

Cumberland Plateau Water Authority

Scheduled Meeting

July 21, 2025

Meeting Location: Cumberland Plateau Water Authority Office, 2089 E 1st St., Crossville, TN 38555

Board Members Present: Kevin Chamberlin, Greg Hanson, Brad Daugherty, Missy Sliger, Sean Stephens, Landon Headrick

Board Members Absent: Thom Hassler

Mr. Hanson calls the meeting to order with a quorum present.

- Roll Call
- Review Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - o April Special Called Meeting minutes
 - Mr. Chamberlin moves to approve, Mr. Stephens seconds. Unanimously approved.
 - o July Meeting minutes
 - Mr. Daugherty moves to approve, Mr. Stephens seconds. Unanimously approved.
- Public Comment
 - o Mr. Steve Stone spoke about current water reservoir status and discussion of how quickly each reservoir refills during a drought, Otter Creek being the slowest of the three (Meadow Park & Lake Holiday being the other two). Mr. Stone is concerned about water levels regarding the number of new water customers added. Mr. Stone requested that water levels be included in the regular meeting minutes to be able to provide the public with this information in part of a public education program.
 - o Ms. Jeanne Geib agrees w/ Mr. Stone regarding his concerns about water levels.
- Manager's Report
 - o Personnel
 - o Banking
 - Mr. Hanson moves to approve with the requested update of "Budget to Date" column changed to "Actual Cost to Date", Mr. Daugherty seconds. Unanimously approved.
 - o Projects
 - Harriman Utility Board cost for their construction project impacting CPWA was \$9 million over their budget. They are currently reassessing their plans and bids in order to find a way for the project to move forward.
 - Old Peavine Rd. project – in the works prior to CPWA/COUD merger. Line replacement plan has been approved in plans review and will bid soon.

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- Muddy Branch project – a line supplying approx. 120 homes up Genesis Rd. Current outlook is this project will not move forward.
- City of Crossville project – min. of 300,000 gallons / day up to 1,000,000 gallons / day. Estimated completion date of August 2026.
- Land Easement project – still awaiting survey.
- General Discussion
 - TAUD Business Conference – Mr. Dyer said it was a good conference for CPWA to attend to hear about updates in the industry across the state.
 - Screen replacement – screens that provide info on the tanks have aged out. \$10,899 per screen. CPWA exploring options to have these screens fabricated at a cheaper cost.
 - South Cumberland and West Cumberland Utility Boards are holding their next meetings on the 26th with proposed resolutions to join the CPWA.
 - Water Feasibility Study - Important to determine who is going to be involved in the project and share the responsibility for it. The various extensive water studies that have been performed previously have been performed by the various independent utilities. Mr. Dyer to meet with Valerie McCormick w/ the Army Corps of Engineers to determine if there is possible funding available for assisting with the water feasibility study. Discussion of the City of Crossville's Meadow Park Lake Dam Raising was discussed as a helpful project but was not deemed a permanent solution to the regional issues faced.
- Bad Debt Report
- Unfinished Business
 - Telemetry / SCADA System
 - Dusty and Gerald have visited this specific SCADA system in use and have requested this specific system in order to support the current system.
 - Currently, the 30-year system that is being used is in need of replacement. The current system communicates radio and is used widely. This new system would operate the plant, collect all data, schedule calls, etc. to provide a customizable solution for the system.
 - Mr. Hanson requested that this item be tabled until September so the board has time to review a sole-source policy document to be able to procure this system.

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- Policy Update
 - Mr. Hanson moves to approve the Ethics policy as presented. Mr. Stephens seconds. Unanimously approved.
 - Mr. Chamberlin moves to approve the Equal Employment Opportunity agreement. Mr. Daugherty seconds. Unanimously approved.
- New Business
 - Water Leak Relief
 - Mr. Ben Whitson and Mr. Josh Stone presented an overview of Water Leak Relief. Previously, COUD was an early adopter of Water Leak Relief. Water Leak Relief is transitioning from a service agreement model to an insurance provider model. There is no pricing change, coverage change, or any other change impacting CPWA or the water payer.
 - Mr. Chamberlin moves to approve the declaration page policy as presented to continue CPWA involvement in Water Leak Relief. Mr. Hanson seconds. Unanimously approved.
 - South Cumberland Utility District – Discussion
 - Passed a resolution to proceed with discussion to merge with CPWA.
 - Mr. Chadwell has drafted a resolution to allow negotiations with South Cumberland to begin.
 - Mr. Chamberlin moves to adopt the resolution has submitted. Mr. Daugherty seconds. Unanimously approved.
 - Asset Management Plan – Grant Application
 - CPWA is applying for a \$250,000 grant to assist with a unified asset management plan.
- Other Matters
 - Mr. Dyer mentioned another meeting with the City of Crossville is occurring on September 2nd.

Mr. Chamberlin makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Headrick seconded. Meeting is adjourned.

Next Meeting – **September 15th, 2025 @ 5:00 pm** @ the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority Office, 2089 E 1st St., Crossville, TN 38555

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Greg Hanson

Chairman

Sean Stephens

Vice-Chairman

Kevin Chamberlin

Secretary