

Minutes of the West Madison Utility District Meeting  
February 28, 2017  
Special Meeting

BE IT REMEMBERED that the special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the West Madison Utility District was duly convened, held and conducted on February 28, 2017 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 Louvella Lawson      KT Newman  
Commissioner Scott Colson  
Commissioner Evelyn Brown  
Commissioner Larry Bennett

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.

President Larry Bennett made a request to skip over the consent items and go to the Engineers Report.

Jerry Tullos the engineer that was working with WMUD has retired and Allan Scott, VP of Engineering Services will be working with WMUD in helping to resolve some of the challenges that WMUD are facing. In 1986, Jerry did some sewer rehap in the WMUD area. In speaking with KT, it appears that the water and sewer lines are still having the same issues as from 1986. Old files indicate the last time the water tower was painted was also in 1986. After surveying the lagoon with KT the most efficient way to get WMUD out of its problem is to upgrade the pump station. The main problem is with the collection system where there are two lines that meet and go into one line. According to KT since installing the bypass pump it has helped eliminate water and sewage from backing up into homes. However, Jerry Scott indicated that this is just a temporary solution. A permanent solution is to get the storm water out of the system by building a new Pumping station. The two gravity lines that meet and come back as one at the Lagoon does not work quickly enough to handle heavy rain downpours. Even though, a Bypass pump has been installed that is still a temporary solution. Typically, the Pump Station needs to get back up stream because the transmission main is running from where the last house down to the Lagoon is about 300 feet of sewer. The new Pump station would pick up the water and take it down to the Lagoon. The proposal is to try to get rid of the water first and not pump or treat the water. Commissioner Scott wanted to know how this would affect customers in the area. Jerry Scott said moving the pump back 3000 feet would not intrude on the customers by giving off foul smells. Now a-days, there are neighborhoods that have Mechanical Pumps located within the housing complexes. Commissioner Reeves asked if there was enough land to build the station.

Jerry said he was not sure and that additional land may need to be purchased. Alan Scott went on to say a new Pump Station would cost about \$150,000 and the rehab for the water tower would cost about \$150,000 plus additional fees would be \$350,000. These two projects could be submitted together for grant funding.

Comm. Bennett said WMUD did not want to get too far off on different projects because recently it was discovered that galvanized pipes are in some areas of WMUD customer base. At this time it was more important that we find resources to remove and correct the galvanized pipe with up to date standard pipes. Therefore, any additional grant funding would be used toward the pipes. Alan Scott said Engineer Services could investigate the cost of replacing the pipes and give an outline report of details for doing such a project. At the next scheduled meeting he could have the information ready to present.

Comm. Bennett asked if there was any other Business that needed to be discussed a motion could be made to adjourn. Comm. Colson motion and Comm. Lawson second that meeting be adjourn.