
**KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 8:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District ("KCUD" or the "District") was held on September 20, 2023, at 8:00 a.m., at 14062 Highway 16 West, Dekalb, MS 39328.

Chairman Granger declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Present were the following Commissioners: James Granger, Susan Morgan, Bobby McDade, Bill Wilkerson, and Dr. Scott Alsobrooks. There were no Commissioners absent. Also present were Wayne Henson, Bryce Nester, Terrell Temple, and Secretary Ike Kiefer.

Steven Lockley opened the meeting with prayer.

Agenda. The amended agenda for the meeting was presented. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by Morgan to approve and confirm the amended agenda as presented. After discussion, the amended agenda was approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Granger, Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

Minutes. The minutes of the August 28, 2023, special called meeting were presented. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by Morgan to approve the minutes of the special called meeting. After discussion, the minutes of the August 28, 2023, special called meeting were approved. Voting yea: Granger, Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

The minutes of the August 18, 2023, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by Morgan and duly seconded by Wilkerson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2023. After discussion, the minutes of the August 18, 2023, regular meeting were approved. Voting yea: Granger, Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

New Business.

Secretary Kiefer presented the Reimbursable Agreement proposed by TVA requesting \$10,670.05 in addition to the \$30,000.00 already provided in January to complete the easement for the reducing station, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Alsobrooks moved to accept and approve the changes reflected in the amended agreement as reasonable and appropriate and to recommend and request that the Board of Supervisors approve the agreement and pay this invoice in the amount of \$10,670.05 from appropriate funds. McDade seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Voting yea: Granger, Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLVED, the Kemper County Utility District hereby finds and declares that the \$10,670.05 remaining estimated balance due TVA for easement rights on TVA's Kemper Combustion Turbine Plant site is reasonable and appropriate and it recommends that the Board of Supervisors of Kemper County approve the Reimbursable Agreement and pay the invoice for \$10,670.05 from appropriate funds.

Alsobrooks moved to pass a resolution authorizing the Kemper County Utility District to apply for an ARC grant for the gas line, and to request that the Board of Supervisors allocate up to \$60,000 from Fund 51, or other appropriate funds, as matching funds. Wilkerson seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Voting yea: Granger, Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLVED, the Kemper County Utility District is hereby authorized and empowered to apply for ARC grant funds for the gas line and requests that the Board of Supervisors of Kemper County allocate up to \$60,000 from Fund 51, or appropriate funds, as matching funds for said grant.

Secretary Kiefer presented the Board with a memorandum from Kipling Water Association expressing their intent to consolidate with the District pending successful establishment of water utility functions of the District. Chairman Granger tasked Secretary Kiefer to set up a meeting with the Kipling board to discuss intentions and expectations.

There was discussion of contacting coastal utility authorities created after Hurricane Katrina to get insights into their business models and bylaws. Secretary Kiefer has for action.

Secretary Kiefer informed board that Public Service Commissioner Brent Bailey has communicated his desire to attend next month's meeting.

Ongoing Business

Secretary Kiefer informed the Board of recently obtained IRS Employer ID Number, SAM.gov Unique Entity ID number, and DoD Contractor and Government Entity numbers for the District.

Secretary Kiefer and Terrell Temple presented an overview of the \$2 million Rural Water Association Improvement Grant application submitted on 7 September.


Temple discussed progress on obtaining an EDA grant for the gas and water line extension from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Temple discussed reducing station project construction agreement progress with Kinder Morgan, and made recommendations regarding obtaining transmission line easements.

McDade moved to recess the meeting at 9:50 a.m. and to reconvene on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at the normal location to complete the agenda. Wilkerson seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Voting yea: Granger, Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

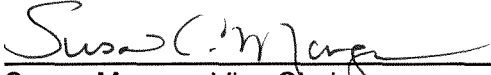
Meeting recessed.

Respectfully submitted,


Kiefer, Secretary

These minutes approved by the board this 15th day of November 2023.


James Granger, Sr., Chairman


Susan Morgan, Vice Chairman