



**KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 8:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District ("KCUD" or the "District") was held on October 15, 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 Jonathan Coleman. Also present were Wayne Henson, Richmond Alexander of Engineering Plus, Bryce Nester of EMEPA, and Kacey Bailey of Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC.

Agenda. The agenda for the meeting was presented for consideration. Upon motion by McDade, seconded by Wilkerson, and after discussion, the agenda was approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Coleman. Voting nay: None.

Minutes. The minutes of the September 17, 2025, regular meeting were presented. Motion was made by McDade and duly seconded by Wilkerson to approve the September 17, 2025, minutes. After discussion, the September 17, 2025, minutes were approved and passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Coleman. Voting nay: None.

New Business.

The checking account balance was reported (\$46,101.41) as the Financial Report.

One item was presented as the Claims Docket: \$1,504.00 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC. Motion was made by Wilkerson and duly seconded by Morgan to pay said claim on the Claims Docket. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, McDade, Wilkerson, and Coleman. Voting nay: None.

RESOLVED, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claim of \$1,504.00 to Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC for legal services.

Morgan provided a Chairman's Report and discussed the need to learn more about and make preparations for the provision of natural gas services once construction is complete. Wayne Henson provided information and input on the Chickasawhay Natural Gas District. A meeting will be scheduled with Mike Evans, Manager of the Chickasawhay Natural Gas District, to learn about its business structure and the administration and provision of gas services.

Morgan reported that she had taken the necessary documents to Rea, Shaw, Giffin & Stuart, LLP for the audit. Morgan reported that she provided a letter of support for the ARC power grant for the gas line at the request of Steven Lockley, Executive Director of the Kemper County EDA. Lockley has also requested that she attend the Kemper County EDA Annual Meeting in November to report on the gas line. Morgan advised the Board that a letter had been sent to Kipling Water Association consistent with the Board's vote at the previous regular meeting, a copy of which was sent to all Commissions. Morgan reported that Ike Kiefer completed the SAM registration and, as a professional courtesy, did not submit a bill for those services.

Kacey Bailey reported that Jason Rushing of USDA notified Kawana McCary of the East Central Planning and Development District on September 25, 2025, that Kemper County's application for the REDLG Loan and Grant had been approved. The EMEPA Board executed the Letters of Condition for the loan and grant at its board meeting on October 4, 2025. It was expected that the Kemper County Board of Supervisors will approve and accept the loan and grant at its regular meeting. More updates will be forthcoming as the closing documents are prepared and exchanged.

Richmond Alexander provided a report on behalf of Engineering Plus. The natural gas project has been broken down into three phases. Phase I is out for bid (due by October 31st). Phase I includes grading and building an access road to the regulator site and grading the regulator site. Funding for this phase is being provided through the ARC grant. Phase II consists of construction

of the regulator station and making the gas connection. Phase III consists of laying gas lines along Highway 16, starting at Mark Cobb Road and going as far as the funding will allow.

Alexander reported that Engineering Plus will be working on an operations manual for the provision of gas services.

The Commissioners discussed the schedule of meetings and possibly moving to bimonthly or quarterly meetings. No action was taken.

Bailey distributed a form, "Disclosure of Conflict of Interest by the Commissioners of the Kemper County Utility District," which she asked the Commissioners to review, complete, and return at the next regular meeting.

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 Wilkerson, on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kacey Bailey

These minutes approved by the board this 19th day of November, 2025.



Susan Morgan, Chairman



Bill Wilkerson, Secretary