



**KEMPER COUNTY UTILITY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 8:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Kemper County Utility District ("KCUD" or the "District") was held on January 21, 2026, 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, Bill Wilkerson, Tony Luke, Dr. Scott Alsobrooks, and Bobby McDade. Also present were Richmond Alexander of Engineering Plus; Wayne Henson; and Kacey Bailey of Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC.

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

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

New Business.

The checking account balance was reported (\$53,666.98) as the Financial Report. Morgan reminded the Commissioners that the balance reflected the fact that the District returned \$52,768.69 to Kemper County which the County had provided to the District. The return of funds was required so that Kemper County could pay TVA for the amount due under the Reimbursable Agreement with Tennessee Valley Authority. TVA required payment from Kemper County because TVA was unable to accept payment by check or ACH transfer from the District's account. This payment by the County to the District and then return of funds will be reflected in the check register.

One item was presented as the Claims Docket: (1) \$1,066.00 for legal services by Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC. Motion was made by Alsobrooks and duly seconded by Morgan to pay said claim on the Claims Docket. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Wilkerson, Luke, Alsobrooks, and McDade. Voting nay: None.

RESOLVED, that the Kemper County Utility District shall pay the claim of \$1,066.00 to Glover, Young, Hammack, Walton & Simmons, PLLC.

Richmond Alexander of Engineering Plus provided an update and report to the Board. With respect to the gas line, work is moving forward on the regulator station site. The contractor is accessing the site via Weyerhaeuser property. In the future, a new agreement with TVA will be needed to replace the temporary access agreement. This will need to be a permanent license agreement and include the area to the north of Mark Cobb Road.

The waterline is finished and testing has been successful. Alexander reported that he is providing locating and GPS data documentation and record keeping as part of his professional services for the project.

Alexander reported that he is following up with property owners to obtain written easements along Highway 16.

Alexander advised that he had sent TVA the plan for the gas and water lines.

The District's contract with Empirical Energy came before the Commissioners for consideration. Finding that Empirical Energy has administrative and technical experience with utilities and past experience supporting the efforts of the Natural Gas District and the District and that the proposed services by Empirical Energy are with the type of professional and consulting services authorized

by the enabling legislation, motion was made by Wilkerson, duly second by McDade, to approve the Contract Services Agreement as amended in the form and substance attached as **Exhibit "A"**. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Wilkerson, Luke, Alsobrooks, and McDade. Voting nay: None.

The annual election of officers came before the Commissioners. Motion was made by Luke to elect Morgan as Chairman, Alsobrooks as Vice-Chairman, Wilkerson as Secretary, and McDade as Treasurer, which was seconded by Wilkerson. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Wilkerson, Luke, Alsobrooks, and McDade. Voting nay: None.

The Commissioners again reviewed the proposed Business Plan prepared by Engineering Plus. Wayne Henson offered to provide input; and Morgan will revise, edit, and bring back to the Commissioners for review based on the comments and suggestions from the discussion.

Morgan discussed the Kemper County Utility District joining the Mississippi Natural Gas Association ("MNGA"). The annual membership fee is \$325.00. She also advised the Commissioners that the annual trade show is February 18-29, 2026, in Tupelo, MS. Motion was made by Alsobrooks to pay the membership fee of \$325.00 and to authorize Morgan to attend the trade show on behalf of the Commissioners, which was duly seconded by Luke. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Voting yea: Morgan, Wilkerson, Luke, Alsobrooks, and McDade. Voting nay: None.

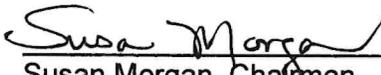
Old Business

There was no old business.

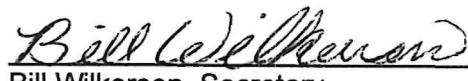
Being no further business to come before the meeting, the regular meeting was adjourned by motion of Morgan, seconded by Wilkerson, on unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kacey Bailey

These minutes approved by the board this 16th day of February, 2026.



Susan Morgan, Chairman



Bill Wilkerson, Secretary