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**KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 8:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District (“KCUD” or the “District”) was held on February 21, 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, Dr. Scott Alsobrooks, Bill Wilkerson, Tony Luke, and Jonathan Coleman. Also present were Ike Kiefer, legal counsel Kacey Bailey, Wayne Henson, Dwight Jackson, Public Service Commissioner – Central District De’Keither Stamps, Terrell Temple, County Administrator Jonathan Wells, and Kemper County Economic Development Authority Executive Director Steven Lockley.

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

**Minutes.** The minutes of the January 17, 2024, regular meeting were presented and amended to state that the ARC expenses are reimbursed as expenses are incurred. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by Morgan to approve the January 17, 2024, minutes as amended. After discussion, the January 17, 2024, minutes were approved as amended and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Wilkerson, Alsobrooks, Luke, and Coleman. Voting Nay: None.

**New Business.**

Newly appointed Commissioners Tony Luke and Jonathan Coleman were recognized and welcomed.

Dwight Jackson introduced Public Service Commissioner- Central District De’Keither Stamps, who provided remarks and addressed the Commissioners. Wayne Henson discussed and provided the history of the District.

County Administrator Jonathan Wells was recognized and welcomed.

The Financial Report was discussed and expenditures and receipts were reviewed. The checking account balance and balances of Fund 51 and Fund 52 were provided.

Two items were presented as the Claims Docket: (1) the invoice of \$1,140.00 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and (2) the invoice of \$1,115.25 for administrative services by Empirical Energy. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by Luke to pay said claims on the Claims Docket. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Wilkerson, Alsobrooks, Luke, and Coleman. Voting Nay: None.

**RESOLVED**, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claims of \$1,140.00 for legal services provided by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons and \$1,115.25 for administrative services provided by Empirical Energy.

Ike Kiefer reported that the District was not awarded the ARPA Rural Water Association Infrastructure Grant.

Terrell Temple provided an engineering report. In his report, he discussed that the Kemper County Board of Supervisors approved the Interconnect Agreement with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC and the Lease Agreement with Tennessee Valley Authority, which are awaiting execution by the contracting parties.

The resolution of special recognition was tabled by consensus of the Commissioners.

### **Old Business**

The Board discussed there are no vacant Commissioner seats due to the appointments of Commissioners Luke and Coleman.

Chairman Morgan discussed the location and safekeeping of the District's checkbook. Morgan asked the Commissioners for volunteers to house or hold the checkbook. There being none, Chairman Morgan will maintain possession of the District's checkbook.

The Commissioners considered the location of a minute book. Motion was made by Morgan and duly seconded by Alsobrooks to designate the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Kemper County as the repository for the minute book(s) of the District. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Wilkerson, Alsobrooks, Luke, and Coleman. Voting Nay: None.

**RESOLVED**, that the Kemper County Utility District shall maintain its minute book(s) at the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Kemper County, Mississippi.

Kiefer will follow up to obtain prices for the minute book(s).

The Commissioners discussed District information and email accounts being part of the County website and email system, respectively. Information will be discussed and provided to determine the content of information to include on a County website.

The Commissioners considered the location of its regular meetings. Based upon the offer by the Kemper County Board of Supervisors through its County Administrator, motion was made by Alsobrooks, seconded by Luke, to move the regular meetings of the District to the Kemper County Courthouse Annex, 230 Main Avenue, Dekalb, MS 39328. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Wilkerson, Alsobrooks, Luke, and Coleman. Voting Nay: None.

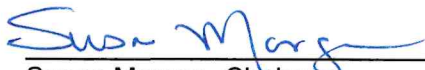
**RESOLVED**, that the Kemper County Utility District shall hold its regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m., at Kemper County Courthouse Annex, 230 Main Avenue, Dekalb, MS 39328.

Kiefer will post and publish notice that the regular meetings of the District will be held at the Kemper County Courthouse Annex, 230 Main Avenue, Dekalb, MS 39328.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kacey Bailey

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These minutes approved by the board this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
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Susan Morgan, Chairman

  
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Bill Wilkerson, Secretary