

**WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 8, 2025**

**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 8, 2025, in the Kearney Park Community Center at 443 Livingston Vernon Road, Flora MS, as follows to wit:

The President of the Board, B. W. "Sammy" Brown, presided and called the meeting to order. The following members were present:

Commissioner B. W. "Sammy" Brown  
Commissioner Scott Rye  
Commissioner Ernest Odom  
Commissioner Carolyn Andrews  
Commissioner Mary Mitchell Rushing

Also Present: WMUD Attorney, James H. Herring  
WMUD Operator, K. T. Newman

The Board President announced that the members of the Board present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened. Commissioner Brown asked Mr. Eric Battle to open the meeting with a prayer.

Commissioner B. W. "Sammy" Brown introduced the WMUD Board Attorney, James H. Herring, and stated that Mr. Herring is present to assist with the Board meeting and would give a short statement.

Mr. James H. Herring first asked the Deputy that was present to have Robert White move the table back in place that he had moved closer to the Board table. The Deputy stated that the persons at the table were not breaking the law or trying to hurt anyone and he was just there to prevent any "altercations". Mr. Herring asked the Deputy if he was prepared to remove anyone from the meeting if asked for not abiding by the requirements of the Board meeting. The Deputy stated that he would. Mr. Herring stated that due to the last two Board meetings breaking down into chaos that he was present to make sure that the Board was able to go through their agenda. He further stated that "The WMUD Board meeting is expected to abide by the same rules and regulations as any official County Board meeting such as the Board of Supervisors and everyone present shall maintain order and comply with the Board President's requests. There will be no more chaos. This is a professional meeting and the ground rules are: No one will talk when some one else is talking and there are to be no interruptions. Anyone who wishes to speak must first be recognized by the Board President prior to speaking and this goes for Board members as well. If the Board agrees to this, I am asking for a Motion to proceed on the basis as I have outlined". Commissioner Sammy Brown made the motion to proceed with the meeting on the basis as outlined by Mr. Herring; Commissioner Scott Rye seconded the motion. The Board members present voted "aye" with the exception of Commissioner Carolyn Andrews who remained silent.

**RE: Approval of the July 8, 2025 Agenda**

Commissioner Sammy Brown stated that the Board needed to approve the agenda; Commissioner Scott Rye motioned and Commissioner Ernest Odom seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. The vote on the matter being as follows: Commissioners Odom, Rye,

Brown and Rushing voted "aye" and Commissioner Andrews was silent. The Agenda for the July 8, 2025 meeting is hereby approved.

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

Commissioner Sammy Brown stated that the Board needed to move on to approve the consent agenda items. Commissioner Scott Rye made the motion to approve and accept the consent agenda and Commissioner Ernest Odom seconded the motion. All commissioners voted "aye" with the exception of Commissioner Andrews who voted "no" and stated "I did not agree to this. Horne is not doing our accounts right". The consent agenda is hereby accepted and approved as follows:

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

5. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for June, 2025.
6. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM May 31, 2025 Financial Report.
7. Acceptance and Approval of the June 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
8. Acceptance and Approval of June 30, 2025 Letter to Rosie Medlock with CCP
9. Change the minimum gallons from 2,000 gallons to 3,000 gallons effective immediately  
For both water and sewer
10. Resolution for Nexbillpay to deposit funds into the new account number for the WMUD Operating Account, and authorization for the Board President to fill out any paperwork to effect this change.
11. Resolution to allow our accounting firm, Horne, also known as Horne, LLP, access to WMUD's bank statements and other financial data generated by BankPlus so that Horne can obtain the documents directly from the bank; authorization for Board President to fill out any paperwork to effect this change

**\*\*\*\*END OF CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\***

**RE: Operator's Report (K. T. Newman)**

(See report.)

There are currently no boil water notices. Hidden Lake's boil water notice is released today (they had a water line break that was repaired Sunday).

Cameron Swearingen at 303 Pecan Street: Mr. Swearingen paid the fees associated with activating his WMUD account but when they inspected the home, it was found to be "unliveable". He is asking for his \$200 activation fee to be refunded. K. T. stated he was not sure what the Board has done in the past in this regard and whether a refund has been issued and Ms. Reeves, a past Board member stated "yes, it has happened in the past and the fee was refunded". Commissioner Sammy Brown made a motion to refund Mr. Swearingen's activation fee; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Rye with all Commissioners Brown, Rye, Odom and Rushing voting "aye". Commissioner Carolyn Andrews remained silent.

Awai Rice, Willow Way Extension: Mr. Rice put a mobile home on Willow Way that is approximately 350 feet away from where WMUD's main line ends. He had approached the Board before and the cost was given to him where he had to pay the money up front for the line to be installed. The issue died but Mr. Rice came back today and asked for K. T. to get the price together as Mr. Rice would be responsible for the cost of the line and labor but the Board may be flexible as to where the meter is placed which would make his private line longer to connect to the meter.

Gray Goodman, Pecan Street Line Extension: This is the property near the lagoon where the main sewer line suffered a break. Mr. Goodman is developing a hunting resort and needs water, which would involve about a 500-600 foot water line. Commissioner Carolyn Andrews asked about what happened last time and K. T. Newman said "last time involved the

sewer line break where the road was damaged and Mr. Goodman had requested that WMUD put down pads". Commissioner Carolyn Andrews asked "Did we put down pads?" K. T. Newman stated "We never did.

K. T. stated that the materials were arriving for the bore on Willow way in a day or two.

K. T. also providing a Board member training schedule sponsored through Mississippi Rural Water Association through the end of the year. Commissioner Scott Rye and Commissioner Mary Mitchell Rushing stated that they would get together and discuss the best date and location to attend as they planned to go together.

K. T. presented a jetter usage report and an expense report to the Board with P.O. numbers that reflected monthly expenses of \$17,000+/\_.

No compliance issues to report and all water samples passed all standards set by the Dept. of Health for June, 2025.

Commissioner Sammy Brown stated that he had learned that Casey Mullins at 2912 Virilia Road still has not gotten power in order for the well in that area to operate so he is proceeding with having a well installed. Commissioner Brown further stated that he planned to contact Greg Higginbotham, the County Administrator, about the fact that the power still had not been turned back on by Entergy for the well. Commissioner Carolyn Andrews said "what happens then?" Commissioner Sammy Brown stated, "We all know that the former Southern Vital property is going to be developed and the 1,000 acres that will be sold by Ms. Alford and Ms. Barden will be developed and they will all need water. We need to make sure that we can be pro-active to put in a water main to that area that will run approximately \$170,000-\$180,000. Since this a definite need for that area, WMUD should be able to work with them to help split the cost." Commissioner Carolyn Andrews asked "Why should WMUD help pay?" Commissioner Sammy Brown stated that "The County cannot do anything within our certificated area. This lies just outside our certificated area so if the County can assist in getting something done in that area to connect closer to WMUD's area, then we can eventually include this whole area as part of our certificated water service area". Commissioner Carolyn Andrews stated "We do not need to spend any of WMUD's money and we do not need to expand our certificated area because then we have to pay attorney fees".

#### **RE: OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Sammy Brown asked if there was any Old Business. There was none.

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There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Sammy Brown made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott Rye. All commissioners voted "aye" with the exception of Commissioner Carolyn Andrews who was silent. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Prepared by: Letitia Reeves

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

B. W. "Sammy" Brown

Date: \_\_\_\_\_