

**WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2026**

**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 13, 2026, in the Kearney Park Community Center at 443 Livingston Vernon Road, Flora MS, as follows to wit:

The President of the Board, B. W. “Sammy” Brown, presided and called the meeting to order. The following members were present:

Commissioner B. W. “Sammy” Brown                      Absent: Commissioner Carolyn Andrews  
Commissioner Scott Rye  
Commissioner Ernest Odom  
Commissioner Mary Mitchell Rushing

Also Present: WMUD Operator, K. T. Newman

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

**RE: Approval of January 13, 2026 Agenda**

Commissioner Sammy Brown made the motion to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ernest Odom. All commissioners voted “aye and the Agenda for the January 13, 2026 meeting is hereby approved.

**RE: Election of Officers**

Commissioner Sammy Brown stated that the floor was open for nominations for officers; then he stated that if anyone wanted the officers to remain the same that they could make that motion. Commissioner Scott Rye made the motion that the officers remain the same for this year and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ernest Odom with all commissioners voting “aye”. The motion passed. The officers are as follows: President, B. W. “Sammy Brown; Vice-President, Ernest Odom; and Secretary/Treasurer, Scott Rye.

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

Commissioner Sammy Brown made the motion to accept and approve the consent agenda items and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ernest Odom. All commissioners voted “aye”. The following consent agenda items were accepted and approved:

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

4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for December, 2024
5. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of the EOM Financial Reports for November, 2025
6. Acceptance and Approval of the December 9, 2025 Minutes
7. Annual Review of Emergency Response Plan for Water Systems
8. Annual Review of Security Vulnerability Self-Assessment Guide for Water Systems

9. Analytical Report, Job Number 810-175614-1 from Eurofins Eaton Analytical South Bend to the Dept. of Health re WMUD's Water and explanation of results from WMUD's engineer, Morgan Sims

**\*\*END OF CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\***

**RE: Operator's Report (K. T. Newman)**

(See report.)

K. T. Newman stated that there were no compliance issues to report and all water samples passed all standards set by the Dept. of Health for December, 2025; there are no boil water notices in effect. NOTE: Due to issues mentioned previously regarding the lagoon, WMUD is still over its allowed e-coli effluent limit.

K. T. mentioned the Eurofins Eaton Analytic South Bend report that was mentioned in the consent agenda. He stated that this company was contracted by the Department of Health to perform the water tests and as mentioned in Morgan Sims' (the WMUD engineer) email, the results are all good and WMUD is well below the EPA established limits for any contaminants. K. T. gave the Board some recommendations to consider in its upcoming work session regarding charges.

The contractor has not dressed the yards on Compress Street, but Waggoner Engineering and the contractor have been made aware of the situation. A leak was fixed yesterday in this area as well. Commissioner Sammy Brown added that had attended a meeting with Waggoner Engineering last week and mentioned the issues still remaining on Compress Street.

K. T. stated that per earlier discussions held with the County, MCWA, etc., when it was believed that WMUD's wastewater flow would be diverted to Beattie's Bluff that the construction of the required lift station was to be paid for and owned by MCWA. Now that plans have changed and everyone is working towards a future wastewater plant near the existing WMUD lagoon, it has been mentioned that the lift station would need to be built and owned by WMUD. That is an item that this Board needs to discuss and work with MCWA about as WMUD does not want to be responsible for the upkeep of such a life station.

Bennie Thompson's Chief of Staff has reached out and stated that there is money available to certain water districts in Mr. Thompson's area. He asked what were WMUD's needs so K. T. gave him a list of the most pressing needs of WMUD so that it could be considered among the several other water providers.

K. T. stated that since he saw that WMUD's insurance bill had arrived, he did not purchase the other 50 meters that had been discussed in previous meetings and would wait until the following month to purchase them.

Commissioner Mary Rushing asked K. T. about the repair for 111 Pear Street that was discussed at the last meeting. K. T. stated that he had been talking to the County as they had to also work with his crew for the total fix to be performed together and the repair is scheduled to take place within the next couple of days.

Commissioner Brown asked about the leak in the service line regarding Randall's property. K. T. stated that was taken care of and Commissioner Brown mentioned putting in a 4 or 6 inch line in that area to tie in all those buildings which would enable WMUD to place the fire hydrant further back on that line.

K. T. stated that the sewer was stubbed out near where Commissioner Rye's son was moving in and they will be hooking up everything in the next few days.

**RE: OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Brown stated that the Board needed to schedule a work session to discuss various items such as the Church Hill Park and Crosswinds water lines, the community center, tap in and reconnection fees, light bills and grass cutting. Since everyone needed to check their calendars, Commissioner Brown stated that he would email everyone to schedule the work session sometime next week.

**RE: NEW BUSINESS**

None

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Sammy Brown made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Rye. All commissioners voted "aye". The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Prepared by: Letitia Reeves

Approved By:   
B. W. "Sammy" Brown

Date: 2-10-26