

**WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 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 September 9, 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 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 Commissioner Ernest Odom to open the meeting with a prayer.

Commissioner B. W. "Sammy" Brown stated that the same rules applied during this meeting as were stated at the last regular Board meeting. No one is to speak out of turn or when someone else is talking. To speak, a person must first be recognized by the Board President. Deputies are present to escort anyone out of the meeting who does not adhere to the rules.

**RE: Approval of September 9, 2025 Agenda**

Commissioner Sammy Brown asked for a vote to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ernest Odom motioned and Commissioner Scott Rye 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 voted "no". The Agenda for the September 9, 2025 meeting is hereby approved.

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

Commissioner Sammy Brown stated that unless there was any discussion that the Board needed 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". The consent agenda items were approved:

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

3. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report for August, 2025.
4. Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM Financial Reports for July, 2025
5. Acceptance and Approval of the August 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
6. Acceptance of quote of \$1,295.00 from Controls Incorporated for the replacement Control Panel

For the Bypass Diesel Pump  
\*\*\*END OF CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\*

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

K. T. Newman stated that there were no compliance issues to report and all water samples passed all standards set by the Dept. of Health for August, 2025; there is only one boil water notice in effect on Willow Way.

K. T. Newman stated that the Willow Way bore had been completed and the line has been replaced.

Pecan Street is experiencing low water pressure issues and the water line in this area needs to be upgraded. Commissioner Scott Rye made the motion to install the new water line on Pecan Street with payment for the installation to be made in October, 2025 ; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Sammy Brown. All commissioners voted "aye" and the motion was carried.

K. T. mentioned that there are 43 water meters not working that need to be changed out; there are also 38 water meters that are now registering one million (1,000,000) gallons and need to be replaced as well. Regular water meters cost \$84.00 each; the upgraded Bodger AMR (Automatic Meter Reading) meters cost \$275.00 each and have a 15-20 year warranty; the batteries are replaceable and they cost \$250-\$280. The software will cost \$3,500. No vote was taken on this matter.

31 curb stops are needed for existing water meters (used to shut off water meters for non-payment of water bills). Commissioner Sammy Brown stated that he is willing to donate the ones that are currently in the trailer park in Flora; he believes that there are approximately 40.

St. Charles Street has a fire hydrant broken at the Euro/storage building area. The commissioners agreed to table this matter until November.

K. T. Newman mentioned that there is an annual charge to Cummins for the annual servicing of the generator (see attached email and invoice).

**RE: OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Scott Rye mentioned the grass cutting as WMUD is currently paying \$850 per month and grass is not being cut at the back of the office property, nor at all the wells, lift stations or the lagoon. K. T. was given the responsibility of obtaining quotes for grass cutting in these areas; Commissioner Sammy Brown will have quotes for the lagoon grass cutting as a separate item from the other sites.

Commissioner Brown stated that that he had received a quote of \$4,900 from Ozborn Communications, LLC for installation of security cameras. There would be no monthly fees. Motion was made to accept the quote of \$4,900 from Ozborn Communications by Commissioner Scott Rye; motion was seconded by Ernest Odom, with all commissioners voting "aye". The motion passed.

**RE: NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Sammy Brown mentioned that a survey is needed in regard to the NRCS Grant that WMUD had applied for stabilizing the lagoon bank. If WMUD did not have a survey performed, the projected work would be less accurate and possibly more expensive. If WMUD had a survey done now for the sum of \$6,000, it would cost far less than later and it will be required at some point during the stabilization process. Commissioner Scott Rye made a motion to have the survey performed; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Ernest Odom with all commissioners voting "aye". The motion passed.

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: Teresa Rye; Typed by Letitia Reeves

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

B. W. "Sammy" Brown

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

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