



**KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 8:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District (“KCU D” or the “District”) was held on October 16, 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, Bill Wilkerson, and Dr. Scott Alsobrooks. Also present were Ike Kiefer of Empirical Energy; Wayne Henson; Jonathan Wells; and legal counsel Kacey Bailey.

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

**Minutes.** The minutes of the September 18, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by Luke to approve the September 18, 2024, minutes. After discussion, the September 18, 2024, minutes were approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Luke, McDade, Wilkerson, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

**New Business.**

The checking account balance was provided (\$20,419.38) as the Financial Report.

Two items were presented as the Claims Docket: (1) \$1,080.20 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and (2) \$232.16 for administrative services by Empirical Energy. Motion was made by Wilkerson 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, Wilkerson, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

**RESOLVED**, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claims of \$1,080.20 to Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; and \$232.16 to Empirical Energy

The update from Engineering Plus and Terrell Temple was discussed. There are five (5) property owners within the project limits. There must be an appraisal of the school board property per state law. The Weyerhaeuser easement will be on the majority of the water line, but a couple of tracts will have to be purchased. These efforts are moving forward. There was a wetland delineation received on the new area being served. The initial project is about 3.1 miles. There will be almost 0.9 miles added by change order. It is much more expensive to bore under lengthy wetlands. Temple spoke with the Kinger Morgan project manager about the tap. They will have monthly status meetings. They have changed one of the meters to be installed to better measure low flow. Temple reported on a multitude of open grant requests out now. All but one are still active.

Private property easements along the project were discussed. Twenty-nine (29) people were on the list when the letters of 05/18/2021 were sent to landowners. The map was located and made available to the Commissioners at the meeting.

Bailey provided update on the REDLG application. The Jackson USDA office had requested additional financial information from EMEPA which had been provided. Based on communication from USDA, the goal for submission of the application is October 31, 2024.

Wayne Henson discussed a potential solar project which may require gas services. He discussed efforts to coordinate a meeting between utilities and interested parties in the project.

Henson announced that Morgan was invited to attend the regional Supervisors’ meeting which would be held on the campus of East Mississippi Community College on October 24, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. to provide an update about the District.

Wells informed the Commissioners that Willie Simmons would be attending the Kemper County Board of Supervisors' meeting on October 21, 2024.

Congressman Michael Guest will be in the area for an upcoming event.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kacey Bailey

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These minutes approved by the board this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

  
Susan Morgan, Chairman

  
Bill Wilkerson, Secretary