

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 2019

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 12, 2019, 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 Evelyn Brown

Absent:

Commissioner Valencia Buggs

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

RE: Approval of the November 12, 2019 Agenda

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

Commissioner Scott Colson Aye
Commissioner Larry Bennett Aye
Commissioner Letitia Reeves Aye
Commissioner Evelyn Brown Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Agenda for the November 12, 2019, meeting is hereby approved

RE: Approval of Agenda Consent Items:

Commissioner Colson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Brown second the motion.

4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for October, 2019
5. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of the September 30, 2019 Financial Reports
6. Acceptance of the October 8, 2019 Minutes
7. Ratification and Approval of the selection of Option 6 to be added to the Bid Package for the water system improvements.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

The vote on the matter being as follows:

Commissioner Scott Colson Aye
Commissioner Larry Bennett Aye
Commissioner Letitia Reeves Aye
Commissioner Evelyn Brown Aye

RE: Customer's Concerns and Issues

1) Garrett Hathcock, 651 Harris Road, spoke to KT earlier during the summer about getting water to his property. Mr. Hathcock currently lives in a trailer and does not have a water hook-up. Mr. Hathcock is here to ask for help from WMUD by getting a waterline hooked to his trailer home site. Currently Mr. Hathcock uses a trailer to haul water to his trailer home. There is a water line at 707 Harris Road which is about 500 feet from Mr. Hathcock's property line. However, to bring the line to the trailer site is about 1500 feet. There are possibly three routes to bring a water line to his house. The first would be to get permission to cross Mr. Zigler's land; the second would be to run a bigger line from Livingston Vernon to his property; and the third option would be to run a line from Mr. Robert White's property located at 707 Harris Road. Mr. White did give permission to run the pipe across his property providing there is no cost or expense to him. To bring water onto the property would cost about \$4,000.00. The motion was made

by Commissioner Colson and second by Commissioner Reeves that WMUD will agree to pay a partial fee of no more than \$2,000.

toward the installation of 1,500 feet using a two inch water line. Mr. Hathcock would pay the remaining balance. An easement would still need to be provided before the pipe could be installed. Mr. Hathcock would still have to pay all applicable fees for the new meter and connections. The vote on the matter being as follows:

Commissioner Scott Colson Aye

Commissioner Larry Bennett Aye

Commissioner Letitia Reeves Aye

Commissioner Evelyn Brown Aye

The matter carried unanimously.

OPERATOR'S REPORT

The water and wastewater system are both in compliance without any violations to report at either facility.

The fence and gate to the Lagoon has fallen. It is mandatory by DEQ to have a fence. KT has given a quote of \$1,800 to install the fence and gate. The motion was made and properly second to have KT replace the fence and gate at the Lagoon. All commissioners voted "aye" to replace the gate and whatever fence is required at the lagoon.

The Lift Station pumps at the Woodlands are not keeping up during heavy rain weather. Current pumps are only 3 hp and need to be upgraded to 5 hp. New pumps are approximately \$3,000.00 each. New Controls will have to be upgraded as well however, the cost is minimal. The Board will need to deal with this in the near future.

Approximately 40 feet of 8 inch concrete sewer main was replaced on Simpson Drive. The recently purchased jetter discovered the problem. This repair was the source of numerous jetter calls over the years. Also, there was a major water main break at the intersection of Hickory and Pecan last Friday night (Nov. 8). As a result of this leak a portion of the Magnolia Heights Subdivision was placed under a boil water notice. This notice should be lifted by Nov. 14. One of the biggest customer concerns is not being notified when the water is shut down. The office clerk usually attempts to call customers. However, if they are not at home, they cannot be notified. Very few customers have signed up for the alerts on WMUD's website. This would be the fastest way to learn about water outages and boil water alerts. Commissioner Bennett made the suggestion that when customers come in to pay their bill, the clerk could obtain their email address and/or telephone number and go ahead and register them online to receive alerts.

It was discovered that many of the storm drains actually terminate inside sewer manholes. This is the source of the rain water entering the sewer system. Morgan Sims stated that Madison County should be helping with the storm drains because they are responsible for drains and water runoff.

Approximately one-half of the Magnolia Heights (100) customers need new curb stops. Curb stops will cost \$50.00-\$60.00 each. The Board agreed that they should be installed either before or during the upcoming water line construction.

KT asked for clarification on the reconnect policy. The current policy procedure states that if a customer pays the bill before the office closes, then the water will be turned back on the same day. However, if the bill is paid after hours it will not be turned back on until the next business day. The Board agreed that this is the current policy.

Purchase Order and Meter change-out report is attached.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of SRF Loan paperwork and construction contracts

OLD BUSINESS: The Board rescinded its vote to add Option 6 to the construction contract for the water line replacement due to the fact that there were additional engineering fees not added in with the overall

cost in the previous presentation by the Engineer. All present voted "aye" to rescind the vote as mentioned in Item #7 on the consent items.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Commissioner Bennett stated that if there was nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn can be made. .Commissioner Colson motioned and Commissioner Brown seconded to adjourn meeting.