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Jackson County Utility Authority

Regular Meeting
Board of Directors

February 09, 2026

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors convened at 4:01 p.m. Monday February 09, 2026 at 1225 Jackson Ave, Pascagoula, MS. Board members present were: Director Murphy, President; Director Munro, Vice President; Director Elly, Secretary/Treasurer; Director Compton; and Director Eldridge. It was determined there was a quorum.

Also present were:

Eric Page, Executive Director; Chase Glisson, Deputy Director; Linda Green, Director of Finance and Administration; Aimee Culpepper, Executive Administrative Assistant; James Heidelberg, Legal Counsel; Pete McMaster, Arcadis; Doug Wimberly, Neel Schaffer;, Christian Gidlund, Michael Baker and Associates; Dane Maxwell, USDA and Ramona Morgan, City of Gautier.

2. Devotion

Mr. Page gave the Devotion.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Elly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Changes to Agenda

Director Murphy asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Page requested the following changes: * Add- On Item – 6.E. – Sole Source BOD Incubator Purchase

Request (Laboratory Department) (Pages 16-20)

** Add- On Item – 7.A. Expenditures

*** Add- On Item 7.B.6. – Poticaw Bayou Rd Extension- Contractor's Request to Delay NTP 9 (Pages 39-43)

**** Add-On Item – Public Recognition- Mr. Page requested to enter Executive Session for Dane Maxwell with USDA to speak with the Board

***** Add-On Item – 8.H. – Director Compton requested to discuss the motion approved 01/26/26 for JCUA to oppose the City of Pascagoula's proposed Annexation.

**** Director Eldridge made a motion to enter Executive Session before discussing the Consent Agenda. Director Munro seconded the motion.**

***** Director Eldridge made a motion to Move Item 8.H. for discussion after Exiting Executive and Entering back into Public/Regular Session.**

5. Public Recognition

Director Murphy asked if there were any Public to Recognize, there were none.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Adopt – January 26, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes (Pages 3-9) **Exhibit “A”**

B. Consider – Airgas Annual Cylinder Rental (Pages 10-11) **Exhibit “B”**

C. Information Only – MDEQ Noncompliance Notification for JCUA POTW 6C (Page 12-13) **Exhibit “C”**

D. Information Only – MDEQ Noncompliance Notification for JCUA POTW 7C (Pages 14-15) **Exhibit “D”**

E. Consider – Sole Source BOD Incubator Purchase Request (Laboratory Department) (Pages 16-20) **Exhibit “E”**

Director Murphy presented this item. Following questions and comments. Director Eldridge made a motion to approve items 6.A. -6. E. as presented. Director Munro seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

7. Discussion Agenda

A. Expenditures (Pages 21-26) **Exhibit “F”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Compton made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Eldridge seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

B. Projects

1. Consider – PMP POTW Aeration Basin #3 Joint Repair & Drain Pipe Replacement (Pages 27-29) **Exhibit “G”**

- Kimley Horn Design Phase Services Invoice

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Eldridge made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Munro seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

2. Consider – MDOT HWY 90 PS #5 Force Main Utility Relocation (Pages 30-33) **Exhibit “H”**

- Neel Schaffer Construction Phase Services Invoice

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Munro made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Compton seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

3. Consider – ARPA Great River Wholesale Water Connection (Pages 34-35) **Exhibit “I”**

- Batson & Brown Design Phase Services Invoice

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Munro made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Compton seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

4. Consider – Restore South Central Septic Abatement Miscellaneous Boring (Page 36) **Exhibit “J”**

- Coast Underground Task Order #7

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Elly made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Munro seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

5. Consider – FY2025 5-yr Engineering & Misc. Professional Services RFQ (Pages 37-38) **Exhibit “K”**

- Request to Shortlist Firms

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Eldridge made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Elly seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments,

there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

6. Consider – Poticaw Bayou Rd Extension – Contractor’s Request to Delay NTP 9 (Pages 39-43) **Exhibit “L”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Eldridge made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Elly seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

8. Administrative Items

- A. Consider – Sole Source Purchase Request – PMP POTW Gravity Belt Thickener Pump Replacement (Pages 44-54) **Exhibit “M”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Eldridge made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Munro seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

- B. Consider – Capital Outlay Purchase Request – 2026 F550 4X4 Truck (Maintenance Crane Truck) (Pages 55-72) **Exhibit “N”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Munro made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Compton seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

- C. Consider – MDOT MOA RE: Telcom Antenna Maintenance on JCUA Sunplex Water Tower (Pages 73-83) **Exhibit “O”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Eldridge made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Munro seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

- D. Consider – Service Agreement for Telecom Antenna Maintenance Oversight & Other Revenue Generating Opportunities (Pages 84-98) **Exhibit “P”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Compton made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Munro seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

E. Consider – Recommendation to Reject Generator Service RFP proposals (Page 99) **Exhibit “Q”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Elly made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Munro seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

F. Consider – On-Lot Agreement – Osprey Landing (Pages 100-103) **Exhibit “R”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Eldridge made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Elly seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

G. Consider – February Disposal and Gains Report (Pages 104-107) **Exhibit “S”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Eldridge made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Elly seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

H. Discussion – JCUA’s Opposition to Pascagoula Annexation

*** Director Eldridge made a motion to Move Item 8.H. for discussion after Exiting Executive Session and Entering back into Public/Regular Session.

Director Compton asked for information on the motion to officially oppose the annexation proposed by the City of Pascagoula, the motion was approved 01/26/2026 and Mr. Compton was absent from that meeting. Mr. Page and Mr. Heidelberg provided the information Mr. Compton requested.

9. Board Attorney Items

Counsel updated the Board on Attorney Matters.

10. Director Items

N/A

11. Executive Session, If Needed (Requested for Dane Maxwell with USDA to speak with the Board)

**Director Eldridge made a motion to enter Executive Session before discussing the Consent Agenda. Director Munro seconded the motion.

At 4:04 p.m. Director Eldridge made a motion to enter Executive Session for Dane Maxwell with USDA to speak with the Board regarding new programs that could benefit JCUA. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

In attendance were: Directors Compton, Murphy, Munro, Eldridge, Elly, Mr. Page, Mr. Glisson, Mr. Heidelberg, Mrs. Green, Ms. Culpepper and Mr. Maxwell.

At 4:42 p.m. Director Elly made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume Regular Session. Director Munro seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

No Business was undertaken in Executive Session.

At 4:42 p.m., the meeting was re-opened to the public and regular session resumed.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Elly made a motion to Adjourn. Director Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present. The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES as approval of these Minutes on this 23rd day of February, 2026.



RICKEY MURPHY, PRESIDENT



ANDREW J. ELLY,
SECRETARY/TREASURER