. Giles moved to accept staff recommendations with the amendment. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### Recess

The board went into a ten-minute recess at 12:10 pm and resumed at 12:20 pm.

## **Witt Utility District**

Mr. Colona described the current standing of the utility and gave the staff recommendation.

The Board should revise the Utility Management Review Board June 2023 order to give permission to Board staff and counsel to initiate ouster proceedings against the Commissioners in question. The Board should also authorize staff to cease or dismiss any proceedings should the commissioners in question resign or otherwise cease serving as commissioners.

Mr. Purkey announced his conflict of interest with Witt Utility District

Mr. Giles asked for clarification on why the utility refused to provide documentation to Board staff and how commissioners were reviewing payments to Mr. Harris but not his Time sheets.

Mr. Pelham followed up on Mr. Giles' question by asking if the commissioners knew that management refused to provide documentation and if the Utility District had attempted to make a new appointment to the County Mayor.

Mr. Stone asked if Mr. Harris was pursuing projects without the approval of the Utility District Board. Mr. Colona couldn't provide answers to the Board members' questions but did mention that engineers and financial consultants weren't utilized.

Further discussion was had on other deficiencies by the Utility District commissioners and management. Mr. Adams asked how repayment proceedings would be completed, Mr. Colona answered that commissioners would only be required to repay the utility if they continued their appointment. Mr. Giles asked how the Board would ouster a commissioner who wasn't duly elected. Mr. May answered that he did not anticipate there would be any complications.

Mr. Adams asked for the Board to go ahead and vote, Mr. Branstetter asked to address the Board before they proceeded to vote, the Board agreed.

Mr. Branstetter addressed the Boards concerns and staff recommendation, he also asked that the Board hold to the original deadline of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Mr. Colona addressed the comments made by Mr. Branstetter and added that there were still concerns about the direction of the Utility District. Mr. May asked Mr. Branstetter if he was now representing the commissioners in an individual capacity.

Mr. Branstetter said he was only representing the Utility District at this time. Further discussion was had between the Board and Mr. Branstetter regarding the many shortcomings of the Witt Utility District.

Mr. Pelham moved to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion which passed with all ayes and Mr. Purkey abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

## **EAST TENNESSEE UTILITIES**

At this time Mr. Colona turned over the presentation of staff recommendations to the East Tennessee Utility Analyst, Ben Johnson.

#### **Clearfork Utility District**

Mr. Johnson described the current standing of the utility and explained the staff recommendations.

- 1. Board staff and Counsel shall issue subpoenas for the Entity's governing body and Manager to appear in-person before the Board during its next meeting.
- 2. The Entity shall contract with TAUD or another qualified expert to carry out a feasibility study for a merger with another utility system in the area by September 31, 2023.
- 3. The Entity shall provide a completed feasibility study to board staff by March 31, 2023.
- 4. Should the entity complete all of the items from the previous order by the next board meeting, the subpoenas shall be withdrawn.

Vice-Chairman Moss asked to add language to pursue action with the Attorney General's office in addition to Chancery court.

Vice-Chairman Moss moved to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Stone seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **Cold Springs Utility District**

Mr. Johnson described the current standing of the utility and explained the staff recommendations.

- 1. By December 31, 2023, the Entity shall provide Board staff with complete rate study and proof of implementation of the resulting recommendations or a proposed plan of implementation.
- 2. By December 31, 2023 the Entity shall update Board staff regarding its attorney's opinion on whether it is in the Entity's best interest to pursue legal proceedings to settle the issue in regards to providing water at no cost to its water rights customers.

3. Board staff is given the authority to grant one extension of up to six months of the foregoing deadlines upon a showing of good cause by the Entity. Good cause shall be determined by Board staff.

This recommendation was combined with a list of utilities to be voted on in one action.

## **Town of Cumberland Gap**

Mr. Johnson described the current standing of the utility.

No questions were asked.

## **Cumberland Utility District of Roan and Morgan Counties**

Mr. Johnson gave an update regarding the current standing of the utility.

Mr. Moss added that a TDEC order was being issued soon.

Mr. Purkey asked for clarification on investigation versus administrative review.

## **East Sevier County Utility District**

Mr. Johnson gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendations.

