

**KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District (“KCU D” or the “District”) was held on March 20, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., at the Kemper County Courthouse Annex, 230 Main Avenue, DeKalb, MS 39328.

Chairman Morgan declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Present were the following Commissioners: Susan Morgan, Bill Wilkerson, Tony Luke, and Bobby McDade. Also present were Ike Kiefer, legal counsel Kacey Bailey, and Wayne Henson.

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

Minutes. The minutes of the February 21, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by Wilkerson and duly seconded by McDade to approve the February 21, 2024, minutes. After discussion, the February 21, 2024, minutes were approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Wilkerson, Luke, and McDade. Voting Nay: None.

New Business.

The checking account balance was provided (\$7,593.85) as the Financial Report.

Four items were presented as the Claims Docket: (1) \$508.80 for minute books from Safeguard Dement Printing; (2) \$1,020.00 to purchase bond premiums for the Commissioners from The Commercial Insurance Agency; (3) \$2,991.16 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and (4) \$944.84 for administrative services by Empirical Energy. Motion was made by Luke and duly seconded by McDade to pay said claims on the Claims Docket. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Wilkerson, Luke, and McDade. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLVED, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claims of \$508.80 to Safeguard Dement Printing; \$1,020.00 to The Commercial Insurance Agency; \$2,991.16 to Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and \$944.84 to Empirical Energy

Ike Kiefer reported about the County’s efforts to update the County website and its offer to allow use of email address(es) by the District. Kiefer discussed the categories and types of information that could be included about the District on the County’s website. Kiefer will follow up with the County on the same.

Susan Morgan reported that the “Interconnect Agreement, Kemper Mark Cobb Road Delivery, PIN TBD” and the License Agreement between Tennessee Valley Authority and the Kemper County Board of Supervisors had been signed and payments submitted and received by them.

Morgan discussed efforts and opportunities to seek and secure funding for the Gas Line Extension Project. She also reported that she was invited to join County representatives to travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with the Mississippi Congressional Delegation to discuss support and funding for the project.

Morgan reported in Terrell Temple's absence. She advised there was no update on obtaining easements and that the ARC Grant was still pending.

The Board next considered the Resolution of special recognition of Wayne Henson, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Wilkerson to adopt the attached Resolution to recognize Wayne Henson for his contributions to the District. Voting yea: Morgan, Wilkerson, Luke, and McDade. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLVED, that the Kemper County Utility District hereby adopts and incorporates the Resolution of special recognition of Wayne Henson (Exhibit "A") as if fully stated herein.

Henson accepted the plaque and recognition and discussed possible opportunities of funding for the project.

Old Business

There was no old business.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kacey Bailey

These minutes approved by the board this 11th day of April, 2024..


Susan Morgan, Chairman


Bill Wilkerson, Secretary

A Resolution

WHEREAS Mr. Wayne Henson has dedicated the entirety of his 50-year career to serving tens of thousands of people in the East Central Mississippi region comprising Kemper County; and,

WHEREAS he has tirelessly applied his considerable professional engineering skills and his unmatched political savvy to building lasting technical, social, and government partnerships; and,

WHEREAS Mr. Henson has consistently gone above and beyond his official occupational responsibilities to promote rural education advancement, workforce development, and economic growth; and,

WHEREAS his efforts have borne fruit in extending both electricity and drinking water to rural communities; and,

WHEREAS in 2001 during construction of the new TVA Power Plant, he had the foresight to request installation of a tap for a future public gas pipeline connection; and,

WHEREAS his continued engagement on behalf of this visionary project helped to obtain milestones of state legislation and funding in support of the gas pipeline project in 2014, 2020, 2022, and 2023; and,

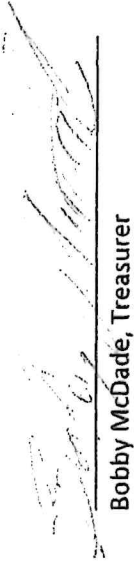
WHEREAS now in 2024, the Kemper County Board of Supervisors has decisively moved forward toward construction of the first element of the pipeline – a pressure reducing station;

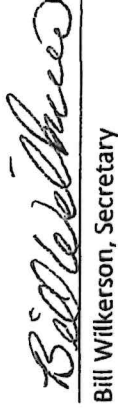
THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED THAT the commissioners of the Kemper County Utility District hereby commend Mr. H. Wayne Henson for his invaluable donation of time and effort toward the gas pipeline project and present him with the 2024 Volunteer Award for his enduring commitment and service.

By order of the Kemper County Utility District on this, the 20th day of March, 2024.


Susan Morgan, Chairman

Scott Alsobrooks, Vice Chairman


Bobby McDade, Treasurer


Bill Wilkerson, Secretary


Tony Luke, Commissioner

Jonathan Coleman, Commissioner