

**WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 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 December 9, 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

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

RE: Approval of December 9, 2025 Agenda

Commissioner Ernest Odom made the motion to approve the amended agenda; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Rye. The vote on the matter being as follows: Commissioners Odom, Rye, Brown and Rushing voted “aye” and Commissioner Andrews voted “no”. The Agenda for the December 9, 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 November, 2025.
4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM Financial Reports for October, 2025
5. Acceptance and Approval of the November 11, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

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

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 November, 2025; there are no boil water notices in effect. NOTE: Due to issues mentioned previously regarding the lagoon, WMUD is still over its allowed e-coli effluent limit.

K. T. Newman asked the Board if they would move the late fee for December to the 15th as there were issues with customer bills as many customers said that they did not receive their bills. Commissioner Scott Rye made the motion to move the late fee to December 15th, 2025; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Mary Rushing. All commissioners voted "aye" and the motion was passed.

K. T. mentioned that any complaints he had been receiving regarding driveways, yards, etc., in connection with the construction work performed under the CDBG project were being referred to the contractor. There have been a few complaints regarding yards and concrete driveways on Compress Street and Waggoner Engineering has been made aware of those.

Commissioner Carolyn Andrews asked K. T. about a water leak on Pear Street (Mrs. Henderson). K. T. stated that there was a water leak in the culvert in her driveway and the leak itself was in her drive and it will take 2-3 days to fix as the crew will have to tear up her driveway and they will have to coordinate the culvert work with the County. He informed Commissioner Andrews that they will fix it as soon as dry weather allows.

The submersible pump is installed at the lagoon. K. T. stated that he plans to order 50 more Bodger AMR (Automatic Meter Reading) meters after January 1st per Board directive. They have already installed some of the AMR meters in the outskirts of WMUD's certificated area.

K. T. stated that new nozzles were needed for the jetter. The estimated cost is \$2,194.68. It is listed on the expense report and K. T. mentioned that if the Board agreed that he would order the nozzles after January 1st. Commissioner Brown made the motion to purchase the jetter nozzles after January 1st, 2026; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Rye, with all commissioners voting "aye". The motion passed.

K. T. informed the Board that he had received two months' worth of invoices for grass cutting from Willie Rosell. The Board discussed the matter and it was decided that Commissioner Brown would notify Mr. Rosell to attend the January Board meeting to explain where and when he performed the grass cutting that he is invoicing to WMUD. After discussion, Commissioner Brown made a motion for the Board to pay Mr. Rosell's invoices, but a letter from Commissioner Brown will be attached informing Mr. Rosell not to cut the grass anymore. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Rye with all commissioners voting "aye". The motion passed.

Commissioner Carolyn Andrews questioned charges invoiced to WMUD by Engineering Services and reiterated that she had specifically told Morgan Sims not to go to any meetings without obtaining Board approval. Commissioner Sammy Brown reminded Commissioner Andrews that Morgan Sims is the engineer for WMUD and is meeting with Waggoneer Engineering representatives in regard to the CDBG projects as well as the upcoming Corps of Engineers project. The Board had actively given Morgan Sims approval to represent WMUD at these required meeting to make sure WMUD is obtaining what it needs. K. T. also informed the Board that they were seeing two months of engineering charges, not just one month.

Commissioner Scott Rye made the motion to accept the Operator's Report; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Sammy Brown with all commissioners voting "aye". The Operator's Report is hereby accepted.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Sammy Brown stated that Commissioner Ernest Odom and he had met with Supervisor Karl Banks regarding having the old water tank located behind the office removed as well as the old pumps, etc. at no cost to WMUD. He further stated that Madison County has agreed to haul riprap for the lagoon bank stabilization project and perform any dozer work required. Lawrence Morris has agreed to clean off the lagoon site and bank.

Commissioner Scott Rye mentioned that WMUD's tap on and reconnect fees needed to be addressed as it was mentioned at the recent Board training that he and Commissioner Mary Rushing had attended that most water suppliers were not charging enough to cover their expenses. According to the training program, WMUD's fees in this regard are too low.

A question was raised about future possible damage to new meters as the new meters cost \$300 versus \$65 for the old meters. Someone would have to run over the box to damage the antenna. Commissioner Carolyn Andrews asked about meter box covers in bright colors so that someone would not accidentally mow over one.

Commissioner Brown mentioned that the 1-inch water line in place in Church Hill Park needs to be replaced with a 4-inch line at some point (as mentioned in previous Board meetings) and per earlier Board discussion, the Crosswinds water line which is 1-1/2 inch, needs to be changed to a larger water line. It was agreed to discuss these water lines at the January, 2026 Board meeting.

Commissioner Andrews asked about the Franklin manhole issue as during heavy rains it overflows and causes erosion. K. T. Newman again informed Commissioner Andrews about the situation and stated that dirt was brought in but when WMUD went to put it in place, Mr. Franklin walked up to the site and started telling them he wanted French drains installed, etc., which was work that was not agreed to by the Board. Commissioner Brown stated that he felt that when the repairs were finalized from the upcoming sewer project that overflows from this manhole would no longer be a problem.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Commissioner Scott Rye made the motion to enter Executive Session to discuss contractual matters as well as any legal issues. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mary Rushing with all commissioners voting "aye". The motion passed and the Board entered Executive Session.

A motion was made within Executive Session by Commissioner Sammy Brown to not refund the rental fee for the Community Center to Cameron Champion per discussion in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Rye with all commissioners voting "aye". The motion carried.

The Board exited Executive Session.

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:  _____ Date: 1-13-26

B. W. "Sammy" Brown