

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the West Madison Utility District was duly convened, held, and conducted September 10, 2024, 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 Andrews, Commissioner Cordell Spires, 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 August 2024. Acceptance and Approval of the August 2024, Minutes. Acceptance of July's End of Month Financials. Commissioner Colson made a motion of Acceptance and Approval and Commissioner Spires seconded.

The following customers were present to address the board:

Rena Jordan at 116 Magnavox Street wants to know if WMUD can provide sewer to her home. President Bennett asked Ms. Jordan whether she would be share in the cost with WMUD. Operator Newman commented that there are three other customers who can share in the cost. Ms. Jordan says she has talked to at least one neighbor who is willing to assist in the cost. President Bennett says that WMUD will get back with her concerning adding to the sewer meanwhile she can check with the other two neighbors to see if they are willing to share the cost of adding the sewer line.

Sam Epps at 3018 Center Street reports living at this address since 2009. He reports a sewer problem and the odor of those using the toilets at the park. When the park's toilet flushed, he smelled the odor in his home. The pump is dumping into a manhole in his yard. Mr. Epps wants WMUD to provide some type of solution to eliminate the odor that is coming into his home. Operator Newman offered the suggestion to add a flap to Mr. Epps line to help eliminate the odor.

Charlie Abraham at 600 Livingston-Vernon Road reports having a leak which resulted in a water bill totaling over \$800.00. Mr. Abraham stated he was not aware of the leak and has repaired the leak but needs a solution to help with the large water bill. Mr. Bennett states that we could divide the bill by 12 months and add the cost to the monthly bill. Mr. Abraham seems contented with the solution.

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Operator's Report

- There are no new compliance issues to report with either the water or wastewater systems.
- All water samples submitted in the month of August passed the bacteriological standards as established by the health department.
- CDBG project update – the Waggoner's surveyors are in town mapping out the CDBG Project. This work will be done on Norris and Compress Streets in the height.
- Alan Ramsey update – has been inquiring why the surveyors are in his area.
- Jetter Repair – provided a copy of the report for usage four times.
- Bypass pump – fuel – Normally buy gas from Revel.
- Lead Service Line inventory deadline October 15, 2024
- Timika Franklin update – Mr. Rice is scheduled to haul dirt to Ms. Franklin's home.
- PO report was provided.
- Jetter usage report was provided.

Old Business

Customer Rate Increase – President Bennett provided a document and stated that we were ready to vote on the water increase. Comments were made that we were not prepared to vote and should table it. Commissioner Scott Colson made derogative comments that we were all idiots, stated he quit with other derogative comments and stormed out the building. President Bennett commented that the last line on the paper provided indicates that the rate increase was not immediately but should go into effect for January 2025. Commissioner Andrews and Monroe commented that was fine since it was effective for January 2025.

President Bennett abruptly asked for a motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Joyce Monroe second the motion. Meeting ended.