
**KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 8:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District ("KCUD" or the "District") was held on January 17, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., at 14062 Highway 16 West, Dekalb, MS 39328.

Chairman Morgan declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Present were the following Commissioners: Susan Morgan, Bobby McDade (telephonically) and Dr. Scott Alsobrooks (telephonically). Also present were Ike Kiefer (telephonically), legal counsel Kacey Bailey (telephonically), and Wayne Henson (telephonically).

Agenda. The agenda for the meeting was presented and amended to remove to Resolution of special recognition, to add discussion of ARC grant and the invitation of Commissioner De'Keither Stamps, and to add consideration of the Empirical Energy Contract Services Agreement. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by McDade to approve and confirm the agenda as amended. After discussion, the amended agenda was approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, McDade and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

Minutes. The minutes of the December 20, 2023, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by McDade to approve the December 20, 2023, minutes. After discussion, the December 20, 2023, minutes were approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, McDade and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

New Business.

The annual election of officers came before the Board. Alsobrooks moved to elect Susan Morgan as Chairman, Dr. Scott Alsobrooks as Vice Chairman, Bobby McDade as Treasurer, and Bill Wilkerson as Secretary. Said motion was duly seconded by Morgan and, after discussion, passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, McDade and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

The Financial Report was discussed and expenditures and receipts were reviewed. The checking account balance of \$5,646.58 was provided. The balances of Fund 51 (\$753,064.92) and Fund 52 (\$490,437.99) were also provided.

Two items were presented as the Claims Docket: (1) the invoice of \$3,444.80 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and (2) the invoice of \$726.88 for administrative services by Empirical Energy. Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Alsobrooks to pay said claims on the Claims Docket. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, McDade and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLVED, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claims of \$3,444.80 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons and \$726.88 for administrative services by Empirical Energy.

The website was discussed with intentions to follow up with Kemper County and the KCEDA about hosting a District space or page on their websites. Use of KCEDA email accounts would cease with further follow up with KCEDA and Kemper County on options.

With respect to the Engineering Plus update, Morgan discussed her communications with Terrell Temple related to the license agreement which had not been signed. Follow up with Terrell Temple was planned with respect to the grant funds.

Morgan reported that Kemper County has been advised there are two (2) vacancies on this Board. The Board is awaiting Kemper County to make said appointments. Communication with the Board of Supervisors was discussed.

ARC funding was discussed, including that expenses are reimbursed as they are incurred.

De'Keither Stamps, Central District Public Service Commissioner, has been invited to attend a regular meeting of the District and is excepted to attend the February meeting of the Board.

The extension of the District's contract with Empirical Energy was brought before the Board. The Board reviewed and considered the Contract Services Agreement proposed by Kiefer between the District and Todd "Ike" Kiefer dba Empirical Energy for administrative consulting services to the District and its Officers, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**. Finding that Empirical Energy has administrative and technical experience with utilities and past experience supporting the efforts of the Natural Gas District and the District and that the proposed services are with the type of professional and consulting services authorized by the enabling legislation, upon motion made by Alsobrooks, duly seconded by McDade, and after discussion, the existing contract was unanimously approved with the following changes: the term described in I(A) shall be extending until January 31, 2025, and "1090" shall be corrected to "1099" in I(D)(8). Voting yea: Morgan, McDade and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

Old Business

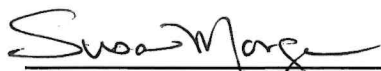
The Board discussed possible office locations within County buildings and a request to the County for said space since it was communicated to the District that office space at and/or within The Commercial Bank properties was not available. The Board discussed that KCEDA confirmed the District may maintain documents at its office until an office and/or suitable location is secured.

Being no further business to come before the meeting, the regular meeting was adjourned upon motion of Alsobrooks, seconded by Morgan, and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, McDade and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

Respectfully submitted,

Kacey Bailey

These minutes approved by the board this 21st day of February, 2024.



Susan Morgan, Chairman



Bill Wilkerson, Secretary