

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
February 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 February 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 Evelyn Brown
Commissioner Scott Colson
Commissioner Valencia Buggs
Commissioner Letitia Reeves

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 February 12, 2019 Agenda:

Commissioner Colson motioned and Commissioner Brown second to approve the Agenda with a correction to add Carolyn Roberts' name under "customer issues", for the February 12, 2019, meeting for the Board of Commissioners of 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 Valencia Buggs	Aye
Commissioner Evelyn Brown	Aye

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

RE: APPROVAL OF AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS:

Commissioner Colson motioned to approve the consent agenda Commissioner Buggs second the motion. All Commissioners voted "Aye" and the consent items listed as follows were approved: Agenda Items, as follows, to wit:

4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM Report for January, 2019
5. Acceptance and Acknowledgement of the December 31, 2018 Financial Report
6. Acceptance of the January 8, 2019 minutes
7. Acceptance and ratification of the January 28, 2019, letter to Reverend Roosevelt Barrett regarding continued use of the Community Center.
8. Acceptance and Approval of the End of Year 2018, Rural Development Report and Proposed 2019, budget.

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

RE: ENGINEER'S REPORT

Morgan Sims gave a brief summary regarding Plans for the 2018 system improvement project that will be submitted to the Dept of Health during the week of February 18, 2019. Dept. of Health will review the plans and specifications and give WMUD feedback for advertising for bids. WMUD will inform contractors, "this is the water tank, and these are the problems that must be resolved." WMUD must be presented with plans showing how they would resolve all concerns WMUD shares with them along with the cost to do the job. KT would need to be available to allow contractors access to inspect the water tank in order to prepare their bids. Commissioner Colson wanted to know would there be a delay from Dept. of Health since the original amount that was approved had increased substantially. Mr. Sims stated

that the Dept. of Health would review WMUD financial records to make sure the additional cost could be repaid by WMUD.

Mr. Simms, Tony and KT met earlier today to take a look at a sewer issue on St. Charles and Pine Street. There are two things WMUD can try to address: the first is the "causes of the problem" or, second, it can try address the "symptoms of the problems". Unfortunately, with this type of issue there is no easy or cheap solution. To address the causes will be the most expensive; to address the symptoms will also be costly. The causes are that since the system is so old there is storm water inflow which could be from a broken pipe or it could be from infiltration from when the water levels are up it goes into the sanitation system through broken pipes, bad joints, leaky manholes or a combination of wet weather. Pressure is more than likely the cause of the problem since there is no problem when the weather is dry. One possible solution would be to raise the manhole and put in a water tight seal. This will prevent any water either coming out or going into the manhole which would eliminate sewer overflow out of the manhole however, it could push the problem further down the line to the next manhole. Tony informed them that there is a shallow existing sewer line between 103 and 105 Pine Street and another sewer line at 110 Cedar Street which is very deep. The sewer line at 110 Cedar Street gives us an option of running a new sanitary sewer line. If we put in a new line we could make it deeper and set new manholes and increase the diameter of the gravity line. If the second suggestion is selected we would be treating the symptom and not the cause.

WMUD could address the "cause" by installing a new pumping station that would include 4 large pumps. Two of the pumps would be for every day normal waste usage disposal. The other two pumps would handle heavy rain water that has entered into the drain system and cannot be pushed out quick enough. KT said at one time there was two drain systems but somewhere there is a breakage in the line. Commissioner Colson asked if the second line could be salvaged. KT replied no, but a new line could run along side of the existing line then tied into the line going into the Lagoon. Commissioner Bennett expressed this solution would need to be discussed further in-depth before a decision could be made.

RE:OPERATOR'S REPORT

1. Our current NPDES wastewater permit is set to expire in June. The permit renewal application has been completed and once signed will be mailed to MDEQ. Commissioner Reeves motioned and Commissioner Brown second that the documents submitted to Commissioner Bennett be approved for his signature and returned to KT to be mailed
2. A section of the water system is on a precautionary boil water alert as a result of a water main break on Saturday morning. The impacted areas are Virilia Road, Windy Hill, Willow Way, and Hidden Lake. Boil water yard signs were posted in these areas as well as a message on the website.
3. Both water samples submitted in January passed the bacteriological standards as established by the Health Department. The annual Department of Health inspection will be on February 21, 2019.
4. There are no new issues to report at the Lagoon.
5. All work orders are addressed in a timely manner. There are a few yards where repairs were recently made that we will have to go back and straighten up once the areas dry.
6. KT is requesting a security glass be installed in the WMUD office he has received one quote and will collect at least two more then present it to the Board. Lately there have been irate customers and one in particular the police should have been contacted. So to offer a more secure environment for the office clerk he would like to have the security glass installed.
7. There are three customers who are on the installment payment. Two of which are not making any progress on their bill. It is approaching a 12 month period and the first customer owes \$765.00 and the second customer owes about \$1,600.00. Basically they will pay the current minimum and we will turn off their water and they will come in and pay something on the bill. No late charges or cut-off fees are being

added to the bill, there current bill usually is about \$100.00. Commissioner Bennett stated the customer who owes \$765.00 has been doing a lot of painting on the inside of the house and it concerns him that they might be getting ready to sale the property.

8. The sewer truck presentation has been delayed by KT until the commissioners' schedule will allow him to bring the truck over and give a demonstration on the capabilities of the truck.

9. See attached list of delinquent rental customers

10. See attached list of meter change outs

11. See attached purchase order report

Commissioner Bennett said that sometime in the future he would like to bill some type of structure to house our extra materials. Commissioner Colson said the foundation is already there and a structure just need to be built. Commissioner Reeves stated we are still waiting for MS one to come out and mark the gas line for the installation of the generator. Commissioner Bennett said the Generator could be housed in the new structure along with the other on had materials that is needed during water pipe breaks that happen after general work hours.

KT said Mr. Chip Estes would like to be on the Board's agenda for the March meeting. However, Commissioner Colson will not be available and the vice president said every one should be present to hear the presentation for developing new homes on the property located at the corner of Livingston Vernon and St. Charles Avenue. Therefore, the meeting should take place at the April's Board meeting.

CUSTOMER'S ISSUES

1. Rex Thompson did not show

2. Carolyn Roberts was there in regard to the overflow sewer drain located at the corner of Pine and St. Charles. She was satisfied that the issue was being addressed by KT and Morgan Sims who had spoken earlier. Her one question was how long it would take to repair the sewer. Commissioner Reeves said once the engineer reports back with cost and repair estimates we would have a better idea of the timeline.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bennett asked if there were any other comments from the customers and if not he would ask the customers to step out and they may return after the Executive Session was over. Commissioner Reeves motioned to close Executive Session and return to Board meeting, Commission Brown second.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Commissioner Bennett said if there was nothing further to discuss motion to adjourn can be made. Commissioner Reeves motioned and Commissioner Buggs second to adjourn the meeting.