

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 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 June 8, 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 Joyce Monroe
Commissioner Letitia Reeves	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 8, 2021 Agenda

Commissioner Reeves 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 Scott Colson	Aye
Commissioner Carolyn Andrews	Aye
Commissioner Joyce Monroe	Aye

The matter carried unanimously and the Agenda for the June 8, 2021 meeting is hereby approved

RE: Approval of Agenda Consent Items:

Commissioner Reeves 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 May, 2021
5. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Financial Statement for April 30, 2021
6. Acceptance and Approval of the May 11, 2021 Minutes
7. Acceptance of Revised Kearney Park Community Center Rental Agreement that incorporates wording suggested by the Board attorney.
8. Ratification of Board action to have engineer fill out the MsRWA's American Rescue Plan Survey on behalf of WMUD.
9. Ratification of Board action to proceed with ordering a transfer switch for the well.

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 June 8, 2021 meeting are hereby approved.

RE: Engineer's Report

The one year tank inspection was completed and there were a couple of minor issues regarding the internet equipment and C-spire equipment placed on the tank. The internet equipment should have used clamps instead of tape and twine and C-spire's engineer will be contacted regarding some touch up paint that will be required by the original contractor.

Jay Bearden Construction is working on the punch list items which includes fixing the yards in the Magnolia Heights area where the new water lines were installed.

Morgan Sims stated that he had completed the MSRWA's American Rescue Plan Survey on behalf of WMUD and listed approximately \$10 million worth of items needed in regard to distribution piping, water and sewer rehabilitation, the lagoon, and the need for a new well.

RE: Customer's Concerns and Issues

1. Essie Hollins; Account #658; 456B Livingston-Vernon Road; the water account was recently activated in and has a new meter. According to Ms. Hollins, no one lives in the trailer and the water bill went from \$5.70 in May to \$296.90 in June. The water ran through the meter, but no one knows where it went or if there is a leak. Ms. Hollins stated that she had been unable to go to the trailer as she is disabled but her son had been out there and they had repairman at the trailer to try to bring it up to code so it can be habitable. Commissioner Reeves asked if there was an outside spigot at the trailer someone could turn on when no one was there and Ms. Hollins' son stated that there wasn't one. Commissioner Bennett asked Ms. Hollins if it would be all right for K. T. Newman to contact her son so that he could meet with him at the trailer and turn on the water to check for a leak. She agreed that this would be okay as she is disabled and cannot go herself.

2. Kearney Park Church of Christ; Acct. #620, 143 Pugh Road in the name of Aaron Enterprises I, LLC; a lady with the church asked if there was any way the Board could assist the church as they had a water leak and the last month's bill was \$309.23. There is no sewer so no adjustment can be made to the bill, but a payment plan was offered.

Evelyn Brown, past Board commissioner, appeared and returned some WMUD items to the Board. She was introduced to the new Board members and recognized by the Board for her contribution to West Madison Utility District.

RE: Operator's Report

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

Numerous leaks have occurred this past month and the largest was an eight inch line under one of the old factories. About 150 feet of that line has been capped off. There are twelve other leaks that have been identified and are in process of being fixed.

Griner Drilling Service has stated that instead of pumping the oil out of the well per WMUD's last meeting, it thought WMUD should lower the pump 60 feet as it is currently sitting at 20-25 feet so that it would be below the oil. They do not have the ability to pump out the oil and remove it according to DEQ standards and that would have to be done by someone else.

The cost to lower the pump would be \$15,630. Commissioner Colson asked if they had to pull the pump out prior to lowering it and K. T. Newman told him, "No, they add links and lower it from its current location." Commissioner Colson asked K. T. if it would not be beneficial since they would already be there to pull the pump and check it over and fix anything that needs to be fixed and then lower it. K. T. stated that Griner Drilling had suggested that but that he did not obtain the cost for that particular service. K. T. was requested to ask for a cost for this, as well as a cost for a new pump and refurbishing the old one as it might be beneficial to have a new one installed and keep the older refurbished one on stand by in case it was needed.

Mission Scada has firewalls in place to prevent security breaches at the well, but even if such a thing occurred, it really would not affect WMUD's system to a large extent since it is able to be run manually and the addition of chemicals at the well are controlled by manual adjustment. Ozborn Communications quoted a price of \$3,000 per camera for security at the wells and they require a cellular connection, which we have. They are still looking at the well locations for WMUD. Commissioner Bennett stated that the Advanced Board Training definitely emphasized having security cameras at the wells so he feels that it is something that WMUD needs to pursue.

It was mentioned by K. T. Newman that a lot of people have been stating they did not receive their water bills. The bills are taken to the post office on the 28th of each month for mailing. If someone does not receive their bill, it has got to be the post office delivery system. The Board discussed the late fee requirement but no decision was made to change the existing procedure.

Purchase order report submitted to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Center. Commissioner Reeves stated that she had placed the revised Community Center Application in the office to have copies made for Dorothy Bennett, the Community Center Manager. Commissioner Reeves made the motion to open the Community Center for rental and to also open the WMUD office again. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrews with all commissioners voting "aye." The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Commissioner Bennett stated if there were no more questions someone could make a motion to 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