

Cumberland Plateau Water Authority

Scheduled Meeting

April 20, 2026

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

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

Board Members Absent:

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

- Roll Call
- Review Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - o March Meeting Minutes
 - Mr. Hassler moves to approve. Mr. Stephens seconds. Unanimously approved.
- Public Comments
- TN Department of Safety and Homeland Security (TDOSHS)
 - o The goal for this system is to be able to talk greater distances for organizations that have opted-in to the TACN network. Hospitals as well as state agency partners, including utilities, are the focus for this communication network.
 - o This would help to build out portable coverage across the state. Purpose being day-to-day communications but especially in case of a disaster.
 - o A 180' tower is the proposed size.
 - o The state usually executes a zero-dollar lease in order to legalize the building of these towers.
 - o Clay Whitehead, a consultant for the state who explored various locations for this effort, spoke about Renegade Mtn.'s proximity to I-40 making it a very attractive location for the use of this tower to provide coverage to a current hole in communication coverage.
 - o Mr. Daugherty asked about towers that are designed to look like trees to better blend in with surroundings.
- Manager's Report
 - o Personnel
 - Rosemary, head of bookkeeping and accounts payable, is retiring soon. CPWA has posted this job posting and has already received some resumes.
 - A CPWA operator is also retiring soon, so this job will need to be filled at some point in the future as well.

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- Banking
 - Financial statements are complex due to the on-boarding of West Cumberland and the communication between the two accounting systems. Efforts are in process to simplify and consolidate prior to the next audit.
- Bad Debt
- Projects
 - ARPA projects – CPWA is fronting the money for these and eventually will be reimbursed, but these are currently large invoices hitting the CPWA financial statements
 - Mr. Rob Harrison has been working with CPWA on the projects previously discussed at our March Meeting.
 - Tank inspection for South Cumberland – two bids were received. Accepted bid for six tanks @ \$750 / tank will be signed and executed soon.
 - Mr. Dyer meeting in Nashville w/ TDEC to discuss CPWA and Cumberland Plateau. Mr. Dyer's goal is to start discussion to create a committee with the goal of exploring potential water supply solutions on the plateau. Interconnectivity between SCUD and WCUD is a point of discussion.
 - Mr. Dyer met with the Grandview board as well as the Rhea County mayor to discuss potential future partnerships.
 - Line extension and replacement work on Old Peavine Rd. continues.
- General Discussion
 - Mr. Hanson informed the board that he and Mr. Dyer will be making a presentation to FFG before our May meeting and will be discussing conservation.
 - On Thursday, Mr. Dyer received requested information from the City regarding potential partnership due diligence.
 - The City of Crossville's deadline for a referendum on the coming election is the City's June council meeting.
- Business of the Meeting
 - Water Line Policies
 - Discussion regarding the Main Line Extension policy. Mr. Chadwell will revise per board comments.
 - HR/Payroll Software
 - Mr. Dyer presented a quote for an automated payroll system to help with HR responsibilities across the growing CPWA employee base.

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- OpenGov has their own system that is being generated, but that will not be ready for another 12-months. CPWA needs something to help with this effort now.
- Mr. Chamberlin moves to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Daugherty seconds. Unanimously approved.

- Other Matters

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

Next Meeting – **May 18th, 2025 @ 5:00 pm** @ the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority Office, 2089 E 1st St., Crossville, TN 38555

Greg Hanson

Chairman

Sean Stephens

Vice-Chairman

Kevin Chamberlin

Secretary