



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

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District ("KCUUD" or the "District") was held on July 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, Jonathan Coleman, and Dr. Scott Alsobrooks. Also present were Ike Kiefer of Empirical Energy; Wayne Henson; and legal counsel Kacey Bailey with law clerk Kayla Powe.

Agenda. The agenda for the meeting was presented. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by Luke to amend the agenda to add item "E. Website Update". After discussion, the proposed agenda was amended to include "E. Website Update" by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, Coleman and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None. Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Alsobrooks to approve the agenda as amended. After discussion, the amended agenda was approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, Coleman and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

Minutes. The minutes of the June 19, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by Luke and duly seconded by Morgan to approve the June 19, 2024, minutes. After discussion, the June 19, 2024, minutes were approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, Coleman and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

New Business.

The checking account balance was provided (\$13,122.79) as the Financial Report.

Two items were presented as the Claims Docket: (1) \$1,372.20 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and (2) \$432.16 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, Coleman and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLVED, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claims of \$1,372.20 to Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and \$432.16 to Empirical Energy

The update from Engineering Plus was discussed. Terrell Temple communicated via text with his update. Multiple congressional designated requests, Power, and REDL&G grant and loan applications for gas and water funds to extend water and gas towards Scooba had been completed. While in D.C., the group learned that Kemper County has MCWI funds left over. There was an attempt to use these funds for gas, but the program is limited to water and wastewater. In working with the Horne Group (project administrator), we understood that \$1.306 million was available. We developed plans and advertised for bids for water extension towards Scooba. Bid will be accepted by the end of July, so that the contract can be fully executed by 8/31/24 per grant requirements. When MDEQ got the modification request, they called to advise we had additional funds available. We have a total balance of \$2.37 million available. Documents have been submitted and the MDEQ project manager has verbally approved. However, protocol calls for Horne to review and to submit for MDEQ formal approval. To avoid having to readvertise, we are double timing to add addition work to our plans. This may require the bid date to move a week, but we are pushing.

Morgan reported that the application was submitted timely for funding for the gas line from the Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program by East Mississippi Electric Power Association to USDA.

Kiefer reported that the District webpage is live. The page is located on the Kemper County website under the Departments tab. The notice of meetings has been posted. Kiefer will work to post signed meeting minutes on the webpage.

Old Business

Henson reported that he intended to follow up with TVA on potential grant opportunities for funding. Henson invited Morgan to attend the upcoming regional supervisors' meeting, which would be held in Kemper County, potentially at East Mississippi Community College.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kacey Bailey

These minutes approved by the board this 21st day of August, 2024.

Susan Morgan
Susan Morgan, Chairmah

Bill Wilkerson
Bill Wilkerson, Secretary