



Utility District
14062 Hwy 16W
DeKalb MS 39328

**KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 8:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District ("KCUD" or the "District") was held on May 15, 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, Dr. Scott Alsobrooks, Bill Wilkerson, and Jonathan Coleman. Also present were Ike Kiefer and legal counsel Kacey Bailey.

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

Minutes. The minutes of the April 17, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by Wilkerson to approve the April 17, 2024, minutes. After discussion, the April 17, 2024, minutes were approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, Alsobrooks, Wilkerson, and Coleman. Voting Nay: None.

New Business.

The checking account balance was provided (\$8,123.35) as the Financial Report.

Two items were presented as the Claims Docket: (1) \$1,332.00 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and (2) \$240.00 for administrative services by Empirical Energy. Motion was made by Luke and duly seconded by Wilkerson to pay said claims on the Claims Docket. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, Alsobrooks, Wilkerson, and Coleman. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLVED, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claims of \$1,332.00 to Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and \$240.00 to Empirical Energy

Morgan provided a Chairman's Report. She reported on the funding applications being submitted to state and federal sources, which is attached to these minutes. Morgan also reported on an informative meeting she attended between representatives from the Mississippi Development Authority and Kemper County on the topics of economic development, jobs, and infrastructure.

Morgan provided an update she received from Engineering Plus which included further discussion on funding opportunities. There was consensus among the Commissioners on the need for clarification of the plan for laying gas and water lines and the location of said lines relative to each other.

Morgan discussed an update on the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality grant and that \$1,206,386.16 was submitted and approved for water line extension.

A proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget worksheet was reviewed and discussed by the Board. No action was taken, pending follow up to determine audit expenses.

A motion was made by Alsobrooks, seconded by McDade, to amend the agenda to include discussion of conflicts of interest, generally. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, Alsobrooks, Wilkerson, and Coleman. Voting Nay: None. The agenda item was included among the discussion items for New Business.

The Commissioners discussed the process of disclosing conflicts of interests.

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, Alsobrooks, Wilkerson, and Coleman. Voting Nay: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Kacey Bailey

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


Susan Morgan, Chairman


Bill Wilkerson, Secretary