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**INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Wednesday, 21 June 2023, 7:30 a.m.**

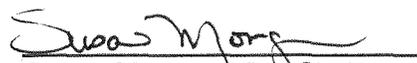
**MINUTES**

- I. Mr. Granger announced a quorum and called the utility district board meeting to order at the appointed time. Bobby McDade opened with prayer. Commissioners James Granger, Susan Morgan, Bobby McDade, and Bill Wilkerson were present in person, along with advisor Wayne Henson, EMCC President Scott Alsobrooks, and Secretary Ike Kiefer.
- II. Agenda approved by unanimous consent.
- III. Minutes of May meeting of the Natural Gas District board reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. New Business:
  - a. Bobby McDade moved to ratify the officers proposed by the Board of Supervisors and nominated James Granger for Chairman and Susan Morgan for Vice Chairman. Bill Wilkerson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Susan Morgan expressed concern about TVA's delay in completing studies necessary to grant the time-critical easement for the reducing station. EDA Director Steven Lockley will bring up the subject with TVA at upcoming trip to West Point.
  - c. Board discussed need to promptly engage legal counsel and reviewed resume of candidate Kasey Bailey. Secretary directed to follow-up with candidate on questions of upcoming legal actions involving EMEPA and report out responses to board members electronically. If outlook still favorable, Chairman will invite candidate to next meeting.
  - d. Board discussed need to formalize secretarial support and establish an annual administrative budget. Bobby McDade moved for Utility District board to approach the Board of Supervisors with a budget and secretarial support proposal at the next working session. Bill Wilkerson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Secretary directed to draft and supply to the Chairman a utility district budget and administrative support deliverables needed for district operations.
  - e. Board discussed addition of two additional commissioners to fully staff the board. President to speak with Supervisors about potential candidate.
- V. Existing Business: None
- VI. Having completed the agenda, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

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These minutes approved by the board this ~~16~~<sup>17</sup> day of July 2023.

  
James Granger, Sr., Chairman

  
Susan Morgan, Vice Chairman