

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2021

**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 October 12, 2021, in the Kearney Park Community Center at 443 Livingston Vernon Road, Flora MS, as follows to wit:

The President of the Board, Larry Bennett, presided and called the meeting to order. The following members were present:

Commissioner Larry Bennett  
Commissioner Letitia Reeves  
Commissioner Scott Colson

Commissioner Carolyn Andrews

Absent: Commissioner Joyce Monroe

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

**RE: Approval of the October 12, 2021 Agenda**

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

Commissioner Larry Bennett	Aye
Commissioner Letitia Reeves	Aye
Commissioner Scott Colson	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn Andrews	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Agenda for the October 12, 2021 meeting is hereby approved

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

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

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

4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for September, 2021
5. Acceptance and Approval of the September 14, 2021 Minutes
6. Ratification of Board action to rebuild the water well pump and to lower it back into the well.
7. Acceptance and ratification of Board action authorizing attorney to send letter to Town of Flora attorney.

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

The vote on the matter being as follows:

Commissioner Letitia Reeves	Aye
Commissioner Larry Bennett	Aye
Commissioner Scott Colson	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn Andrews	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Consent Items for the October 12, 2021 meeting are hereby approved.

**Commissioner Joyce Monroe arrived at the meeting.**

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

No customers were present with any issues.

Dorothy Bennett, Manager of the Community Center, was present and Commissioner Larry Bennett asked her if she wished to go ahead and speak with the Board. Ms. Bennett wanted clarification as to whether Board Commissioners received free use of the Community Center, and if so, how many times per year. The Board discussed the issue and stated that based on past conversations, it was agreed by the Board that each member was entitled to one free use of the Community Center per year.

Ms. Bennett also conveyed a request by Pastor Barrett regarding use of the Community Center for approximately four hours each Sunday morning. Pastor Bennett has already been granted free use of the Community Center each Thursday evening for Bible study. Pastor Barrett had stated that he would pay for use of the center. The Board discussed the issue and stated that due to the fact that the Community Center's primary use is during the weekends for paying community members that they could not agree to have it reserved every Sunday morning by Pastor Barrett. Ms. Bennett stated that she would inform Pastor Bennett.

**RE: Engineer's Report**

Morgan Sims stated that the pipe has been installed for the sewer reroute regarding the Franklin property. The existing line will be filled and abandoned, and it is scheduled for tomorrow.

There are only a few minor items left to finalize the Magnolia Heights water line project that began in December, 2020. Commissioner Barrett asked Mr. Sims to be sure to put the contractor on our "no bid" list for any future projects due to the issues encountered with this company. Mr. Sims stated that he would discuss this with the Board attorney as some type of Resolution may be required. West Madison has received the money for the project and is waiting for the final invoice.

It was mentioned that a letter had been received by BKD, LLP regarding confirmation of the balance owed by West Madison on behalf of The Drinking Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund. The Loan referenced was Loan #DWI-L450016-01 in the amount of \$24,450.20 as of June 30, 2021. The amount owed needs to be verified with our accountant. Commissioner Reeves stated that she would contact the accountant and whoever else needed to be contacted to confirm the amount owed so that the letter could be signed by West Madison and returned to BKD, LLP.

**RE: Operator's Report**

See report. Water samples passed all standards set by the Dept. of Health for September.

K. T. stated that a new customer paid more money than she should have and the Board needed to make the decision whether to refund her the overage or apply it as a credit to her account. Account, #705, 206 Woodlands, paid \$600 for a tap, but the charge turned out to be \$150.00 for a connection as a tap was already in place. The Board stated that the overage

needed to be refunded to the customer. Commissioner Colson stated that he would cut a check to the customer.

K. T. Newman stated that he was informed by Griner Drilling Service that the well pump should be rebuilt by the end of next week and should be installed back into the well shortly thereafter. The old well at the end of Lep Childress Road (Hanks Trail) has been operating fine but it should be noted that there is no generator for this well in the event of a power outage. If we incur a power outage, K. T. stated that he would borrow a generator from Madison County but that the well has been keeping the elevated water tank full so it would take a day for the area to not have water if the well quit pumping.

Commissioner Bennet asked K. T. Newman how many gallons per minute is the old well pumping versus the new well. K. T. stated that the old well is pumping about 150-200 gallons per minute and the new well, which is currently having the pump rebuilt, pumps about 400-500 gallons per minute.

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters and contract negotiations. Commissioner Colson seconded the motion. The West Madison Utility District entered executive session.

The West Madison Utility District ended executive session and entered regular session.

Commissioner Colson made a motion for K. T. Newman to identify all manholes he can locate from Livingston Vernon Road south so that smoke tests can be performed to identify problem areas. Motion further states that K. T. is authorized to contact the engineer, Morgan Sims, to assist with locating the manholes if he should need to do so. The motion was seconded by Joyce Monroe, with all Board Commissioners voting "aye."

It was also mentioned to Morgan Sims that West Madison's hand held GPS was last in the possession of Alan Hendricks, who was the original engineer with Engineering Services. He was asked to locate the Garmin GPSMAP 64s blue tooth hand-held GPS; Model 010-01199-10, purchased August, 2016 by West Madison Utility District.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Bennett stated if there were no more questions someone could make a motion adjourn. Commissioner Monroe motioned to adjourn and Commissioner Andrews seconded with all Commissioners voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Prepared by: Commissioner Letitia Reeves, Vice President