

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 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 September 14, 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, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following members were present:

Commissioner Larry Bennett	Commissioner Joyce Monroe
**Commissioner Carolyn Andrews	Commissioner Scott Colson

Commissioner Bennett opened the meeting with a prayer.

Commissioner Bennett commented there were no customers present to address the board therefore moved to go into executive session.

President Bennett moved to come out of the executive session. It was motion by President Bennett and second by Commissioner Monroe. Carried unanimously.

RE: Approval of Agenda Consent Items:

Commissioner Colson motion to approve all the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Monroe.

*****CONSENT AGENDA*****

- Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for July 2021
- Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for August 2021
- Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Financial Statement for June 30, 2021
- Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Financial Statement for July 31, 2021
- Acceptance and Approval of the July 13, 2021, Minutes
- Acceptance and Approval of the August 10, 2021, Minutes

The matter carried unanimously, and the Approval of Agenda Consent items is hereby approved.

RE: Engineer's Report (*handout provided*)

Mr. Morgan Sims, *engineer* stated Greenbriar Digging Service, LP was the lowest bid in the amount of \$72,379 for the 12" sanitary sewer re-route on the Franklin's property (handout). Mr. Sims states it should take an average of four weeks.

Commissioner Colson made a motion to accept the bid; Commissioner Monroe seconded; The motion was carried unanimously.

President Bennett asked whether the yards have been repaired in the height. Mr. Sims replied no. Mr. K.T. Newman mentioned he received a text from Ms. Rosie Medlock concerning reimbursement for landscape. Mr. Sims was asked to calculate how much contractors would have spent. Mr. Sims replied approximately \$50.00. President Bennett further stated Ms. Medlock cannot be reimbursed until we get an estimate.

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Mr. Sims reports he and Mr. Newman have been working with the Sewer Research Committee concerning the combining of Flora and West Madison sewer system. Commissioner Colson wanted to know how they (*researchers*) would know the individual cost for Flora and West Madison. It was commented that a meter would have to calculate the cost.

Upon arrival, **Commissioner Carolyn Andrews was asked to address the board concerning her attendance at the Town of Flora Utility Meeting. Commissioner Andrews commented the Town of Flora is considering placing a lien on residents' property if they are unable to collect from the residents of Church Hill Park. President Bennett commented they cannot place a 2nd meter on customers property without their consent. After further discussion, it was pointed out that all customers would have to agree to allow a meter to be placed on property. Commissioner Colson proposed a question as to whether WMUD would charge a reconnect fee if we decided to acquire Church Hill Park Residents.

Mr. Sims presented a plat map (*copy place in WMUD files*) of the Franklins' property illustrating the location of the easement signed by Mr. Franklin and the proposed location of the sewer. Commissioner Colson made a motion to accept the Sanitary Sewer Re-Route; seconded by Commissioner Monroe; unanimously agreed. Motion carried. Commissioner Andrews asked what would WMUD do with the extra money? President Bennett commented the extra money would be used for engineer, attorney, and legal fees for approximately \$21,000.

RE: Operator's report (*handout provided*)

Mr. K.T. Newman reports the grinder has started to pull the pump in which everything is going fine. Further stated no new issues. Mr. Newman states they continue to change out meters starting with the oldest. He stated Ms. Dorothy Bennett made a request on behalf of a faith-based coalition who wanted to know if they could use the community center on Monday, September 27th and Thursday, October 18th to setup to for those persons who would like to apply for assistance with rent and utilities. The board unanimously granted Ms. Bennett's request on the dates mentioned.

Mr. Newman reports the lights are now in the storage building and are in the process of placing shelves. Commissioner Colson inquired about the lumber previously purchased. Mr. Newman replied to the lumber has been used.

President Bennett called for

Old Business: *none*

New Business: *none*

Commissioner Colson made a motion to adjourn. The board unanimously agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58

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