

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Commission of the Combined Utility System  
held at the office of the Combined Utility  
System on Monday, December 18, 2023.

The meeting was called to order with all commissioners present. Also present were Andy Sevic, General Manager; and Ginnye Lusk, Administrative Assistant. Also present were area residents John Carpenter, Rick Tate, and Mandy Goff.

The minutes of the meeting of November 11, 2023, and the minutes of the special called meeting of December 3, 2023, were read. A motion was made to approve both set of minutes by Eric Goodwin with a second by Jeff Fogle. The motion passed unanimously.

November invoices were reviewed by Jeff Fogle. The sales report and financial report for the month of November were reviewed. Electric sales were 3.75% above budget. Water and sewer sales were also above budget by 12.08% and 18.56% respectively. These reports were taken as information only.

Mr. John Carpenter appeared before the commission and submitted an unsolicited bid of \$30,000 to purchase ECU owned property on North C Street. This includes lots 1 and 2 and lot 12. The commission reviewed the bid and tabled the item.

The commission was presented with a request from Naturaland Trust for a contribution of \$200,000 to assist in the purchase of Brown Mountain. The commission tabled the item until February 2024.

In other business:

1. The legislative dinner will be held at ECU on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM.
2. The budget retreat will be Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

The commission entered executive session to discuss contractual matters as it relates to Piedmont Municipal Power Agency. The Commission returned to public session.

The commission was presented with a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release between all cities and commissions within the Piedmont Municipal Power Agency. A motion was made by Jeff Fogle to authorize signature by the General Manager of the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release. The motion was seconded by Eric Goodwin. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024.



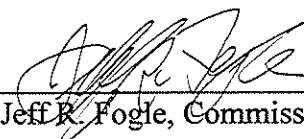

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Nick Caldwell, Chairman




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Eric Goodwin, Commissioner




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Jeff R. Fogle, Commissioner