

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2020

**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 8, 2020, 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	Absent
Commissioner Letitia Reeves	Commissioner Evelyn Brown
Commissioner Scott Colson	Commissioner Valencia Buggs

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 8, 2020 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

The matter carried unanimously and the Agenda for the December 8, 2020 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:

4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for October and November, 2020
5. Acceptance of EOM Financial Reports for September 30, 2020 and October 31, 2020.
6. Acceptance and approval of the October 13, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.
7. Ratification of Board Approval of Payment Request #7 to Jay Bearden Construction in amount of \$33,205.46.
8. Approval to execute Update Application to Mississippi Office of Surplus Property.
9. Acceptance of 10-30-20 ltr from Dept. of Health re Change Order #3/Contract #2 Approval changing Contract /Eligible Completion Date to Nov. 15, 2020

The vote on the matter being as follows:

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

The matter carried unanimously and the Consent Items for the December 8, 2020 meeting are hereby approved.

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

None presented.

**RE: Engineer's Report**

Morgan Sims stated that it is now Day 53 of liquidated damages that began after October 14, 2020. Kipco has transferred the last customers from the old piping to the new piping and cleanup should begin tomorrow and the next day. They need to cut, cap and abandon the existing water lines and there are 4 locations where that work is needed and one has already been completed. So, basically all that will be left is the clean up and punch list. Kipco will need to restore the yards which will entail smoothing, compacting the dirt and planting grass, which will be a mixture of rye and bermuda. Commissioner Bennett asked about one of the customers who had mentioned that he/she had St. Augustine grass in their yard before the work was done and would they be able to replace that particular grass? Mr. Sims

stated that it would be very expensive to do this because if you did it for one customer, you would have to do it for everyone. The contract time ends next Wednesday and the Health Department should inspect everything early next week. The completed work should be in the \$250,000 to \$255,00 range so it is lower than the bid price of \$296,000. There will, however, be additional amounts for repairs/piping and these will be handled on a case by case basis in order to determine if it will be WMUD's expense or Kipco's. The damages incurred on Center Street mostly fell on WMUD due to the poor condition of the existing line.

Commissioner Reeves asked Morgan Sims about why MS811 had contacted our Operator about discussing the AVR's filed by C-Spire with MS811 against Kipco? Since WMUD's contract is with Jay Bearden Construction, and Kipco works for them, shouldn't this be between them and not WMUD? Mr. Sims agreed and Jim Herring, WMUD's attorney, also agreed.

#### **RE: Operator's Report**

See report. Water samples passed all standards set by the Dept. of Health for November and monitoring samples and boil water samples also passed from the Magnolia Heights construction area. Since the water was shut off a few times after the samples were submitted, the boil water alert needs to remain in effect.

Account #476 (103 Magnavox) and #598 (106 Lincoln) had leaks on their side of the meter caused by the contractor shutting the water on and off repeatedly in this area. K. T. recommended adjusting these accounts based on their past three months' average billings. This is the same type situation that was discussed on a another customer last meeting. Commissioner Reeves made the motion that these two accounts be adjusted and the contractor charged for the damages with Commissioner Colson seconding the motion. All commissioners voted "aye" and the motion was carried.

Morgan Sims had submitted a footing plan and all required documents were submitted to Madison County for the storage building. We are just waiting for the permit. Woodlands Lift Station now has a culvert and the limestone was delivered to put on the drive. The new pump will be installed as soon as possible.

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Scott made the motion to go into executive session to discuss an update on the house paid/sewer line situation, Town of Flora sewer discussions and SRF Distribution Project. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion with all commissioners voting "aye." WMUD entered executive session.

The WMUD Board of Commissioners exited Executive Session.

Commissioner Reeves made the motion that based on the engineer's recommendation, WMUD should proceed with the installation of the protective liner inside the 12 inch sewer main that is currently underneath the Franklin's house pad, with the understanding that all costs associated with same should be reimbursed to WMUD and that the attorney shall draft a letter to the Franklin's attorney regarding this matter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bennett with all members voting "aye." The motion carried.

Commissioner Bennett stated that WMUD needed to draft a letter to the Town of Flora regarding the attorney's recommendations regarding the sewer situation. Commissioner Reeves agreed to begin the draft and run it by Jim Herring and the other Board members for approval.



## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Colson submitted an estimate of what it would cost to install 150 feet of 6 inch pipe with three catch basins between the buildings and the down spout on the Fire Station. Commissioner Bennett mentioned that water also pools during rains behind the door in the Community Center kitchen and runs under the door. Commissioner Reeves mentioned that there is still an issue with dampness in the back room on the WMUD office as well. Commissioner Bennett asked Commissioner Scott to have the person who quoted the price regarding correcting the water flow between the buildings to check this area as well and add it to the quote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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

Minutes Prepared by: Commissioner Letitia Reeves, Vice President