

Minutes
Warm Springs Public Service District
September 16, 2025

An emergency meeting of the Public Service Board of the Warm Springs Public Service District (WSPSD) was held at 5:00 PM on September 16, 2025. The meeting was held at the Warm Springs PSD Office, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. This emergency meeting was held to address an incident involving sewage entering the Warm Springs Run, believed to be connected to ongoing construction activities performed by Guyer Brothers, the contractor.

Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM with all members attending. Mr. Mike Jenkins – Chairman; Mr. Charles Johnson – Treasurer; and Mr. Thomas Stinebaugh-Secretary, were present at the meeting. Also present was Michael Crunkleton, General Manager of the WSPSD; Chase Riley, The Thrasher Group by phone; Jack Curley, Guyer Brothers; Christian Tallman, The Thrasher Group.

The first order of business was to discuss Contractor remediation and suspension of construction. Chairman Jenkins moved to advise Guyer Brothers that no additional construction will be performed until all required Erosion and Sediment (E&S) controls are installed and approved by: Thrasher Engineering, The West Virginia DEP, and the Warm Springs PSD with Director Johnson to second, the motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 on the agenda was to discuss sewage spill and remediation plan. It was confirmed that sewage discharge had entered the Warm Springs Run, likely due to a contractor pumping issue. Discussion ensued on immediate remediation steps and whether to call for a vacuum (vac) truck to assist cleanup. Members discussed possible alternate contractors (e.g., Taylor's or Miller Environmental, Hagerstown) in case Guyer Brothers could not respond promptly. DEP recommendations were reviewed, emphasizing the importance of rapid mitigation before forecasted rainfall.

Item 3 on the agenda was the Contractor (Guyer Brothers) report. Jack Curley of Guyer Brothers provided the following updates: crews were actively installing silt fencing and cleaning the affected stream area. DEP had suggested that a vacuum truck may be required to remove residual sewage. Guyer Brothers agreed to take full responsibility for the incident for associated remediation costs. The issue was attributed to a pumping hose dislodging from a manhole, leading to sewage overflow. Jack confirmed that cleanup crews were working by hand and with pumps to remove material and if necessary a vac truck would be obtained. The company planned to install all required erosion controls by the end of the day.

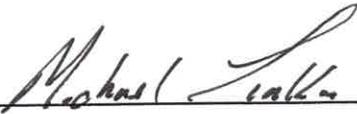
Item 4 on the agenda was DEP coordination. DEP requested copies of daily inspection reports from Christian Tallman for review. Chase Riley will review and forward the reports, including photo documentation, to the PSD. DEP indicated that containment measures such as hay bales, silt fences, and straw barriers should be installed immediately to prevent further contamination.

Item 5 on the agenda was to discuss stream conditions. Concerns were raised about environmental impact on aquatic life and potential fish kills if the sewage was not removed promptly. Members discussed the oxygen depletion in the stream due to low water levels and contamination. Consensus was reached that remediation should proceed as soon as possible, with costs ultimately billed to Guyer Brothers.

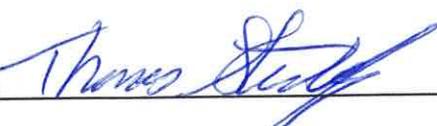
Public comments: No Public comments.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 9, 2025, at 10:00 PM, in the Morgan County Commission meeting room, at the Morgan County Courthouse, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.

Chairman Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.



Michael Jenkins, Chairman

Attest: 

Thomas Stinebaugh, Secretary