

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 11, 2023

**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 July 11, 2023, in the Kearney Park Community Center at 443 Livingston Vernon Road, Flora MS, as follows to wit:

The President of the Board, Larry Bennett, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following members were present: Commissioner Larry Bennett, Commissioner Scott Colson, Commissioner Carolyn Andrew, Commissioner Cordell Spires, and Commissioner Joyce Monroe.

Commissioner Bennett opened the meeting with a prayer. President Bennett asked for a motion to accept and approve the following: Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report of the June 2023. Acceptance and Approval of the June 2023 Minutes. Acceptance of May 2023 End of Month Financials. Commissioner Colson made a motion of Acceptance and Approval and Commissioner Andrew seconded.

**Customers' concerns and Guest Presenter**

The following customer and guest were present to address the board: Ms. Dorothy Bennett of Magnolia Heights and Ms. Amy Smith with Central Mississippi Planning Board.

Ms. Bennett says she was contacted by Ms. Teresa Moton to use the building on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She says the air was not working and Ms. Moton paid by money order to Flora Community Center. Ms. Bennett presented the money order to the board and wanted to know how and when Ms. Moton can get her refund. Ms. Bennett reports that Ms. Carolyn Roberts requested to use the building for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and stated the air was not working properly but used the building anyway.

Ms. Amy Smith with Central Mississippi Planning Board provided the board with information in pursuing a grant. Ms. Smith states that the board has everything in place to get a grant and she will work with the board if the board chooses to pursue the grant. Ms. Smith states that the board would be able to use the letters provided during the survey as well as other documents on file to get the grant. West Madison would likely have to match with 10% but can increase the match to make their application more favorable. Ms. Smith further stated the board can apply anytime within the year, but the sooner would be best before all the money is gone. This is money that does not have to be paid back.

**Engineer's Report**

-Morgan Sims updated the board on the following:

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- The expansion of the West Madison Utility Area is with Attorney Herring who has submitted the application. The Public Service Commission did question the legal authority to expand the area.
- Letters would have to be sent to the 150 property owners which they will get a packet in the mail explaining the expansion.
- Block Grant – Madison County has submitted.

President Bennett asked whether we have maps to show where repairs were made. Morgan responded Waggoner has created this by using some of K.T.'s documents. K.T. commented, we can do this for the sewer system but not the water. President Bennett further stated we want to include improvements in which we want to know repairs after system was improved by presenting a heat map. K.T. replied that the problem has moved to other areas than the Height such as moving to the warehouses. Morgan mentioned that the State of Mississippi Rural Water (Round 2) funds are now available. Utility districts can now apply for this money. There was a discussion among the board.

### **Operator's Report**

-K.T. Newman

*Provided handout of his report including attachments of P.O. Report and Jetter Usage Report to all board members.*

Water samples submitted to the Health Department in the month of June passed the bacteriology standards as established by the Health Department.

There are no new compliance issues to report at the lagoon.

Recently repaired a water main at the bridge on Virilia Road that resulted in a boil water notice. That boil water notice has now been lifted.

Check Policy – at least three persons were added to the “DO NOT TAKE ANY CHECKS” listing. They must provide credit card or money order.

Customer on payment arrangements – added one new customer for payment arrangements.

Community Center (AC Unit & Wi-Fi)

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**Executive Session.**

None

**Old Business**

Who:	What:	Status
None		

**New Business**

Who:	What:
None	

The meeting was adjourned, and all members agreed.

*Minutes by Commissioner Joyce Monroe*