

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 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 April 12, 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
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 April 12, 2022 Agenda

Commissioner Colson motioned and Commissioner Monroe 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
Commissioner Joyce Monroe	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Agenda for the April 12, 2022 meeting is hereby approved

RE: Approval of Agenda Consent Items:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for March, 2022
5. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM Financials for September, 2021; October, 2021; November, 2021 and December, 2021
6. Acceptance and Approval of the March 8, 2022 Minutes
7. Acceptance and Adoption of the changes to the Subdivision/Development Extension policy to WMUD's Policies and Procedures Manual

The vote on the matter being as follows:

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

The matter carried unanimously and the Consent Items for the April 12, 2022 meeting are hereby approved.

RE: Customer's Concerns and Issues

1. Mark Jordan; 198 Railroad Road, Flora, MS 39071

Mr. Jordan appeared before the Board and stated that he was requesting that WMUD provide water service to his location. K. T. Newman had informed the Board that there was no water line in place along Railroad Road. A line could be extended from Magnolia Heights, which would be closer, but it would still run about 1/4th of a mile. The cost quoted to Mr. Jordan by K. T. was in the \$13,500-\$13,800 range and Mr. Jordan was asking for some assistance somehow by WMUD. Mr. Jordan said he had checked into digging his own well and the estimated cost would be much more with no guarantee of potable water at the depth quoted. To run the line from Pecan Street to this location it would benefit two other property owners in the area and members of the Board discussed this with Mr. Jordan to see if the other property owners might be willing to contribute to the cost to run the water line. Mr. Jordan said he had spoken with one property owner, Pluto, LLC, and they said they could not see spending money in this large of an amount to only provide water to their deer camp. Pluto, LLC members are R. Cratin Lockett, Jr., Esq. and Lee C. Lampton, Jr. It would also benefit Bryan Estes as well in that it would provide water to some of the area he owns in Magnolia Heights that he had wanted to build homes on in the past. The Board informed Mr. Jordan that they would consider the matter and get back with him. In the meantime, he was going to check with Bryan Estes to see if he would be interested in assisting with funds to run a water line in this area.

RE: Engineer's Report

Morgan Sims informed the Board that he and K. T. Newman had performed some smoke testing in The Woodlands area as well as the area above and around Southland Container to try to discover possible leaks and locate manholes. Several manholes were discovered, as well as two places where rainwater drained into the sewer near Southland Container. There is also a fire hydrant that is leaking into the sewer. It was also discovered that some homes in The Woodlands were not plumbed correctly as no pea-traps were installed inside the homes so that the smoke being tested in the sewer lines ran into the homes (which would not happen if the homes were plumbed according to code). A major break in the sewer line was located crossing the ditch south of Southland Container so that during rains, the water from that ditch is running directly into the sewer lines. This will be a major repair as the gravity flow sewer line is probably at least 10-13 feet below ground in this location.

A buried manhole was located in The Woodlands that K. T. will uncover. This area had apparently had a sinkhole form and the County put dirt in the sinkhole. We know now that there is a manhole in this location.

Commissioner Reeves mentioned that the Board had just adopted its new policies regarding development, etc., and that the three letters associated with responses from the engineer were also accepted so that Morgan should now be able to respond to the request for service regarding the possible 30 new homes.

RE: Operator's Report

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

During the last series of heavy rains, the breaker tripped at the lift station located near The Woodlands. This caused the sewage to overflow into the nearby ditch. A report was filed with DEQ. In order to prevent this from happening in the future, K. T. Newman asked if the Board would agree to purchase Mission Alarm that would notify him in the event the water started rising in the lift station. After receiving the alarm, he would check the lift station to see if it only needed the breaker reset to eliminate a sewage overflow. The cost for the alarm would be \$4,802.40, which includes installation costs. Commissioner Andrews asked if the alarm went off and the electricity was off, could anything be done to eliminate an overflow. K. T. Newman said no as there is no generator to cut on in that location. Commissioner Reeves stated that the Madison County Wastewater Authority uses these same alarms and they work quite well and help eliminate any type of sewer overflow issues. Commissioner Reeves made the motion to purchase and install the Mission alarm for the lift station located near The Woodlands. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monroe with all commissioners voting "aye."

The purchase order report and jetter usage report is attached to the Operator's Report.

Commissioner Colson made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrews, with all Commissioners voting "aye" The Board entered Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board exited Executive Session.

Commissioner Colson made the motion to provide Jim Herring with a copy of the letter from Steven H. Funderburg regarding Jay Bearden Construction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monroe with all Commissioners voting "aye." The motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The sewer overflow has already been discussed.
2. A response letter had been drafted in response to DEQ's question about the Board's position regarding the lagoon situation and was presented at the meeting. It was agreed to send the letter and Commissioner Reeves stated that she would make sure that Supervisor Banks received a copy of the response letter from WMUD and the DEQ report.

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