

**WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 11, 2025**

**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 November 11, 2025, 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  
Commissioner Scott Rye  
Commissioner Ernest Odom  
Commissioner Carolyn Andrews  
Commissioner Mary Mitchell Rushing

Also Present: WMUD Operator, K. T. Newman  
Engineer, Morgan Sims

The Board President announced that the members of the Board present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened. Commissioner Brown asked audience member Michael Spires to open the meeting with a prayer.

**RE: Approval of November 11, 2025 Amended Agenda**

Commissioner Sammy Brown mentioned that the agenda needed to be amended to add the September 2025 financials under the consent agenda. Commissioner Scott Rye made the motion to approve the amended agenda; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ernest Odom. The vote on the matter being as follows: Commissioners Odom, Rye, Brown and Rushing voted "aye" and Commissioner Andrews voted "no". The amended Agenda for the November 11, 2025 meeting is hereby approved.

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

Commissioner Sammy Brown stated that unless there was any discussion that the Board needed to approve the consent agenda items. Commissioner Scott Rye made the motion to approve the consent agenda items; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ernest Odom. All commissioners voted "aye" with the exception of Commissioner Andrews who voted "no". The following consent agenda items were approved:

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

3. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for October, 2025.
4. Acceptance and Approval of the October 14, Board Meeting Minutes and October 22, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes
5. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM Financial Reports for September, 2025

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

Commissioner Caroline Andrews began asking about attorney bills from the financial statements. She was informed that all of that information had been provided to her in previous financials as well as the expense reports provided by the Operator at each meeting. Commissioner Andrews persisted in asking about the attorney fees as she stated Mr. Herring had been in the hospital/rehab facility and she wanted to know how he could be billing and what exactly was he billing for. Commissioner Sammy Brown stated that Mr. Herring has been working for WMUD in an advisory capacity and is currently at home, not in the hospital nor a rehab facility.

**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 October, 2025; there are no boil water notices in effect.

The CDBG project had a status meeting recently that K. T. Newman, Commissioner Sammy Brown and Commissioner Ernest Odom attended. The few customer complaints that have been made have been attended to by the contractor/sub-contractors. There is nothing major outstanding. Commissioner Rye asked if they had fixed the "smell" complaint and K. T. stated that a flapper valve had been installed that alleviated the smell issue he was referring to. Commissioner Rye also asked about a blockage where the contractor bored. K. T. stated that this particular located ended up having a "reverse flow" and the contractor had to dig up the line at that location and reinstall it.

The Virilia Line extension that goes from Crosswinds down Virilia Road has been completed. The bypass pump control panel has arrived and is in the office and will be installed within the next few days. The submersible sewer pump at the lagoon has been delivered and will be installed this week as well. Since the pump has not been in operation, the bypass diesel pump has been in use so it should be noted that there is an increase in the purchase/use of diesel fuel to run the bypass pump.

K. T. stated he planned to begin the installation of the Bodger AMR (Automatic Meter Reading) meters at the outskirts of WMUD's water service area as there are many in the outlying areas that are not working correctly. The installation process shall be from the outskirts toward the interior.

K. T. mentioned that Commissioner Mary Rushing and Commissioner Scott Rye were scheduled to attend Board training on November 18, 2025 but he had been informed that MS Rural Water had overbooked attendance for that class and they may have to attend another one later in 2026 if they did not have room available for them. He also mentioned that Commissioners Brown and Odom were scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> to attend advance training.

Commissioner Brown stated that since K. T. was giving his report that the Board had delayed addressing the St. Charles Street fire hydrant situation until this meeting (mentioned

under Old Business). Commissioner Brown asked K. T. if he could find an old working fire hydrant on a line not in use and put in this location. K. T. Newman stated that he was sure that he could locate one. Commissioner Brown made the motion for K. T. to find an old working fire hydrant on an unused line and put in this location; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Rye. All commissioners voted “aye” and the motion carried.

Commissioner Sammy Brown asked K. T. if there were any other fire hydrants that need replacing or had issues. K. T. stated that the one in front of the office needed to be fixed as the “stem” is broken. There is a man out of Tupelo that can replace the stem for an estimated cost of \$1,500. Commissioner Brown made the motion for K. T. to contact this person to replace the stem in the fire hydrant in front of the office; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Rye. All commissioners voted “aye” and the motion was carried.

Commissioner Scott Rye asked K. T. if the church by his house was planning to hook into the sewer system. K. T. informed him that it was not, but it could be as there is a manhole nearby.

K. T. also stated that he intends to replace the manhole cover at Robert White’s house in the next day or two.

Commissioner Sammy Brown asked Morgan Sims, WMUD’s engineer, if he had anything to present to the Board in addition to K. T.’s report. Mr. Sims stated that he did not have anything to add and would answer any questions anyone may have in regard to the CDBG project or anything else. Commissioner Carolyn Andrews then asked Morgan Sims about his billings. Morgan Sims, who was present, stated that he has been representing WMUD in an advisory capacity, especially with the current CDBG project, in order that the work performed is in the best interest of WMUD. Commissioner Brown reminded Commissioner Andrews that K. T. and the engineer are both involved in an advisory capacity to review and advise on behalf of WMUD regarding Waggoneer Engineering’s plans pertaining to the sewer line project for WMUD; this is an ongoing project.

Commissioner Carolyn Andrews asked Morgan Sims if WMUD would receive the drawings/schematics, etc., from the CDBG project and Morgan Sims told her “yes”. She then asked where those items would be kept. Commissioner Sammy Brown told Commissioner Carolyn Andrews that they would be kept in the WMUD office where the previous drawings/schematics from previous water/sewer improvements were kept.

Commissioner Carolyn Andrews asked if there were any updates regarding any Public Service Commission matters. Morgan Sims stated that there were no matters to his knowledge. Commissioner Sammy Brown informed Commissioner Carolyn Andrews that WMUD had no ongoing matters with the Public Service Commission.

#### **RE: OLD BUSINESS**

None, as the item on the agenda was addressed in the Operator’s Report.


**RE: NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

Minutes Prepared by: Letitia Reeves

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
B. W. "Sammy" Brown

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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