

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

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District ("KCUD" or the "District") was held on April 17, 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, Tony Luke, Bobby McDade, and Dr. Scott Alsobrooks. Also present were Ike Kiefer, legal counsel Kacey Bailey, Wayne Henson, County Administrator Jonathan Wells, Kemper County Supervisor Scott Johnson, and Bryce Nester (EMEPA).

**Agenda.** The agenda for the meeting was presented. Motion was made by Luke and duly seconded by McDade to amend the agenda to add Wayne Henson after the Chairman's Report. After discussion, the agenda was amended to add Wayne Henson following the Chairman's Report which was approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None. Then, motion was made by Luke and duly seconded by Morgan to approve the agenda as amended. After discussion, the amended agenda was approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

**Minutes.** The minutes of the March 20, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Luke to approve the March 20, 2024, minutes. After discussion, the March 20, 2024, minutes were approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

**New Business.**

The checking account balance was provided (\$6,316.05) as the Financial Report.

Two items were presented as the Claims Docket: (1) \$ 1,779.70 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and (4) \$ 600.00 for administrative services by Empirical Energy. Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Luke to pay said claims on the Claims Docket. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

**RESOLVED**, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claims of \$1,779.70 to Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and \$ 600.00 to Empirical Energy

Morgan provided a Chairman's Report. She advised the Commissioners that a letter of support for the ARC POWER Grant was submitted on behalf of the District; and a copy of the letter was made available for the Commissioners to review. Morgan reported about the successful meetings with the Mississippi delegation in Washington, D.C., specifically with Senator Wicker, Senator Hyde-Smith, and a representative from Congressman Guest's office.

Wayne Henson reported to the Commissioners on possible avenues of project funding. He provided information on potential funds available through the USDA's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program via EMEPA as the intermediary for the request. Motion was made by Luke and duly seconded by McDade to authorize Henson to make a presentation to the Kemper County Board of Supervisors regarding potential funds from USDA's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program via EMEPA as intermediary and the District's desire that the Board of Supervisors explore and apply for available funds. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

Morgan advised that Engineering Plus is working on easements and that Terrell Temple and Kawana McCary are working on the ARC POWER grant.

Morgan reported on possible funding opportunities that resulted from discussion on the Washington, D.C. trip.

Kiefer discussed the available email addresses for the District. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commissioners that the District will utilize [utility@kempercounytms.gov](mailto:utility@kempercounytms.gov) for District business and that it will evaluate the need for additional addresses in the future.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kacey Bailey

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These minutes approved by the board this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
Susan Morgan, Chairman

  
Bill Wilkerson, Secretary