

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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 9, 2021, 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 February 9, 2021 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 February 9, 2021 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:

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for December, 2020
5. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for January, 2021
6. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Financial Statement for November 30, 2020
7. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Financial Statement for December 31, 2020
8. Acceptance and Approval of the December 8, 2020 Minutes
9. Ratification of the Board's Approval Annual Review of Emergency Response Plan for Water Systems dated January 12, 2021
10. Ratification of the Board's Approval of the Annual Review of Security Vulnerability Self-Assessment Guide for Water Systems dated January 12, 2021
11. Ratification of the Board's Approval to Send its January 12, 2021 Letter to the Town of Flora re Its Request
12. Ratification of the Board's Approval to submit the final invoice to for the SRL Projects per Engineer's recommendation
13. Ratification of the Board's Approval to immediately begin installation of the liner in the sewer pipe underneath the existing housepad and for Board President to have permission to execute the contract as long as fees do not exceed \$20,000.00
14. Ratification of the Board's Approval to Return Sharleen Middleton's \$200 fee due to circumstances shared with the Board.

15. Ratification of the Board's approval to proceed with the purchase and installation of the pump at The Woodlands life station based on information provided by K. T. Newman.
16. Ratification of the Board's approval to proceed with the installation of a pipe at the lagoon to assist with its operation as presented by K. T. Newman.
17. Ratification of the Board's approval to place a SCADA system at the backup well on the same controls as the new well in order to rotate usage.
18. Acceptance and Approval of the 2021 End of Year Report to USDA/Rural Development
19. Acceptance and Approval of the 2021 Budget

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 February 9, 2021 meeting are hereby approved.

RE: Customer's Concerns and Issues

K. T. mentioned that Rosie White at 605 St. Charles Street had a hose on her kitchen faucet that was stopped up and was saying she thought it was due to the contractor. Morgan Sims asked if the whole house was affected and K. T. said "no." Morgan stated then it could not be due to the contractor.

RE: Engineer's Report

Morgan Sims stated that the one year warranty inspection is in April for the elevated water tank and that WMUD should hire someone to inspect the water tank and inspect for any damage. Morgan suggested Lloyd Sims who had inspected the tank before. Commissioner Reeves moved to hire Mr. Sims to inspect the elevated water tank and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Colson. All commissioners present voted "aye" and the motion was passed.

Jay Beardon Construction has not submitted its final invoice and there has been no news regarding the SRF either.

Morgan Sims mentioned the video of the sewer line and how they could not get the camera through the line affected as it has an elevated portion where they were afraid to send the camera as it could have become stuck in the line. Therefore, the possibility of a liner is not possible. The line itself is in poor condition, with some areas badly deteriorated. Therefore, Morgan recommended that WMUD leave the housepad in place and take the sewer line around the housepad. Mr. Franklin had entered at this time and began asking questions regarding the situation. Commissioner Colson informed him that due to the location of the housepad, WMUD cannot access its current sewer line at all. Morgan Sims also informed Mr. Franklin that the estimate he received from a contractor to install the sewer line is not accurate for installation of a line of this type and that its actual cost would be closer to \$100,000.00. A bid packet would have to be drawn up and bids taken in order for WMUD to proceed with any type of construction. Commissioner Reeves informed Mr. Franklin that details regarding this situation would need to be handled through the respective attorneys.

WMUD directed Morgan Sims to contact Jim Herring so that he could communicate with the Franklins' attorney.

RE: Operator's Report

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

The Mississippi Department of Health Inspection was moved to February 18, 2021.

K. T. Newman mentioned that the pipe had been installed in the lagoon but that the erosion from the Big Black River was moving closer to the lagoon. It was suggested by Commissioner Bennett that WMUD approach Senator Roger Wicker and Representative Bennie Thompson for assistance but that WMUD needed to have something that listed customer concerns, legal components, and an engineer's estimation of the scope of work and estimated cost. Morgan Sims was directed to begin work on a letter that would list these items.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Colson stated that he was not able to obtain a revised quote regarding correcting the drainage at the back of the building as well as in between the office/fire dept. buildings as the contractor was unable to come back and view the area.

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 Reeves seconded with all Commissioners voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Prepared by: Commissioner Letitia Reeves, Vice President