- 1. The Entity shall have the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts, or another qualified expert as approved by Board staff, perform a rate study that includes the following:
  - a. a review of the capitalization policy, including any recommended modifications:
  - b. a review of the debt management policy, including any recommended modifications;
  - c. the creation of a five-year capital asset budget, to be taken from the current capital asset list and to include future anticipated needs;
  - d. a review of relevant utility fees including but not limited to connection or tap fees, including any recommended modifications;
  - e. a review of the leak adjustment policy, including any recommended modifications or adoption of such policy should one not exist;
- 2. In addition to any other specific requirements, the Board orders that the rate study shall make a preliminary examination of the feasibility of a merger between the Entity and other nearby utility systems. All original deadlines of the December 21, 2022 Order remain, but Board staff may, for good cause shown, grant a 60 day

extension for the Entity to provide a supplemental study, addendum, or other report as to the feasibility of a merger. Any supplemental study, not part of the rate study, must be performed by the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts or other entity approved by Board staff.

- 3. By October 31, 2023, the Entity shall send Board staff a copy of the contract between the Entity and the qualified expert who is to perform the tasks in paragraph 1 and 2.
- 4. By March 31, 2024, the Entity shall provide Board staff with the completed rate study and either proof of implementation of the resulting recommendations or a proposed plan of implementation.

Mr. Hampton asked if the Board requested ESCUD to engage with Witt Utility District, Mr. Johnson said it did not.

Mr. Purkey asked if this order involved Witt Utility District, Mr. Johnson replied that it did not.

Mr. Pellham moved to accept staff recommendations. Vice-Chairman Moss seconded the motion which passed with all ayes and Mr. Purkey abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

#### **Hallsdale-Powell Utility District**

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the current standing of the utility and explained the staff summary.

No questions were asked by the Board.

#### **Intermont Utility District**

Mr. Johnson described the staff summary and explained current staff recommendations.

This recommendation was combined with a list of utilities to be voted on in one action.

#### **Mooresburg Utility District**

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the current standing of the utility and explained the staff summary.

No questions were asked by the Board.

#### **Town of Oliver Springs**

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the current standing of the utility and explained the staff summary.

Vice-Chairman Moss asked how the Town was planning to remedy its' high-water loss. Mr. Johnson replied that the Town had a new Mayor and Manager who were working to remedy the deficiencies. Mr. Adams recommended adding a feasibility study to the order, Mr. Colona agreed.

Mr. Adams motioned to adopt the recommendation to require a feasibility study by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Vice-Chairman Moss seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **Town of Parrotsville**

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the current standing of the utility and explained the staff summary.

No questions were asked by the Board.

## **South Fork Utility District**

Mr. Johnson gave an update on the current standing of the utility and explained the staff summary.

Mr. Hampton asked for clarification on when Hoston Utility District and South Bristol-Weaver Pike Utility District merged, and their current financial health.

Board staff provided that the Utility District was doing better financially since the merger.

Further Board discussion was had.

# **MIDDLE TENNESSEE UTILITIES**

At this time Mr. Johnson turned over the presentation of staff recommendations to the Middle Tennessee Utility Analyst, Meghan Huffstutter.

#### **City of Decherd**

Ms. Huffstutter gave an update on the current standing of the utility and explained the staff summary.

Mr. Giles asked if the financial information reported was correct, Ms. Huffstutter confirmed that it was.

No further discussion was had.

#### **Town of Gordonsville**

Ms. Huffstutter gave an update on the current standing of the utility and explained the staff summary.

No questions were asked by the Board.

#### **Town of Lynnville**

Ms. Huffstutter gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendations.

- 1. The Entity shall have the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts, or another qualified expert as approved by Board staff, perform a rate study that includes the following:
  - a. a review of the capitalization policy, including any recommended modifications;
  - b. a review of the debt management policy, including any recommended modifications;
  - c. the creation of a five-year capital asset budget, to be taken from the current capital asset list and to include future anticipated needs;
  - d. a review of relevant utility fees including but not limited to connection or tap fees, including any recommended modifications;
  - e. verification that all governing body members of the utility are in compliance with all relevant training requirements;
  - f. a review of the leak adjustment policy, including any recommended modifications or adoption of such policy should one not exist;
  - g. a justification of the inside and outside the city limit rates, including any recommended modifications to the rate structure;
  - h. and a feasibility study to evaluate potential merger options.
- 2. By September 29, 2023, the Entity shall send Board staff a copy of the contract between the Entity and the qualified expert who is to perform the tasks in paragraph
- 3. By March 30, 2024, the Entity shall provide Board staff with the completed rate study and either proof of implementation of the resulting recommendations or a proposed plan of implementation. 91
- 4. By August 15, 2023, the Entity shall complete the Annual Information Report.
- 5. Should the Entity fail to comply with any directive in this order, Board staff and Counsel shall issue subpoenas for the Entity's governing body and Manager to appear in-person before the Board during its next meeting following non-compliance of this order.

