

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 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 December 14, 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
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 December 14, 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
Commissioner Joyce Monroe	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Agenda for the December 14, 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 October, 2021
5. Acceptance and Approval of the October 12, 2021 Minutes
6. Acceptance and Approval of EOM August 31, 2021 Financials
7. Acceptance and Approval of CPA's response to BKD, LLP's request regarding WMUD's last loan disbursements.
8. Ratification of Board action to approve payment to Greenbriar DSLP for their work on rerouting WMUD's sewer line and to authorize Board President to execute all required documents relative thereto.
9. Ratification of Board Action to replace the 75 hp turbine motor in the Livingston Vernon Road Well. This was not part of the Griner repairs to the well previously approved.

****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
Commissioner Joyce Monroe Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Consent Items for the December 14, 2021 meeting are hereby approved.

RE: Customer's Concerns and Issues

No customers were present with any issues.

RE: Engineer's Report

The Engineer, Morgan Sims, was not present but had submitted a report to the Board, which the Board accepted. The Operator, K. T. Newman, will discuss some of these issues within his report.

RE: Operator's Report

See report. Water samples passed all standards set by the Dept. of Health for October and November.

The pump has been rebuilt and lowed to 60 feet in the Livingston Vernon well site, the oil was bailed from the well, and the new 75 hp turbine motor was installed.

Most but not all manholes on the map have been located and some are suspected to be buried and we may can find when smoke testing the line. Some manholes were located that were not on the map, such as the one inside the Southland Container building. If any storm drainage into the sewer system is located, it will be disconnected.

A large leak located underneath Southland Container was located as it flowed into the storm drain. That line was not shown on any map and it was capped off and the storm water drainage was eliminated from the flow into the sewer system in this area. This should reflect a large reduction in monthly water usage as it is estimated that WMUD was losing approximately 35,000 gallons of water per day due to this leak (1 million gallons per month).

K. T. Newman requested that the Board authorize him to purchase a load of rock to be placed at the intersection of Windy Hill Road and Stormy Drive, and a second location on Windy Hill Road as the Madison County Road Department has not placed any there after repeated requests over the last several years. Commissioner Reeves also stated that some was needed in the road ditch in front of the office as the parking lot is falling in next to the ditch. The Board discussed the matter and authorized K. T. to purchase the required rock, which should be 1-2 loads.

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

Commissioner Bennett stated that the key to the Community Center was not located in the key safe in the office and asked if it was found. K. T. Newman informed the Board that the key was located and is placed in a different location due to it disappearing and reappearing with no one knowing who had taken it from the key safe.

Dorothy Bennett, the Community Center Manager, had requested that K. T. address the Board regarding a clean up fee. She had not been charging for cleaning the center, but it was

left a mess after a recent weekend rental. Commissioner Reeves stated that she would check the Procedure Manual Policy and get back with the Board so that they could take action if a fee had not been addressed in its policy.

K.T. Newman also presented the Board with a written notice from Casey and Rebecca Kirk regarding not parking outside the chain link fence at the Harris Trail/Lep Childress water well. Commissioner Reeves informed the Board that the legal description for the well was not a very good description and to avoid possible future issues, she would ask the Board attorney if he recommended that anything be done in this regard.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Reeves mentioned that Engineering Service had not located the Garmin GPS that was last known to be in the possession of one of its engineers. They had offered to replace it with one of equal or greater value. Commissioner Reeves made the motion for Engineering Service to replace the Garmin GPS with another handheld GPS of equal or greater value. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion with all Commissioners voting "aye." The motion carried.

Commissioner Reeves mentioned that the Town of Flora's attorney had made a request that we agree to cut off water only on those new residents in the "shared" area that will execute the new water/sewer agreements. The matter was discussed and due to the fact that all customers would not be treated equally and it could put WMUD in a liability position if it cut off water on a customer who had not executed the "new" agreement, the Board Commissioners agreed that this was not an option they would agree to. Commissioner Andrews abstained from the discussion and the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Colson mentioned that a Resolution needed to be prepared for Bankplus to remove a former Board Commissioner from being a signatory on WMUD's account and add another Board Commissioner besides himself. Commissioner Reeves stated that she would prepare a Resolution for the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Bennett made a Motion that in order to avoid any possible confusion regarding Board votes on matters that must be done prior to any meeting, the question will be sent from K.T. Newman (or whomever) to him and he will direct an email to the other Board members who will respond to him with their votes. He will then give K.T., or the inquirer, the Board's decision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Colson, with all Commissioners voting "aye." The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No matters to discuss.

Commissioner Bennett stated if there were no more questions someone could make a motion adjourn. Commissioner Colson 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