

The Utilities Board of The Town of Cedar Bluff
June 17, 2025

STATE OF ALABAMA
CHEROKEE COUNTY

The Utilities Board of the Town of Cedar Bluff met for a regular business meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at 4971 Alabama HWY 68, Cedar Bluff, Alabama 35959. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams.

Roll Call:

Allen Baker	Present	Mattie Williams	Present
Linda Pickelsimer	Present	Loretta Higgins	Present
William Warren	Present		

Meeting attendees: Bobbie Hicks, Attorney McWhorter, Larry Sutherland, Tracy Marks,

The prayer was led by Board Member Warren followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Williams.

Approval of Minutes

Office Manager Bolton presented the minutes from the meeting of May 20, 2025. Board Member Warren made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Board Member Higgins seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (5-0)

Aye: Baker, Higgins, Pickelsimer, Warren, Williams

Nye: None

Abstained: None

Manager Report

Office Manager Bolton presented the Managers Report to the Board. The report consisted of sixteen water leaks, six sewer leaks, one meter replacement and three pump station repairs. There were a total of ninety-three complete Work Orders.

Chairman Williams asked Manager Dutton if he purchased the pumps he mentioned during the last meeting. He answered yes.

Financial Report

Treasurer Pickelsimer presented the May Financial Reports to the Board. She stated Financial Reports were in order and made a motion to approve the May Financial Reports, Board Member Baker seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (5-0)

Aye: Baker, Higgins, Pickelsimer, Warren, Williams

Nye: None

Abstained: None

Customer Concerns

Joshua Burnch who asked to be put on the agenda to address the Board was not present during the meeting. Office Manager Bolton explained to the Board Mr. Burnch asked to address the Board on Marry Tate's behalf because she was hospitalized and was not able to turn in her trash exempt form. The Board stated the only way they could discuss Ms. Tate's account with Mr. Burnch is if he has Power of Attorney over Ms. Tate's affairs. The Board also suggests Mr. Burnch ask the hospital to have a social worker contact the office.

Old Business

During the May 20, 2025 the Board discussed extending the Sewer on Paradise Point. Manager Dutton supplied the Board with his research on the cost of extending the sewer. He also informed the Board the sewer would be dumping into the County Road 131 dump station. Chairman Williams reminded the Board during the workshop that the County Road 131 dump station was one of the dump stations that needed repaired. The Board informed Mr. Kiran, the developer of Paradise Point, due to the inadequate infrastructure, Cedar Bluff Utilities could not extend the sewer to Paradise Point. Board Member Warren informed Mr. Kiran the Board had applied for a grant to repair the infrastructure and may be able to extend sewer to Paradise Point once the repairs are made. The discussion ended.

Attorney McWhorter addressed the Board concerning the Bylaws. He stated he would not suggest adding an amendment that gave the Board the right to excuse or not excuse a Board member for missing more than three meetings. After some discussion, Board Member Warren made a motion to accept the Bylaws as presented, Board Member Pickelsimer seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (5-0)

Aye: Baker, Higgins, Pickelsimer, Warren, Williams

Nye: None

Abstained: None

Office Manager Bolton addressed the Board concerning the Ultra Sonic Meters. He stated he called Brian Lawson, a representative of Fenix, to ask if the Fenix meters would have a problem interfacing with RVS, Cedar Bluff Utilities billing software. Brian explained that it wouldn't be a problem. He also added the Board of Cedar Bluff Utilities was eligible for the Dule interface, which was the cheaper option, due to the service providers available in the area. Office Manager Bolton also reported that Mr. Lawson was reworking the proposals for the Ultra Sonic Meters because Fenix was using a new vender. He also reported he was approved by another company who also deals in Ultra Sonic Meters and billing software and was waiting for a proposal. Board Member Warren stated he would like to revisit the Ultra Sonic Meters once the grant period is over. Manager Dutton voiced his concern on the power source for the Ultra sonic meters. After some discussion, Board Member Pickelsimer made a motion to table the discussion; Board Member Baker seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (5-0)

Aye: Baker, Higgins, Pickelsimer, Warren, Williams

Nye: None

Abstained: None

Board Member Warren gave an update on the Water Tower Grant during the workshop and reported Waggoner Engineering increased the points on the grant from 97 to 207. He stated ADEM would start reviewing the grants on June 20, 2025. The discussion ended.

The Board discussed the Employee Certification Testing Update. Office Manager Bolton told the Board he should be ready to take the test in August. He explained the \$300 to pay for the exam is only reimbursed if he passes the test and he wants to be sure he can pass the test so he can be reimbursed. Chairman Williams asked Manager Dutton if he had an update on Brock Blacks certification. Manager Dutton reported Brock had not yet scheduled to retake his test. He also reported he did not know if Brock had been studying but he was going to have him study every spare minute the maintenance crew has down time. The discussion ended.

Office Manager Bolton addressed the Board concerning the Surety Bond. He informed the Board he contacted Magan Blackburn, a representative of AMIC, who informed him that all Board Members are covered by the crime policy except the Treasurer. He asked the Board if they could amend the motion they had made during the May 20, 2025 meeting so that he would only need to get a Surety Bond for Treasure Pickelsimer. After some discussion, Board Member Warren made a motion to purchase a Surety Bond for Treasure Pickelsimer, Board Member Baker seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (5-0)

Aye: Baker, Higgins, Pickelsimer, Warren, Williams

Nye: None

Abstained: None

New Business

Randel Fox who asked to address the Board about becoming a sewer only custom, was not present during the meeting. Manager Dutton informed the Board the only way he would be able to hook into sewer was to hook into someone else's line because our lines do not extend to his area. The discussion ended.

Chairman Williams asked Manager Dutton if he had contacted Alabama Rural Water Association for any advice on dredging the ponds. Manager Dutton answered he had called a representative of Alabama Rural Water Association, who told him there were grants available for dredging.

Office Manager Bolton informed the Board he found out some information from ADEM. He stated he was told any solids that were dredged from the lagoons could be dumped in a landfill. He was also told the solids may have to go through a dewatering process and could be stored next to the lagoons. Plastic would need to be put down to avoid contaminating the soil and any runoff would need to flow back into the lagoons.

Office Manager Bolton also informed the Board he contacted Waste Management and was told they would need the analytical reports before dumping the solids in the landfill.

Office Manager Bolton presented the Board with five proposals from Dredgelt to dredge the first cell in the first pond. He stated the lowest proposal was for

\$22,200.00 and the highest bid was for \$523,500.00. Manager Dutton informed the Board the first cell was the worst of all, and the height of the sediment ranged from 5.5 feet to 9 feet starting at the inlet of the pond. Board Member Warren stated he could do research to find grants to have the lagoons dredged and he would like to see all the ponds dredged. After some discussion, Board Member Pickelsimer made a motion to have Board Member Warren research for dredging grants, Board Member Baker seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (5-0)

Aye: Baker, Higgins, Pickelsimer, Warren, Williams

Nye: None

Abstained: None

Board Member Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Board Member Higgins seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (5-0)

Aye: Baker, Higgins, Pickelsimer, Warren, Williams

Nye: None

Abstained: None

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 P.M.

Mattie Williams, Chairman

Date

Joshua Bolton, Secretary

Date