

KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District ("KCUD" or the "District") was held on February 19, 2025, 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: Dr. Scott Alsobrooks, Jonathan Coleman, Bobby McDade, and Susan Morgan. Also present were Wayne Henson; Kemper County Supervisor Scott Johnson; Kemper County Administrator Jonathan Wells; Kemper County Economic Development Authority Executive Director Steven Lockley; and legal counsel Kacey Bailey of Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC.

Agenda. The agenda for the meeting was presented. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by McDade to amend the agenda to add as item C. discussion of the recommendation to the Kemper County Board of Supervisors to extend the gas line from TVA to Highway 16 at Mark Cobb Road and item E. for announcements. After discussion, the agenda was amended to add (1) as item C. discussion of the recommendation to the Kemper County Board of Supervisors to extend the gas line from TVA to Highway 16 at Mark Cobb Road; and (2) as item E. Announcements; and it passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Alsobrooks, Coleman, McDade, and Morgan. Voting Nay: None. The amended agenda was then presented for consideration. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by Morgan to approve the agenda as amended; and the amended agenda was approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Alsobrooks, Coleman, McDade, and Morgan. Voting Nay: None.

<u>Minutes</u>. The minutes of the January 15, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Alsobrooks to approve the January 15, 2025, minutes. After discussion, the January 15, 2025, minutes were approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Alsobrooks, Coleman, McDade, and Morgan. Voting Nay: None.

New Business.

The checking account balance was provided (\$26,753.62) as the Financial Report.

Two items were presented as the Claims Docket: (1) \$1,595.25 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC; and (2) \$467.20 for administrative services by Empirical Energy. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by McDade to pay said claims on the Claims Docket. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Alsobrooks, Coleman, McDade, and Morgan. Voting Nay: None.

RESOLVED, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claims of \$1,595.25 to Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC; and \$467.20 to Empirical Energy.

The board discussed the need and desire to extend the natural gas line from the Tennessee Valley Authority Combustion Turbine plant to Highway 16 at Mark Cobb Road. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by Morgan to adopt a resolution by the District recommending

The Commissioners discussed the potential transfer of infrastructure from the County to the District and the need to determine the authority and process for said transfer.

As an update on the REDLG loan and grant application, counsel will determine whether a revised project scope and revised cost estimate (*i.e.* budget) has been submitted to USDA to reflect the availability of a lower loan amount (from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000).

Morgan announced that she was invited to be a part of the Kemper County delegation who would be meeting with Mississippi Congressional leaders to discuss the natural gas and water line projects. The trip is scheduled for March $4^{th}-6^{th}$. Morgan will report on developments from the meetings at the next regular KCUD mieeting.

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: Alsobrooks, Coleman, McDade, and Morgan. Voting Nay: None.

Respectfully submitted, Kacey Bailey

These minutes approved by the board this 16 day of March, 2025.

Supar Word

Susan Morgan, Chairman

Bill Wilkerson, Secretary