

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2022

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 8, 2022, 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

Absent:
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 February 8, 2022 Agenda

Commissioner Colson motioned and Commissioner Andrews seconded to approve the Agenda for the West Madison Utility District. The vote on the matter being as follows:

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

The matter carried unanimously and the Agenda for the February 8, 2022 meeting is hereby approved

RE: Approval of Agenda Consent Items:

Commissioner Colson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, and Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion. Consent Items are listed as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for January, 2022
5. Acceptance and Approval of the January 22, 2022 and February 3, 2022 Minutes

The vote on the matter being as follows:

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

The matter carried unanimously and the Consent Items for the February 8, 2022 meeting are hereby approved.

RE: Customer's Concerns and Issues

None.

RE: Engineer's Report

None. Engineer not present.

RE: Operator's Report

See report. Water samples passed all standards set by the Dept. of Health for January, 2022.

Water loss for last month was between 19-20 percent. K. T. Newman stated that he felt this would more than likely be the new average after repair of the Southland Container issue.

K. T. Newman requested the date that the Board changed from refundable deposits to activation fees. Commissioner Reeves stated that it should be in the Minutes. She will check the Minutes to verify the exact date. NOTE: Information was subsequently sent to everyone regarding the fact that the WMUD changed from deposits to activation fees on September 6, 2016 when it adopted its original Policies and Procedures, which was replaced by the newer version now available online. The current rate schedule for water and sewer rates was unanimously adopted February 14, 2017. The billing was outsourced effective June 15, 2017.

K. T. Newman stated that they were beginning to have issues with supply, especially brass fittings and pvc pipe. The Board authorized K. T. to purchase additional supplies to store in the storage building in order to have required parts on hand for future repairs and in case of emergencies.

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality performed their inspection of WMUD on January 27, 2022. They requested something in writing that reflects WMUD's position in regard to the lagoon situation and whether WMUD wanted to cooperate with running sewerage to Beattie's Bluff and close the current lagoon. Commissioner Reeves informed K. T. Newman that the just adopted February 3, 2022 Minutes reflected WMUD's position in this regard and asked if those would be adequate to answering MDEQ's question. He stated that they would and he would forward those to MDEQ.

The Health Department inspection is scheduled for this Thursday, February 10, 2022. WMUD has everything ready for the inspection and no issues are anticipated except for the financial requirements regarding the end of year financials and 2022 budget.

Commissioner Reeves mentioned that she had been trying to contact Paul Breazeale's accounting firm for several weeks and still had not gotten a response; however, she was handed a letter at the beginning of the meeting stating that the firm of Breazeale, Saunders & O'Neal, Ltd. had ceased operations and sent its clients to Horne. Commissioner Reeves stated that she would try to contact Horne to schedule a meeting to obtain our required financials for the end of Sept., Oct., Nov. Dec., the 2022 budget and also the Rural Development reports.

K. T. Newman stated that the bypass pump at the lagoon was working well and requested that some type of cover be placed over the pump for protection against the weather. The Board discussed the matter and authorized K. T. to erect some type of pole barn structure over the bypass pump for protection against the weather.

K. T. Newman also stated that the boil water signs have deteriorated over the years and new ones are needed. The Board authorized K. T. to order some new boil water signs for WMUD.

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

Commissioner Reeves mentioned that jetter usage had increased for the past month. Commissioner Colson asked K. T. how much he estimated the jetter had saved WMUD in costs based on last month's usage. K. T. Newman stated that he estimated it saved WMUD about \$3,500.00 for the month of January, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

There being no other business to discuss, Commissioner Colson made a motion to dismiss the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Andrews. All commissioners voted "aye," and the meeting was dismissed.

Minutes Prepared by: Commissioner Letitia Reeves, Vice President