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### **CONSOLIDATED UTILITY DISTRICT (CUD) ANNOUNCES ELECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

At its January 25 meeting, CUD marked transitions to the Board of Commissioners –with a new addition and current members assuming new roles.

The Board elected former vice president Carter Woodruff to become its new president as the successor to John L. Batey, Jr., whose retirement was made official earlier in the month. The Board also elected former commissioner Dr. Rosemary Owens to become the new vice president.

The Board also welcomed Dr. Robin Blackman as an advisory member. She is currently the Senior Program Executive Director of the HBCU C2 Initiative (an APPLE Incorporated-funded program) for the National Center for SMART Technology Innovations at Tennessee State University. In that role, she works with Historically Black Colleges and Universities to provide faculty and students with guidance about new and innovative technologies.

Dr. Blackman earned her doctorate in Instructional Technology from the University of Tennessee and her bachelor's and master's degrees from Middle Tennessee State University.

Hassel B. "Trey" Smith, III moved from his role as an advisory member to that of commissioner. He has been employed by Tennessee Farmers' Cooperative in LaVergne for 26 years and serves as a Board member for Rutherford County Farm Bureau. He is a 1989 graduate of Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tenn. and a 1995 graduate of Auburn University.

Commissioner Lynnisse Roehrich-Patrick and Board Advisor Chip Pinion received plaques to honor their years of service.

"Our ratepayers are well served by an outstanding Board of Commissioners," said CUD General Manager Roger Goodson. "The skillsets and backgrounds of our Board members allow CUD to approach our work in thoughtful and proactive ways."

As the water utility for Rutherford County, CUD currently operates more than 1,400 miles of pipe and delivers a water production capacity of 30 million gallons per day. CUD is currently the sixth-largest utility in Tennessee.

*At Consolidated Utility District, we strive to be #1 through excellence and innovation. Our mission continues to be to provide safe drinking water for all residential, industrial and governmental agencies, meeting and exceeding all federal and state standards at the lowest possible cost with high quality, efficiency and integrity.*

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