

KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District ("KCUD" or the "District") was held on August 20, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., at the Kemper County Courthouse Annex, 230 Main Avenue, Dekalb, MS 39328.

Susan Morgan declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Present were the following Commissioners: Susan Morgan, Bobby McDade, Bill Wilkerson, and Tony Luke. Also present were County Administrator Johnson Wells, Richmond Alexander of Engineering Plus, and Kacey Bailey of Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC.

Agenda. The agenda for the meeting was presented for consideration. Morgan requested to add Porterville/Kipling Update as item as "C" under New Business. Motion was made by Wilkerson and duly seconded by Luke to amend the agenda to add Porterville/Kipling Update as item "C", with the other items to follow, which carried unanimously: Voting yea: Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Luke. Voting nay: None. The amended agenda was presented for consideration. Upon motion by Luke, seconded by McDade, and after discussion, the amended agenda was approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Luke. Voting nay: None.

<u>Minutes</u>. The minutes of the July 16, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Luke to approve the July 16, 2025, minutes. After discussion, the July 16, 2025, minutes were approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Luke. Voting nay: None.

New Business.

The checking account balance was reported (\$45,355.07) as the Financial Report.

Two items were presented as the Claims Docket: (1) \$5,356.00 for the Public Utility Directors and Officers insurance policy with The Commercial Insurance Agency; and (2) \$782.00 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC. Motion was made by Wilkinson and duly seconded by Luke to pay said claims on the Claims Docket. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Luke. Voting nay: None.

RESOLVED, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claims of \$5,356.00 to The Commercial Insurance Agency and \$782.00 to Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC for legal services.

The Board discussed information from Charles Westerfield and the status of the Porterville and Kipling water associations. Board members planned to attend the September 2, 2025, Kemper County Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss and request feedback from the Board of Supervisors on the District's purpose and plans going forward.

Alexander provided an Engineering Plus update. Alexander anticipates being in a position to request bids for work on the regulator station by the end of 2025. The location of the regulator site has been finalized. Work is ongoing on the construction of the water line, which has almost reached Dummy Line Road.

Bailey reported on communication from Jason Rushing at USDA asking if Kemper County would like to pursue grant-only funding for the USDA REDLG loan and grant or stay in the pool for loan and grant funding. The Board will review this issue with the Board of Supervisors and inform Rushing accordingly.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Being no further business to come before the meeting, the regular meeting was adjourned by motion of Morgan, seconded by McDade, on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, Kacey Bailey

These minutes approved by the board this <u>17</u> day of September, 2025.

Susan Morgan, Chairman

Bill Wilkerson, Secretary