

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2022

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the West Madison Utility District was duly convened, held and conducted on January 11, 2022, in the Kearney Park Community Center at 443 Livingston Vernon Road, Flora MS, as follows to wit:

The Vice President of the Board, Letitia Reeves, presided and called the meeting to order. The following members were present:

Commissioner Joyce Monroe  
Commissioner Letitia Reeves  
Commissioner Scott Colson

Absent:  
Commissioner Larry Bennett  
Commissioner Carolyn Andrews

The Board Vice President announced that the members of the Board present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened. Commissioner Monroe opened the meeting with a prayer.

**RE: Approval of the January 11, 2022 Agenda**

Commissioner Colson motioned and Commissioner Monroe seconded to approve the Agenda for the West Madison Utility District. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Commissioner Letitia Reeves	Aye
Commissioner Scott Colson	Aye
Commissioner Joyce Monroe	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Agenda for the January 11, 2022 meeting is hereby approved

**RE: Approval of Agenda Consent Items:**

Commissioner Colson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Monroe seconded the motion. Consent Items are listed as follows:

\*\*\*CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\*

4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for November and December, 2021
5. Acceptance and Approval of the December 14, 2021 Minutes
6. Annual Review of Emergency Response Plan for Water Systems
7. Annual Review of Security Vulnerability Self-Assessment Guide for Water Systems
8. Resolution regarding Removal and Addition of Signatory Officers for West Madison Utility District's Bank Accounts
9. Ratification of Board's decision to purchase a load of dirt

The vote on the matter being as follows:

Commissioner Letitia Reeves	Aye
Commissioner Scott Colson	Aye
Commissioner Joyce Monroe	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Consent Items for the January 11, 2022 meeting are hereby approved.

**RE: Customer's Concerns and Issues**

None.

Since the Engineer was running late to the meeting, the Board asked the Operator to present his report.

**RE: Operator's Report**

See report. Water samples passed all standards set by the Dept. of Health for December, 2021.

The Health Department inspection is scheduled for February 3, 2022.

The Board will need to make a decision regarding having fluoride added to the water as the existing system no longer works and would need to be repaired. Also, the back up well has no fluoride system and the Board would need to decide if it wants a system installed at that well. Commissioner Colson asked K. T. Newman if he had an estimated cost for the repair and also for the installation at the back up well. K. T. stated that he would obtain those estimates and bring it back to the Board at its next meeting.

There are two houses being built along the road that is beside the railroad tracks heading to the lagoon. The main water line in that area is beside Livingston Vernon Road so a line would have to be extended down that road or routed in from another area. The Board stated that it preferred that a line be placed beside a road rather than through open land.

After repair of the Southland Container leak and the abandonment of the line where rain water was running into the sewer, the difference between the amount of water used versus water paid for has dropped significantly. WMUD had suffered a 60 percent difference between the amount of water pumped versus water being paid for until a few years ago when it dropped to 27 to 35 percent after implementation of the current Board policies. After fixing this major leak, it has dropped to 17.5 percent for the month of December, 2021.

K. T. submitted the Mississippi Department of Human Services Division of Community Services Vendor Agreement for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program that the Board would need to review and approve or disapprove. Commissioner Reeves stated that upon first glance there were some requirements that went against WMUD's Board policies and perhaps against Statutory requirements as well. Commissioner Reeves stated that she would review the document more fully and also ask for the attorney's comments before the Board took final action. The contact at the Citizens Service Agency for response is Sharron Weathersby at 601-855-5710.

Work orders, jetter usage report and purchase order report submitted to the Board.

**Engineer's Report**

Morgan Sims presented the Board with a new Garmin GPSMap 64s to replace the one that went missing. Mr. Sims stated that he needed to discuss a matter with the Board in Executive Session regarding finalizing the payout to the contractor regarding the Magnolia Heights construction.

There being no other items to be discussed by the Engineer in Regular Session, Commission Monroe motioned that the Board enter executive session to discuss contractual negotiations regarding finalizing payment for past construction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Colson with all present voting "aye." The Board went into Executive Session

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board exited Executive Session and re-entered Regular Session.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed purchases and what would constitute a purchase that would require Board approval versus purchases that occur during the normal operation of WMUD that do not require Board approval. The purchase of dirt, gravel and/or rock are to be handled as normal operating procedure unless multiple loads over and above normal operation are required. Purchase orders and communication between the Operator and Treasurer are to continue the same as for purchase of sewer and water pipe, valves, etc.

Someone had requested use of the Community Center for the morning of February 3, 2022 to teach an exercise/nutrition class. Since the Citizens Service Agency pays for use of the Community Center, Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon, this is a conflict. The Board denied the request on this basis and stated that the person would need to request use of the Community Center at a date and time that it is available.

There being no other business to discuss, Commissioner Colson made a motion to dismiss the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Monroe. All commissioners voted "aye," and the meeting was dismissed.

Minutes Prepared by: Commissioner Letitia Reeves, Vice President