

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

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BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the West Madison Utility District was duly convened, held, and conducted September 10, 2024, in the Kearney Park Community Center at 443 Livingston Vernon Road, Flora MS, as follows to wit:

The Interim President of the Board, Cordell Spires, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following members were present: Commissioner Cordell Spires, Commissioner Carolyn Andrews, Commissioner Joyce Monroe, and new board members: Commissioner Sammy Brown and Commissioner Scott Rye.

Commissioner Spires opened the meeting with a prayer. President Spires asked for a motion to accept and approve the following: Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report of the September 2024. Acceptance and Approval of September 2024, Minutes. Acceptance of August End of Month Financials, and the acceptance of Larry Bennett and Scott Colson resignations. Commissioner Monroe made a motion of Acceptance and Approval and Commissioner Andrews seconded.

The board members welcomed New Board members (Sammy Brown and Scott Rye).

The following customers were present to address the board: *(all members were asked to limit their comments to three minutes because of the number of items to cover on the agenda).*

Bobbie Griffin – Ms. Griffin lives at 531 Kearney Park Road. She reports that her water bill was \$200.00, and she needed assistance from the board. It was explained to Ms. Griffin that the West Madison Utility District's policy does not provide for assistance with her water bill. It was also explained that we can allow her to split the bill into 12 months and pay it with her regular bill. Ms. Griffin was persistent with the need for help. Commissioner Andrews stated that she will reach out to Ms. Griffin after the meeting to further address her concerns.

Dorothy Bennett – Ms. Bennett resides in Magnolia Heights. Ms. Bennett states that as the appointed manager for the Community Center, she hired Videll Singleton to pick up paper from the parking lot after an event. She states that he was not paid by the board and wanted to know why. Commissioner Andrews stated that Ms. Bennett does not have the authority to hire someone without contacting and being approved by the board. There was a discussion.

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It was concluded that Ms. Bennett needs to contact Commissioner Cordell Spires for approval before allowing someone to do anything. Commissioner Spires will reach out for the board's approval.

Sam Epps – Mr. Epps lives in Magnolia Heights, and he appeared before the board as a follow-up to his previous concerns that sewer fumes from the toilet located in the park are being eliminated in his home. Operator Newman responded by updating Mr. Epps that a solution to address his concern is in progress.

Engineer Morgan Sims was present to update the board on work that is being done on behalf of the board.

Operator's Report

- There are no new compliance issues to report with either the water or wastewater systems.
- All water samples submitted in the month of September passed the bacteriological standards as established by the health department.
 - Generator Maintenance Agreement
 - Update on the diesel bypass pump at the lagoon – the fuel injector is out; technician came out and ordered a new one.
 - Update on meter changeout program -Most of the height has operable meters.
 - By the outskirts there are 30 – 40 meters but by the end of the year, all are expected to be changed.
 - Followed up with Renee Jordan concerning her issue from last month.
 - Provided a copy of the Jetter Usage Report to board members.

Executive Session

Motion for executive session to begin.

Motion for executive session to end.

Old Business

There was a lengthy discussion on the needed repairs for the Community Center. It was concluded that the center does not have enough funds to do all the repairs needed. The request from the Madison County Citizens Services Agency Congregate Meals Program to adjust the time.

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New Business

1. The need to update the Community Center Rental Policy to generate funds to make repairs. There was a lengthy discussion.
2. Engineer Morgan Sims service with WMUD.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Joyce Monroe