

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 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 on February 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 Carolyn Andrews, Commissioner Cordell Spires, and Commissioner Joyce Monroe. One objection: Commissioner Carolyn Andrews.

Absent: Commissioner Scott Colson

Commissioner Bennett opened the meeting with a prayer. President Bennett asked for a RVS Report for January 2024. Acceptance and Approval of the January 2024 Minutes. Acceptance of December 2023 End of Month Financials. Commissioner Monroe made a motion of Acceptance and Approval and Commissioner Spires seconded.

Customers' concerns

- Mr. Calvin Ealey at 3003 Madison Street addressed the board concerning an issue with sewer since 2022. The sewer is overflowing on his property. Mr. Ealey contacted the Health Department and reported how the sewer on the side of his property overflowed from the neighbor. Mr. Ealey reports he did not get a reply from the Health Department.
Operator Newman mentioned they had gone to Mr. Ealey's neighbor's house over twenty times for clogs which overflow into Mr. Ealey's property. Operator Newman stated he will follow up with the Health Department concerning Mr. Ealey's issue.

- Mr. Richard Lang, 118 Memorial Drive, addressed the board on behalf of Simmons Baptist Church. A leak was identified on December 21 at the church. It went unnoticed because of the steady rain. The church received a water bill from West Madison for \$4,000.00 due to a leak on property behind the house. They fixed the leak, but the last bill was still high. Mr. Lang is requesting assistance with the bill. He states the bill was usually around \$100.00. President Bennett stated we can adjust the sewer but cannot adjust water. The board can divide the (\$2000 in water and \$2,000 in sewer) water bill into 12 months payment. Mr. Lang mentioned the sewer is collapsing although there is no overflow yet. President Bennett stated we're in the process of repairing old sewer lines.

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Operator's Report

-K.T. Newman

Provided handout of his report to all board members.

- There are no compliance issues to report with the water system.
- The bypass pump at the lagoon is working great.
- The creek bore on Virilia Road has been completed.
- Discussion on letter from Emergency Management Initiative (copy to be placed in file) addressed to operator requesting assistance/participation in establishing an inventory of the county's public utility infrastructure including water, sewer, electrical, gas, and telecom services to create a GIS database. This database will be maintained by the Madison County EMA.
- There were sewer repairs near the lagoon.
- January's cold weather did create issues with leaks.
- WMUD new office hours are Monday through Friday.
- An update to fire hydrants requested by Alan Ramsey - Mr. Newman provided an estimate from Utility Contractors LLC of 109 Bradshaw Crossing in Canton, MS for fire hydrants in the amount of \$6,850.00.
- A copy of the Jetter Usage Report was handed out (to be placed in file) to board.

Commissioner Andrews asked whether the issue from Mr. Johnny Weathersby ever resolved? Operator Newman responded yes.

Commissioner Spires made a motion to move into executive session. Commissioner Monroe seconded.

Commissioner Monroe motioned to come out of executive session and Commissioner Spires seconded.

Commissioner Andrews made a motion that WMUD joined the Madison Emergency Management Agency (as requested in the letter) and Engineer Morgan to provide information.

Attorney Jim Herring recommended not allowing the Man Project to use the community center for free but can rent the building.

Commissioner Spires made a motion to adjourn the meeting and all others seconded.

Minutes by Commissioner Joyce Monroe