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Jackson County Utility Authority

Regular Meeting
Board of Directors

January 26, 2026

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors convened at 4:02 p.m. Monday January 26, 2026 at 1225 Jackson Ave, Pascagoula, MS. Board members present were: Director Murphy, President; Director Munro, Vice President; Director Elly, Secretary/Treasurer; Director Mallette 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; Tara Sistrunk, Human Resources Manager; Aimee Culpepper, Executive Administrative Assistant; James Heidelberg, Legal Counsel; Jerod Martin, Engineering Manager; Jeret Beck, Maintenance Supervisor; Carlos Moulds, Ramona Morgan, Chasity Bilbo, and Casey Vaughn, City of Gautier; Pete McMaster, Arcadis; Jeff May and Christian Gidlund, Michael Baker and Associates.

2. Devotion

Director Murphy gave the Devotion.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Mallette 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 7.A. – Expenditures (Page 21)

** Add- On Item 9.I. – WJC Plant Fence Repair- Request for Payment Authorization. (Pages 131-144)

5. Public Recognition

- Jeret Beck – 10 Year Service Award

6. Presentation Agenda

A. Carlos Moulds – City of Gautier – City Manager

- Mr. Moulds introduced himself to the Board and advised that Director Lanham had submitted a letter of resignation from the JCUA Board of Directors. Mr. Moulds and Mayor Vaughn stated they would appoint a new Representative for the City of Gautier to the Board as soon as possible.

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Adopt – January 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes (Pages 4-9) **Exhibit “A”**
- B. Information Only – Cash Position – December 2025 (Page 10) **Exhibit “B”**
- C. Consider – Locating and Positive Response Software Renewal (Page 11-12) **Exhibit “C”**
- D. Consider – Missions Communications Service Package Renewal (Pages 13-14) **Exhibit “D”**

Director Murphy presented this item. Following questions and comments. Director Munro made a motion to approve items 6.A. -6. D. as presented. Director Mallette 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.

8. Discussion Agenda

- A. Expenditures (Pages 15-20) **Exhibit “E”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Mallette 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. Projects

- 1. Consider – SRF WJC Process Improvements – Phase 1 (Pages 21-24) **Exhibit “F”**
 - NSI Design Phase Service Invoice

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Munro made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Mallette 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 Relocation (Pages 25-31) **Exhibit “G”**
 - Twin L Construction Pay Application #2

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Munro made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Mallette 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 – MDOT HWY 90 Water Main Relocation (Pages 32-42) **Exhibit “H”**
 - Kimley Horn Amendment #1

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.

4. Consider – Poticaw Water Extension (Gov. Bucket Fund) (Pages 43-44) **Exhibit “I”**
 - a. Request to Advertise

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Munro 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.

5. Consider – ARPA Misc. Service Bore (Pages 45-60)
 - a. Coast Underground Task Order #3 – Approval to Pay Final Pay Application **Exhibit “J”**

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.

b. Coast Underground Task Order #4 – Approval to Pay Final Pay Application **Exhibit “K”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Munro made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Mallette 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. Coast Underground Task Order #5 – Approval to Pay Final Pay Application **Exhibit “L”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Munro made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Mallette 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. Coast Underground Task Order #6 – Approval to Pay Final Pay Application #1 **Exhibit “M”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Munro 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 – GAU POTW Facility Planning – Phase 2 (Pages 61-68) **Exhibit “N”**

- Garver Professional Services Proposal – Task Order #5

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Munro 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.

7. Information Only - Wholesale Water Connection to Great River Utility Update (Page 69) **Exhibit “O”**

8. Consider – Wholesale Water Connections to Great River (N7th and Palmetto S/D Area) (Pages 70 -71) **Exhibit “P”**
 - Request to Advertise

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Munro made a motion to approve this item as presented. Director Mallette 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.

9. Administrative Items

- A. Consider – Proposed Personnel Manual Policy Addition – PERS Service Credit for Employees Hired On or After March 1, 2026 (Page 72) **Exhibit “Q”**

Ms. Sistrunk 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 Board Members present.

- B. Consider – Proposed Personnel Manual Policy Additon – Holiday Pay during Employee’s Orientation Period (Page 73) **Exhibit “R”**

Ms. Sistrunk 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.

- C. Consider – Reimbursement Request – 103 St. Andrews Drive (Pages 74-77) **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.

- D. Consider – Capital Outlay Purchase Request – Escatawpa POTW Influent Mechanical Bar Screen Replacement (Pages 78-96) **Exhibit “T”**

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.

- E. Consider – Capital Outlay Purchase Request – Gautier POTW Grit Pump(s) Replacement (Pages 97-115) **Exhibit “U”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Munro 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.

- F. Information Only – Commercial Connection Mandate Listing Update (Pages 116-119) **Exhibit “V”**

- G. Information Only – Retail Grant Install Update (Pages 120-128) **Exhibit “W”**

- H. Information Only – Gant Status Update (Page 129) **Exhibit “X”**

- I. Consider – WJC Plant Fence Repair – Request for Payment Authorization (Pages 130-144) **Exhibit “Y”**

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.

10. Board Attorney Items

Counsel updated the Board on Attorney Matters.

- A. Consider – Motion for JCUA to formally oppose the proposed annexation of the Oil Refinery by the City of Pascagoula (Page 145) **Exhibit “Z”**

Director Mallette made the motion, stating JCUA currently holds the sewer and water Service rights and infrastructure responsibilities within the area proposed for annexation and the Authority is opposed to any action that would result in the transfer, acquisition or assumption of those rights by the City of Pascagoula. 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.

11. Director Items

N/A

11. Executive Session, If Needed

N/A

12. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Elly made a motion to adjourn. Director Elly made a motion to adjourn. Director Munro seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES as approval of these Minutes on this 9th day of February, 2026.



RICKEY MURPHY, PRESIDENT



ANDREW J. ELLY,
SECRETARY/TREASURER