



**KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 8:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District ("KCUUD" or the "District") was held on June 19, 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 Bill Wilkerson. Also present were Jonathan Wells, County Administrator; Ike Kiefer of Empirical Energy; and legal counsel Kacey Bailey.

**Agenda.** The agenda for the meeting was presented. Motion was made by Luke and duly seconded by Wilkerson to amend the agenda to add Chairman's Report as item "H". After discussion, the proposed agenda was amended to include "H. Chairman's Report" by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Wilkerson. Voting Nay: None. Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Luke to approve the agenda as amended. After discussion, the amended agenda was approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Wilkerson. Voting Nay: None.

**Minutes.** The minutes of the May 15, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by Wilkerson and duly seconded by Luke to approve the May 15, 2024, minutes. After discussion, the May 15, 2024, minutes were approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Wilkerson. Voting Nay: None.

**New Business.**

The checking account balance was provided (\$10,738.15) as the Financial Report.

Two items were presented as the Claims Docket: (1) \$1,230.20 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and (2) \$572.16 for administrative services by Empirical Energy. Motion was made by Luke and duly seconded by Morgan to pay said claims on the Claims Docket. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Wilkerson. Voting Nay: None.

**RESOLVED**, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claims of \$1,230.20 to Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and \$572.16 to Empirical Energy

A proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget worksheet was reviewed and discussed by the Board. Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Luke to accept and adopt the 2025 Budget and to forward the same to the Board of Supervisors. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Wilkerson. Voting Nay: None.

Morgan provided an update she received from Engineering Plus. Based on current information from Engineering Plus, construction on the interconnect with TVA is estimated to begin in eight (8) to ten (10) months. Funding opportunities for the gas and water line projects were discussed.

Morgan reported that the application for funding for the gas line from the Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program by East Mississippi Electric Power Association to USDA would be submitted by the June 30th deadline. Engineering Plus and Kawana McCary with the East Central Planning and Development District are working on the application.

Kiefer reported that he would follow up on obtaining a KCUUD embossed seal.

The KCUUD logo was presented and discussed. Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Luke, to adopt the logo as presented. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous consensus of the Board. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Wilkerson. Voting Nay: None.

Kiefer discussed and provided information for the website and readiness for the webpage to go live. Motion was made by Luke, seconded by Wilkerson, for the webpage as presented to go live

and to include the minutes of KCUD meetings. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Wilkerson. Voting Nay: None.

Morgan provided a Chairman's Report. She reported that the minute book would be maintained in the Chancery Clerk's Office. Morgan reported that she would be attending the Annual Retreat of the EDA at the invitation of EDA on July 29-30, 2024, at no expense to the District. Morgan will report on the substance of the meeting, which is expected to include reports from TVA and Kemper County representatives.

**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 Wilkerson. Voting Nay: None.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kacey Bailey

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These minutes approved by the board this 17 day of July, 2024.

  
Susan Morgan, Chairman

  
Bill Wilkerson, Secretary