

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 14, 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 June 14, 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 Joyce Monroe
Commissioner Carolyn Andrews
Commissioner Scott Colson

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 June 14, 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 Letitia Reeves	Aye
Commissioner Joyce Monroe	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn Andrews	Aye
Commissioner Scott Colson	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Agenda for the June 14, 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 May, 2022
5. Acceptance and Approval of the May 10, 2022 Minutes
6. Acceptance of the April, 2022 End of Month Financials

The vote on the matter being as follows:

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

The matter carried unanimously and the Consent Items for the June 14, 2022 meeting are hereby approved.

RE: Customer's Concerns and Issues

1. Marvin Ross, Roger Ealey, Sr. and Ramondo Sanders appeared before the Board representing Smith Chapel. They were concerned about the fact that the water bill at Smith Chapel had gone from the normal \$25.00 to \$709 due to a leak. Mr. Ross stated that they could not tell if the leak was on the Church's line or WMUD's line. Commissioner Bennett stated that if the water ran through the meter, it was on the customer's side. Due to where the meter sits, they were questioning how the Board knew the leak was on the Church's side or the water main side. K. T. Newman explained that when meters were placed at all churches which previously did not have meters, they had to retro-fit the one at Smith Chapel and looped tubing to the meter. The meter could not be placed on the existing line but had to be placed in a close location to the line and that is why the tubing was used. There are two shut off valves in place as tubing was located on both sides of the meter. K. T. said that it had been easiest to put in two shut off valves due to the location of the meter versus the main line. When the cut off valve was turned off, the meter stopped turning and the leak was definitely on Smith Chapel's private line.

Mr. Sanders stated that he had fixed the leak and it appeared that the leak was close to where WMUD had tied the tubing into the main line. Commissioner Bennett stated that due to the location of the leak, we need to determine if the leak was caused by WMUD's workmanship or something else, especially as it was located near the point where the looped line was installed. Commissioner Reeves asked if Smith Chapel had sewer as well. K. T. Newman stated that it did not. Commissioner Bennett suggested that this matter be tabled until K. T. Newman and Scott Colson have the opportunity to view the repair and see if there is something apparent in their review of which the Board is not aware. They will need to use their best judgement whether or not WMUD's work contributed to the leak. In the meantime, no late fee will be assessed and Smith Chapel should pay its "normal" monthly fee. The Board will discuss this again at its July meeting. If the line needs to be redone, the Board wants it redone to alleviate any future issues.

RE: Engineer's Report

Morgan Sims stated that he still had not had any response from Chip Estes regarding the first letter sent regarding future development per our Policies and Procedures. He also stated that he had checked the manhole near Mr. Franklin's house that was mentioned at the May Board meeting. There is erosion and it is due to sewer overflow from heavy rainfall since it is a very low manhole. It was doing this before as well. This is another reason why the leak recently located at Southland Container needs to be fixed. The issue at The Woodlands lift station could have contributed to some of this as well.

Commissioner Bennett asked if there had been any more overflows at The Woodlands. K. T. Newman stated that there had not been any overflows and that the two new pumps and Mission SCADA had been installed in that location. The repairs in The Woodlands on the manholes discussed earlier also helped resolve a lot of the sewer issues.

Morgan Sims asked if anyone had heard anything from Madison County or Waggoner Engineering regarding the ARPA funds, etc., as they had not heard anything. No one has had any updates from the County or Waggoner Engineering.

Morgan Sims mentioned a webinar and stated that WMUD is not considered an association so it is not eligible for any grants/funds from the Department of Health. The lagoon project is imperative and also WMUD needs to be considering a new water line from the well to the elevated water tank. Commissioner Reeves suggested that the Board plan to view the lagoon in the near future so that everyone can see the erosion issue.

RE: Operator's Report

No printed report was given to the board. Water samples passed all standards set by the Dept. of Health for May, 2022.

K. T. stated that during the last seven days, WMUD's daily water produced decreased by 25,000 gallons per day. K. T. said that he did not know why the reduction in water production has happened. Commissioner Colson asked if this could be unmetered water usage that stopped. K. T. Newman said it could be, but there is no way to tell at this time. It was such a change that Mission SCADA sent out an alert. Only three small water leaks and one possible sewer issue have been detected and fixed.

Mark Jordan has contacted Pluto, LLC regarding obtaining an easement, and is still wanting to run a water line to his property.

The grass cutter has requested additional money in order to cut the lagoon. He simply did not cut the lagoon this last time. The Board stated that they would discuss this further via email and vote, with said vote to be ratified at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

No items to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

WMUD needs to purchase two more garbage cans and have some type of "holder" installed to hold all the garbage cans to keep the dogs/animals from tipping over the garbage cans and spreading garbage everywhere. Two cans have disappeared and we do not know if they were broken and removed, or stolen. They did have WMUD on the sides. Commissioner Bennett asked K. T. Newman to get with Flu Kelly and see if he could construct someone at a reasonable price for WMUD to use to eliminate the garbage cans from being tipped over by animals.

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