
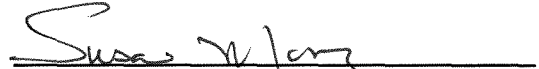

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, 16 August 2023, 8:00 a.m.
MINUTES**

- 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 EMCC President Scott Alsobrooks, EMEPA representative Bryce Nester, and Secretary Ike Kiefer. Utility advisor Wayne Henson participated via telephone.
- II. Agenda amended to add discussion of board composition and approved by unanimous consent.
- III. Minutes of previous meeting of the Utility District board reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. New Business:
 - A. Commissioners discussed board composition and two vacant board positions still to be filled via appointment by the Kemper County Board of Supervisors. Susan Morgan moved that Chairman James Granger make formal recommendation to the Supervisors on behalf of the Utility District Board that they appoint EMCC President Scott Alsobrooks for one the vacancies. Bill Wilkerson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Secretary presented a resolution, prepared per vote at the previous board meeting, to apply for a Rural Water Association Improvement Grant (RWAIG). The resolution named Chairman James Granger as the authorized representative for the project with signature authority for all documents. Robert McDade moved to make the resolution. Susan Morgan seconded. By rollcall vote, all four Commissioners voted in favor, and that vote was annotated on the resolution document itself, as signed by Chairman Granger and attested by Vice Chairman Morgan.
 - C. Secretary presented quote for Directors & Officers Insurance. Board was favorable and expressed the intent to proceed upon securing its budget.
 - D. Commissioners discussed urgent need for funding to be allocated from the Supervisors per the budget request made in June. Lack of funding is hindering administrative support, legal support, and grant applications. Chairman contacted County Administrator to add this discussion to the agenda of the 21 August Supervisor meeting. Chairman invited all available Commissioners and Secretary to attend.
 - E. Secretary briefed his progress on obtaining federal tax ID and tax exempt status for District, as well as lack of a requirement to file with the MS Secretary of State.
 - F. Commissioners tabled bylaws discussion until legal counsel is hired.
 - G. Secretary had no update from TVA on Scoping Study progress.
- V. Having completed the agenda, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

These minutes approved by the board this 20^h day of September 2023.


James Granger, Sr., Chairman


Susan Morgan, Vice Chairman