

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 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 April 13, 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
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 13, 2021 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 Letitia Reeves	Aye
Commissioner Scott Colson	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn Andrews	Aye
Commissioner Joyce Monroe	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Agenda for the April 13, 2021 meeting is hereby approved

RE: Approval of Agenda Consent Items:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for March, 2021
5. Acceptance and Approval of the March 9, 2021 Minutes
6. Update of Policies and Procedures Manual to incorporate new requirement for two Board Officers to Attend Advance Training every 4 yrs.
7. Ratification of Board action to send Larry Bennett and Letitia Reeves for the required advance training.
8. Ratification of Board action to send the Franklin's attorney the updated Preliminary Opinion of Cost involving the sewer line so that it could be presented to the insurance carrier.

The vote on the matter being as follows:

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

The matter carried unanimously and the Consent Items for the April 13, 2021 meeting are hereby approved.

RE: Customer's Concerns and Issues

Since several customers appeared before the Board, Commissioner Bennett asked that Customer Concerns be handled prior to Executive Session.

a. Carolyn Robinson from 611 St. Charles Street. Ms. Robinson asked about her yard not being fixed due to the installation of the new water line and wanted to know when she could expect it to be completed. Engineer, Morgan Sims, addressed her concerns and stated that it was prudent to wait for the earth to settle some around the water line prior to finalizing the dirt work. He also stated that yard repairs should be completed within the next 2-3 months. Commissioner Bennett mentioned to Ms. Robinson that the Board has been unhappy with the delays as well and have voiced their displeasure to the contractor. Ms. Robinson also mentioned that she has extremely slow water flow in her kitchen and thought it was because of the recent construction on the water line. K. T. Newman, the Operator, informed the Board that he had looked at the situation and had unscrewed the sieve at the faucet to see if there was any dirt/rocks but nothing came out. Commissioner Bennett suggested that she hire a plumber to look at her issue and if he verifies that the problem was caused by the construction that the Board will reimburse her for her expense. He asked Ms. Robinson if this was satisfactory and she said "yes." Commissioner Bennett therefore made the motion that the Board would reimburse Ms. Robinson for her plumber expense if the plumber verified that her issue was caused by the water line construction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Colson with all Board members voting "aye."

b. Ednes Fuller from 435 Livingston Vernon Road was present and stated that she had the same concerns as Ms. Robinson regarding the finalization of fixing the yards after the water line installation.

c. Rosie Medlock from 613 St. Charles also appeared before the Board and asked about the yard repair and Commissioner Bennett gave her the same information as was provided to Carolyn Robinson as Ms. Matlock arrived after the Board had addressed her concerns. Ms. Matlock also stated that she had St. Augustine grass on her yard and wanted the same type of grass to be put back on her yard. This had been discussed by the Board before and the Engineer had advised the Board that this was something that was out of its hands as they could not put that type of grass on one homeowner's property without doing it for others and it would be very expensive and far in excess of the projected cost within the loan documents.

d. Mr. Franklin appeared at the meeting and asked the Board what was the status regarding the sewer line/house pad issue. Attorney Jim Herring informed him that his attorney, Bobby Gill, had contacted the insurance company and was waiting for a response, and we, in turn, are waiting for Mr. Gill to contact us. Mr. Franklin asked if there was anything to be done to speed things up and Mr. Herring told him that we were doing everything we could do. Mr. Franklin mentioned a caved in hole across the creek near the sewer line and asked if we knew about it. Morgan Sims and K. T. Newman stated that they would look at the hole he had mentioned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bennett made the motion to go into executive session to discuss pending legal matters and contract negotiations. Commissioner Colson seconded the motion. The West Madison Utility District entered executive session.

The West Madison Utility District ended executive session and entered regular session.

RE: Engineer's Report

Morgan Sims stated that the final inspection of the elevated water tank is set for the first part of May. The punch list is done for the SRF project, but Jay Bearden Construction still has not sent its final bill. The Corps of Engineers met with him at the lagoon and reviewed the situation.

RE: Operator's Report

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

There is a portion of the old water line on St. Charles Avenue that remains active and they are looking into that so that that line can be capped. The Mission Scada system that was recently installed at the back up well was struck by lightning. It needs a new panel which should cost about \$500.00. Commissioner Scott made the motion to repair the system and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reeves. All members present voted "aye."

The pad was poured by the storage building. The building is now being constructed.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Colson stated that when we first were admitted to the Board in 2016, our Operator, K. T. Newman, voluntarily cut his monthly pay in order to assist WMUD due to shortage of finances. He has gone above and beyond his contractual duties and since WMUD is in a better financial position partly because of his assistance, Commissioner Colson made the motion that K. T. Newman be granted a \$500.00 per month raise. Commissioner Andrews seconded the motion with all Commissioners voting "aye."

Commissioner Bennett stated if there were no more questions someone could make a motion adjourn. Commissioner Colson motioned to adjourn and Commissioner Andrews seconded with all Commissioners voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Prepared by: Commissioner Letitia Reeves, Vice President