

METROPOLITAN LYNCHBURG MOORE COUNTY
UTILITY DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING

January 6, 2021

The Metro Utility Board meeting scheduled for January 6, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. was called to order by Keith Moses, Chairperson. Members present were: Will Shavers, Mayor Bonnie Lewis, Shane Taylor, Keith Moses, Gerald Burnett, Barry Posluszny Brooke Fanning and Russell Sells.

Motion was made by Will Shavers and seconded by Barry Posluszny to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Visitors: Travis Wilson, S&ME, Inc., Abdon Posada, Zenner USA., Paul Swinford, MUD

Engineers' Reports – Russell Sells asked that the engineers' report be moved to the manager's report.

Meter Replacement Project: Mr. Abdon Posada presented the board with a walk through of the new meter software and its features. After a questions and answer session the board agreed that the new meter software and its functions were impressive.

CDBG Funding: Mr. Travis Wilson recapped the public meeting held on January 4, 2021 at the American Legion Building seeking citizen input for Metro Utility projects. At the January 4th meeting it was decided to insert the CDBG required Income Survey into the January 2021 water billing. After receiving the survey's back from the Moore County citizens, he will then submit a PER to CDBG for consideration. A resolution must be passed by the Metro Council at the January meeting approving the seeking of these grant funds from CDBG. The completed application must be filed by February 6, 2021. A motion was made by Will Shavers and seconded by Gerald Burnett to present a resolution to the Metro Council seeking CDBG monies for water system improvements. Motion passed 5-0.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Sells reported that the utility is currently working under its COVID-19 schedule. Rotating the maintenance crews in order to socially distance. The office staff are all working remotely from home in accordance with Gov. Bill Lee's executive order which expires on January 19th. This schedule will be re-evaluated at the end of the week.

Mr. Sells discussed a new apprenticeship program established by TAUD. He explained that the water and wastewater industries are working with an aging workforce. He is looking into utilizing this apprenticeship program beginning in July 2021. He is hopeful it will enable the utility to keep new certified operators on staff for many years to come.

Motion was made by Shane Taylor, and seconded by Will Shavers, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM. Motion passed 5-0.

Keith Moses, Chairperson