



**KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District ("KCUUD" or the "District") was held on November 20, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., at the Kemper County Courthouse Annex, 230 Main Avenue, Dekalb, MS 39328.

Vice-Chairman Alsobrooks declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Present were the following Commissioners: Tony Luke, Bobby McDade, Bill Wilkerson, and Dr. Scott Alsobrooks. Also present were Ike Kiefer of Empirical Energy; Jonathan Wells, County Administrator for the Kemper County Board of Supervisors; Bryce Nester of EMEPA; and legal counsel Kacey Bailey.

Agenda. The agenda for the meeting was presented. Motion was made by Luke and duly seconded by McDade to amend the agenda to add approval of payment to The Commercial Insurance Agency as item 3 of the Claims Docket. After discussion, the agenda was amended to add item 3 to the Claims Docket – The Commercial Insurance Agenda - \$5,356.00 – and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Luke, McDade, Wilkerson, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None. Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Luke to approve the amended agenda. After discussion, the amended agenda was approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Luke, McDade, Wilkerson, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

Minutes. The minutes of the October 16, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Wilkerson to approve the October 16, 2024, minutes. After discussion, the October 16, 2024, minutes were approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Luke, McDade, Wilkerson, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

New Business.

The checking account balance was provided (\$23,335.69) as the Financial Report.

Three items were presented as the Claims Docket: (1) \$960.30 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; (2) \$207.16 for administrative services by Empirical Energy; and (3) \$5,356.00 for the D&O policy premiums to The Commercial Insurance Agency. 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: Luke, McDade, Wilkerson, and Alsobrooks. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLVED, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claims of \$960.30 to Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons; \$207.16 to Empirical Energy; and \$5,356.00 to The Commercial Insurance Agency.

The report from Terrell Temple of Engineering Plus was discussed. Engineering Plus has completed the design of the increased water line extension with the left-over money from the grant. There is a lot of wetland property in this extension. The Board of Supervisors agreed to obligate additional money to the project to fully utilize all grant money. Wetland is at the end of the extension. Available funds allow the project to get halfway under this area. The Board of Supervisors approved going the entire distance. There have been several Zoom meetings with Kinder Morgan regarding their connection. Everything is moving along with them. Kinder Morgan has all information needed from Engineering Plus based on the last meeting. The water line extension impacts several additional property owners. Engineering Plus is working with them and hopes to have the easement project completed soon.

Bryce Nester provided update on the REDLG application and reported that, based upon communications with USDA, USDA will not be able to fund the loan and grant this quarter.

Alsobrooks discussed the potential engagement of Rea, Shaw, Giffin and Stuart to provide audit services. More information will follow from them.

Wells provided an update on County projects.

Old Business

There was no old business.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kacey Bailey

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



Susan Morgan, Chairman



Bill Wilkerson, Secretary