

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
July 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 July 13, 2021, in the Kearney Park Community Center at 443 Livingston Vernon Road, Flora MS, as follows to wit:

The Commissioner of the Board, Larry Bennett, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:01. The following members were present:

Commissioner Larry Bennett  
Commissioner Carolyn Andrews

Commissioner Joyce Monroe  
Commissioner Scott Colson

The Board Commissioner 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. Commissioner Bennett commented there were no customers present to address the board.

**RE: Approval of Agenda Consent Items:**

**\*\*\*CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\***

- Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for June 2021
- Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Financial Statement for May 31, 2021
- Acceptance and Approval of the June 8, 2021 Minutes
- Ratification of Board action to have attorney make offer to settle regarding insurance payment regarding house pad/sewer line issue.

Commissioner Andrews asked whether it is appropriate to address the board about using the building for an activity coming up. Commissioner Bennett stated board members can use the building at least once a year at no cost.

Commissioner Colson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Commissioner Monroe seconded the motion. Consent Items are listed above.

The vote on the matter being as follows:

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: OPERATOR'S REPORT**

*K.T. Newman provided handouts prior to addressing the board.*

- All routine water samples passed the bacteriological standards as established by the health department in the month of June.
- There are no active boil water alerts on the system.
- There are no compliance issues to report with either the water or wastewater system.
- Scott Petroleum, the chlorine provider has gone out of business. New provider will be Tri State.

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- Automatic transfer switch controller installed by Griner Drilling at the cost of \$3077.00. Commissioner Bennett asked whether it is properly grounded, and Mr. Newman responded yes.
- Fence around the lift station at the Woodlands \$6900 – quote good for 3 days due to changing prices. Commissioner Bennett asked whether it is properly grounded, and Mr. Newman responded yes. Mr. Newman expressed that young men were hanging out at or around the fence and for this reason who would like to go ahead and fence it. Commissioner Monroe made a motion to fence around the lift station at the Woodlands. It was properly second and motion carried.

*Mr. Newman gave an update on projects previously discussed.*

- Sewer job on Hickory and Pecan Street in the Heights will began on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Lights have been hung in the shop and the wire has been extended; will activate on tomorrow (Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>).
- 8 of the 12 leaks reported last month have been repaired. The total daily well production has decreased by an average of 45,000g daily since last month. The well is running two hours less each day as compared to a month ago.
- 12 meters were changed out last month. We have resumed the schedule of changing 12-24 meters per month.
- Update on pumping the oil off at the well (*handout*). Quote from Griner Drilling Service for two options. A bid of \$15,630.00 to lower pump and \$27,880 to pull the pump for inspection, dispose of the oil and reinstall the pump (*discussion*).

#### **Future Projects**

- Chip Estes is developing a plot of land at the western end of Pecan Street. Water service will require a road bore in addition to normal tap fees. Chip is aware and has agreed to the cost.
- Don Boykin at 222 Windy Hill Drive has requested water service. The property does not currently have water but there is water across the road. A bore will be required in addition to the normal tap fees. Mr. Boykin is aware of these charges. The last estimate of cost for the water line across the bridge on Middle Road is \$3,200.00

#### **Late Charge Report (*handout*)**

There were 56 names on the report with a late charge fee. Mr. Newman suggested, and it was agreed that the late charges will not apply for bill post marked before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

#### **ENGINEER REPORT**

*Morgan Sims addressed the board.*

- No response from the City of Flora regarding the Church Hill Park Customers.
- The contractor for the Magnolia Height's Project has only done a small amount of clean up. Around \$70,000 is remaining. Next step is to grant authorization to Mr. Morgan to contact the bonding company for the contractor. The last installation work was done in December 2020. Commissioner Bennett commented to Mr. Morgan to go ahead and contact the bonding company and make sure all the residents' concerns are addressed.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Attorney James Herring updated the board on the WMUD – Franklin/Burkes Settlement.
- Reminded the board of the confidentiality of the settlement.

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*Moved out of the Execution Session to vote.*

Commissioner Colson made a motion to accept the settlement as written in the report from Attorney Herring. The motion was seconded and carried.

The board also granted Morgan Sims (*engineer*) authorization for advertisement for bid to expedite the process. Motion was made and seconded granting authorization.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Pastor Roosevelt Barrett has requested to use the building on Sundays for Worship Service. Comments from Commissioner Andrews and Commissioner Monroe in favor of granting Pastor Barrett to use the building at a fee. Commissioner Bennett concluded the Board would grant Pastor Barrett request at the regular fee. Commissioner Bennett further commented Pastor Barrett was not willing to pay the rental fee in the past.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Comments made concerning the trash in the parking lot of the Community Center. Mr. Newman commented there was an event at the center on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend. Some of the trash is the result of fireworks.

Commissioner Colson motioned to adjourn, and Commissioner Andrews seconded with all Commissioners voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Commissioner Joyce Monroe in the absence of Commissioner Letitia Reeves.