6. Board staff is given the authority to grant one extension of up to six months of the foregoing deadlines upon a showing of good cause by the Entity

Mr. Pellham moved to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Stone seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **Town of Petersburg**

Ms. Huffstutter gave an update on the current standing of the utility and explained the staff summary.

No questions were asked by the Board.

# **Quebeck-Walling Utility District**

Ms. Huffstutter described the staff summary and explained current staff recommendations.

This recommendation was combined with a list of utilities to be voted on in one action.

# **City of Red Boiling Springs**

Ms. Huffstutter gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendations.

- 1. By September 29, 2023, the Entity shall send Board staff proof that all members of the utility system's governing body have complied with the applicable training requirements.
- 2. Board staff shall issue subpoenas for the Entity's governing body and Manager to appear in-person before the Board at its next meeting if the commissioners do not comply with paragraph 1.
- 3. If the Entity shows that all governing body members are compliant with training requirements and Board staff are unaware of any reason for which the Entity should remain under Board supervision, Board staff may close the Entity's case without further action by the Board.
- 4. By December 31, 2023, the Entity shall provide Board staff with the completed rate study and either proof of implementation of the resulting recommendations or a proposed plan of implementation.

Mr. Adams moved to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Giles seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **South Side Utility District**

Ms. Huffstutter gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendations.

- 1. The Entity shall have the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts, or another qualified expert as approved by Board staff, perform a rate study that includes the following:
  - a. a review of the capitalization policy, including any recommended modifications;
  - b. a review of the debt management policy, including any recommended modifications;
  - c. the creation of a five-year capital asset budget, to be taken from the current capital asset list and to include future anticipated needs;
  - d. a review of relevant utility fees including but not limited to connection or tap fees, including any recommended modifications;
  - e. verification that all governing body members of the utility are in compliance with all relevant training requirements;
  - f. a review of the leak adjustment policy, including any recommended modifications or adoption of such policy should one not exist;
- 2. By September 29, 2023, the Entity shall send Board staff a copy of the contract between the Entity and the qualified expert who is to perform the tasks in paragraph 1
- 3. By June 30, 2024, the Entity shall provide Board staff with the completed rate study and either proof of implementation of the resulting recommendations or a proposed plan of implementation.
- 4. Board staff is given the authority to grant one extension of up to six months of the foregoing deadlines upon a showing of good cause by the Entity.

Mr. Giles moved to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Pelham seconded the motion which passed with all ayes and Mr. Purkey absent.

#### **Tarpley Shop**

Ms. Huffstutter gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendations.

1. The previously ordered rate study shall include a feasibility study to evaluate the feasibility of a merger with surrounding utilities.

Mr. Pelham moved to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Giles seconded the motion which passed unanimously

#### WEST TENNESSEE UTILTIES

#### **City of Adamsville**

Mr. Fontenot gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendation.

1. The Board should amend its prior order to extend the deadline for the Entity to provide a completed rate study and show proof of implementation from July 31, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

This recommendation was combined with a list of utilities to be voted on in one action.

## **Town of Brighton**

Mr. Fontenot gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendation.

1. The Board should amend its prior order to extend the deadline for the Entity to submit proof of a completed rate study and implementation thereof from July 31, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

This recommendation was combined with a list of utilities to be voted on in one action.

## **City of Gallaway**

Mr. Fontenot gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendation.

1. The Board should amend its prior order to extend the deadline for the Entity to provide a completed rate study and show proof of implementation from July 31, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

This recommendation was combined with a list of utilities to be voted on in one action.

## **Town of Gates**

Mr. Fontenot gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendation.

