



**KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 8:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District ("KCUUD" or the "District") was held on August 21, 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 Ike Kiefer of Empirical Energy; Wayne Henson (telephone); and legal counsel Kacey Bailey.

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

Minutes. The minutes of the July 17, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Morgan to approve the July 17, 2024, minutes. After discussion, the July 17, 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 (\$15,505.43) as the Financial Report.

Two items were presented as the Claims Docket: (1) \$1,630.20 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and (2) \$217.16 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, and Wilkerson. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLVED, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claims of \$1,630.20 to Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and \$217.16 to Empirical Energy

The Commissioners discussed efforts to obtain private property easements in connection with the gas line. Engineering Plus will be asked to follow up on that issue.

As the Chairman's Report, Morgan reported that she attended the annual Kemper County retreat hosted by the EDA.

The REDL&G application was submitted timely, and supplemental materials were provided at USDA (Jackson)'s request. A copy of the Kemper County Board of Supervisors' REDLG Budget Projections (June 2024) was made available to the Commissioners. There is nothing new to report currently.

The update from Engineering Plus was discussed. Bids were solicited by the County for the water line from Mark Cobb Road to Scooba, and the contract was awarded by the County. The application for the Power Grant was unsuccessful. There may be funds available through TVA for site development and site work at the interconnect location. There may be additional MDEQ funds available for the water line project, and Engineering Plus is working with the Horne Group on that avenue of funding. Applications are being prepared/pursued for ARC funding and through the MDA Ready Site program.

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 Luke, and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, and Wilkerson. Voting Nay: None.

Respectfully submitted,
Kacey Bailey

These minutes approved by the board this 18th day of September, 2024.


Susan Morgan, Chairman


Bill Wilkerson, Secretary