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Jackson County Utility Authority

Regular Meeting
Board of Directors

September 23, 2024

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors convened at 4:00 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2024, at 1225 Jackson Avenue, Pascagoula, MS. Board members present were: Director Eldridge, President; Director Murphy, Vice President; Director Elly, Secretary/Treasurer; Director Compton; Director Lanham; and Director Munro arriving at 4:08 p.m. It was determined there was a quorum.

Also present were:

Eric Page, Executive Director; Linda Green, Director of Finance and Administration; Tara Sistrunk, Human Resources; Carrie Dennis, Operations Manager; Trish Jones, Executive Administrative Assistant; James Heidelberg and Myra Cunningham, Legal Counsel; Pete McMaster, Arcadis; Chuck Starling, Kimley-Horn; Michael Zuber, Overstreet; and Doug Wimberly, Neel-Schaffer.

2. Devotion

Mr. Page presented the Devotion.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Lanham presented the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Changes to Agenda, If Any

Director Eldridge asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Page requested the following changes: Add-On for Item 7.A. – Expenditures, Add-On Administrative Item – Proposed Industrial Rate, and Add-On Administrative Item – Emergency Proclamation.

5. Public Recognition

Director Eldridge asked if there were any Public to recognize. There were none.

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Adopt – September 9, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes (**Pages 3-6**) Exhibit “A”
- B. Adopt – September 12, 2024 Special Called Meeting Minutes (**Pages 7-8**) Exhibit “B”
- C. Information Only – August 2024 Utility Adjustments
- D. Information Only – August 2024 Water Quality Results, Map, and Field Conditions (**Pages 10-12**) Exhibit “C”

Director Eldridge presented the Consent Agenda and requested that Item 6.C. be moved to the end of the Administrative Items on this agenda for further discussion. Director Lanham made a motion to approve Items 6.A. through 6.D., as presented, and moving item 6.C. to item 8.G. Director Murphy seconded the motion. Director Eldridge asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

7. Discussion Agenda

A. Expenditures (Pages 13-20) Exhibit "D"

Director Eldridge presented this item and deferred to Mr. Page for details. Following some discussion, Director Murphy made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Munro seconded the motion. Director Eldridge 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 – CESWR – Colonial Estates Area Sewer Improvements – Pay Application No. 5 (Pages 21-31) Exhibit "E"

Mr. Page presented this item and stated Staff has reviewed and recommends approval. Director Murphy made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Lanham seconded the motion. Director Eldridge 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 – CESWR – Colonial Estates Area Sewer Improvements – BMA Eng. Professional Service Construction Admin (Pages 32-37) Exhibit "F"

Mr. Page presented this item and stated Staff has reviewed and recommends approval. Director Munro made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Murphy seconded the motion. Director Eldridge 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 – 90FMR – HWY 90 Force Main Relocation – Kimley-Horn Professional Service Inv. # 142782007-0824 (Pages 38-40) Exhibit "G"

Mr. Page presented this item and stated Staff has reviewed and recommends approval. Following some discussion, Director Murphy made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Compton seconded the motion. Director Eldridge 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 – 90FMR – HWY 90 Force Main Relocation – Neel-Schaffer Professional Service Inv. # 1100182 (Pages 41-42) Exhibit "H"

Mr. Page presented this item and stated Staff has reviewed and recommends approval. Director Elly made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Murphy seconded the motion. Director Eldridge 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. Information Only – Retail Department General and Grant Installations Update (**Pages 43-48**) **Exhibit “I”**
Mr. Page presented this item as information only. Director Eldridge asked if there were any questions or comments. There was some discussion, but no board action was taken.
- B. Consider – Line-of-Credit Draw (**Page 49**) **Exhibit “J”**
Mr. Page presented this item and deferred to Ms. Green for details. Staff has reviewed and recommends approval. After some discussion, Director Lanham made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Munro seconded the motion. Director Eldridge 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 – Request for Paid Administrative Leave (**Page 50**) **Exhibit “K”**
Mr. Page presented this item and stated Staff has reviewed and recommends approval. Following some discussion, Director Munro made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Murphy seconded the motion. Director Eldridge asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a majority vote by the Board Members present; Director Lanham opposed.
- D. Consider – Election of Officers and Designation of Committee Assignments (**Pages 51-53**) **Exhibit “L”**
Director Eldridge presented this item. Following some discussion, Director Munro made a motion to nominate Director Murphy to serve as President. Director Murphy made a motion to nominate Director Munro to serve as Vice President, and for Director Elly to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Director Lanham seconded the motions. Director Eldridge asked if there were any other nominations, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present. FY-2025 Committee Assignments will be set at a future date.
- E. Add On Item – Proposed Industrial Rates **Exhibit “M”**
Mr. Page presented this item and stated Staff has reviewed and recommends approval. Following some discussion, Director Munro made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Murphy seconded the motion. Director Eldridge asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a majority vote by the Board Members present; Director Lanham opposed.
- F. Add On Item – Emergency Proclamation **Exhibit “N”**
Mr. Page presented this item. Director Murphy made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Elly seconded the motion. Director Eldridge asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.
- G. Information Only – August 2024 Utility Adjustments (moved from Consent Agenda for further discussion) **Exhibit “O”**
Concerns were heard regarding the current policy. Board of Directors will review the current policy and bring any recommendations to the next Board Meeting. No board action was taken.

9. Board Attorney Items

Legal counsel updated the board on attorney matters. No board action was taken.

10. Director Items

Director Eldridge asked if there were any Director Items. There were not.

11. Executive Session

Director Eldridge asked if there was a need for Executive Session. There was not.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Murphy made Motion to adjourn. Director Munro seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES as approval of these Minutes on this 14th day of October, 2024.



RICKEY MURPHY, PRESIDENT



ANDREW J. ELLY, SECRETARY/TREASURER