- 1. The Entity shall have the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts, or another qualified expert as approved by Board staff, perform a rate study that includes the following:
  - a. a review of the capitalization policy, including any recommended modifications;
  - b. a review of the debt management policy, including any recommended modifications;
  - c. the creation or review of a five-year capital asset budget, to be taken from the current capital asset list and to include future anticipated needs;
  - d. a review of relevant utility fees including but not limited to connection or tap fees, including any recommended modifications;
  - e. verification that all governing body members of the utility are in compliance with all relevant training requirements;
  - f. a review of the leak adjustment policy, including any recommended modifications or adoption of such policy should one not exist;

- 2. By September 29, 2023, the Entity shall send Board staff a copy of the contract between the Entity and the qualified expert who is to perform the tasks in paragraph 1.
- 3. By September 29, 2023, the Entity shall send Board staff proof that all members of the utility system's governing body have complied with the applicable training requirements.
- 4. By June 30, 2024, the Entity shall provide Board staff with the completed rate study and either proof of implementation of the resulting recommendations or a proposed plan of implementation.
- 5. Board staff shall issue subpoenas for the Entity's governing body and Manager to appear in-person before the Board at its next meeting if the commissioners do not comply with paragraph 3.
- 6. If the Entity shows that all governing body members are compliant with training requirements and Board staff are unaware of any reason for which the Entity's training violation case should remain under Board supervision, Board staff may close the Entity's training violation case without further action by the Board.
- 7. Board staff is given the authority to grant one extension of up to six months of the foregoing deadlines upon a showing of good cause by the Entity.

Mr. Pelham moved to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Purkey seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

# **Town of Gibson**

Mr. Fontenot gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendation.

- 1. The Entity shall have the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts, or another qualified expert as approved by Board staff, perform a rate study that includes the following:
  - a. a review of the capitalization policy, including any recommended modifications;
  - b. a review of the debt management policy, including any recommended modifications:
  - c. the creation of a five-year capital asset budget, to be taken from the current capital asset list and to include future anticipated needs;
  - d. a review of relevant utility fees including but not limited to connection or tap fees, including any recommended modifications;
  - e. verification that all governing body members of the utility are in compliance with all relevant training requirements;
  - f. a review of the leak adjustment policy, including any recommended modifications or adoption of such policy should one not exist; 2.
- 2. By August 31, 2023, the Entity shall update Board staff as to the status of their delinquent audits.
- 3. By September 30, 2023, the Entity shall send Board staff a copy of the contract between the Entity and the qualified expert who is to perform the tasks in paragraph 1.

- 4. By June 30, 2024, the Entity shall provide Board staff with the completed rate study and either proof of implementation of the resulting recommendations or a proposed plan of implementation.
- 5. By September 30, 2023, the Entity shall submit a complete Annual Information Report that is approved by Board staff.
- 6. By August 31, 2023, the Entity shall update board staff as to the Town of Gibson's repayment of money borrowed from the Entity's water and sewer fund and advise as to the Town's plan of repayment if the balance is not fully repaid.
- 7. Board staff is given the authority to grant one extension of up to six months of the foregoing deadlines upon a showing of good cause by the Entity.
- 8. Should the Entity fail to comply with any directive in this order, Board staff and Counsel shall issue subpoenas for the Entity's governing body and Manager to appear in-person before the Board at its next meeting.

Mr. Pelham moved to accept staff recommendations. Mr. Adams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## **Town of Gleason**

Mr. Fontenot gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendation.

1. The Board should amend its prior order to extend the deadline for the Entity to provide a complete rate study and either proof of implementation of the resulting recommendations or a proposed plan of implementation from July 31, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

This recommendation was combined with a list of utilities to be voted on in one action.

#### **Town of Henning**

Mr. Fontenot gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendation.

1. The Board should amend its prior order to extend the deadline for the Entity to provide a completed rate study and show proof of implementation from July 31, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

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#### **Town of Hollow Rock**

Mr. Fontenot gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendation.

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#### **Town of Hornsby**

Mr. Fontenot described the current standing of the utility.

No questions were asked.

#### **Town of Rutherford**

Mr. Fontenot described the current standing of the utility.

No questions were asked.

## **Town of Tennessee Ridge**

Mr. Fontenot gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendation.

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#### **Town of Tiptonville**

Mr. Fontenot gave the staff summary and explained the staff recommendation.

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# Combination Vote for July 31, 2023, deadlines to be extended to December 31, 2023

Mr. Stone moved to accept motion. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

# **Future Meeting Dates**

Mr. Colona stated that the TBOUR will plan to meet again on October 26, 2023.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Adams moved that adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m. Mr. Hampton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.