



**Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2020**

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Pearl River County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on September 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Pearl River County Utility Authority at 612 Neal Road in Picayune, Mississippi. In attendance were:

BOARD:

Tabatha Butler, President	absent for meeting start
Quinn Houchin, Treasurer	present
Ernie Lovell, Director	present
Bill Burns, Director	present
Billy Spiers, Director	present
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones, Director	present by phone
Marcia Johnson, Vice President	present by phone

OTHER:

Cliff Diamond, Executive Director
Heather Smith, Board Attorney
Randy Burge, Field Operations Manager
Jonathan Hickman, Dungan Engineering
Michael Willam, WRJW
Teamberya Simmons, Citizen
Mr. Brown, Citizen

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Pearl River County Utility Authority, Executive Director Cliff Diamond called the meeting to order. The following proceedings were had and done:

Approval of Consent Agenda Items (August Minutes, August Financials, Docket & Off-Docket Items, Emergency Work Orders, and Manager Reports): Motion to approve by Billy Spiers seconded by Bill Burns. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	absent
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	aye

The motion passed 7-0. (Exhibits A, B, C, D)

Public Comments: None

Tabatha Butler joined the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Engineer's Comments: Jonathan Hickman of Dungan Engineering presented updates on the Tin Hill Repairs and the Highway 11 Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects.
No action taken.

Directors comments: Cliff Diamond reviewed highlights of the monthly management reports.
No action taken.

Approve City of Picayune Invoice #008 for Highway 11 Phase 1 Widening and Utility Relocation Project (41% MDOT Reimbursement) Motion to approve by Marcia Johnson, seconded by Bill Burns. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	aye

The motion passed 7 - 0. (Exhibit E)

Approve Payment of Invoice #59017642133 for \$1,137.35 to MS Power for Airport Road Lagoon Power Pole Repairs. Motion to approve by Billy Spiers, seconded by Ernie Lovell. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	aye

The motion passed 7 - 0. (Exhibit F)

Approve Resolution 20200917A Authorizing Executive Director to Waive Late Fees and Cutoffs for Special Situations for Customers with Balances > \$100.00 Motion to approve by Marcia Johnson, seconded by Bill Burns. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	aye

The motion passed 7 - 0. (Exhibit G)

Approve Utility Payment Plan Agreement Form. Motion to approve by Bill Burns, seconded by Marcia Johnson. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	aye

The motion passed 7 - 0. (Exhibit H)

Approve FY 2021 Budget. Motion to approve by Bill Burns, seconded by Billy Spiers. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	nay

The motion passed 6 - 1 (Exhibit I)

Consider Claim from Teamberya Simmons, 1910 East Canal Street, Picayune MS for Damages Related to a Sewer Backup in December 2014.

Motion to deny claim by Marcia Johnson. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

Motion by Bill Burns to jointly reimburse the property owner (Mr. Brown) and tenant (Teamberya Simmons), 1910 East Canal Street, Picayune for flooring damages related to a sewer backup at 50% of actual repair bill receipts, up to a maximum payout of \$665.00, subject to a 2-party joint check payment, and conditional upon signed releases by the landlord and tenant. Motion seconded by Ernie Lovell. A roll call resulted in the following vote:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	nay
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	nay

The motion passed 5 - 2 (Exhibit J)

Approve Sewer Adjustment Credit for Tamika Jones, 806 Herrin Drive, Picayune for \$168.00 due to pool fill up and leak. Motion to approve by Marcia Johnson and seconded by Ernie Lovell. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	aye

The motion passed 7 - 0. (Exhibit K)

Approve Travel Training Request for Melvin Henry to attend MDEQ Math Class September 30, 2020 in Hattiesburg, MS. Motion to approve by Billy Spiers, seconded by Ernie Lovell. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	aye

The motion passed 7 - 0. (Exhibit L)

Approve Travel Training Request for Detrich Spikes to attend Wastewater II Short Course October 26-30, 2020 in Biloxi, MS. Motion to approve by Billy Spiers, seconded by Bill Burns. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	aye

The motion passed 7 - 0. (Exhibit M)

Approve Travel Training Request for Clifton Hodges to attend MDEQ Math Class September 29, 2020 in Hattiesburg, MS Motion to approve by Ernie Lovell, seconded by Bill Burns. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	aye

The motion passed 7 - 0. (Exhibit N)

Approve Travel Training Request for Clifton Hodges to attend Annual South MS Short Course October 27-28, 2020 in Biloxi, MS Motion to approve by Ernie Lovell, seconded by Bill Burns. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	aye

The motion passed 7 - 0. (Exhibit O)

Motion by Bill Burns to Extend Current Slate of Officers for FY2020 with Tabatha Butler-President, Marcia Johnson-Vice President, and Quinn Houchin-Treasurer. Motion seconded by Ernie Lovell. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	aye

The motion passed 7 - 0.

Board Member Comments:

Director Bill Burns, reflecting on his first year of board service, indicated his sincere appreciation for the other board members and mentioned what a positive experience it has been for him to serve.

Director Billy Spiers requested that Cliff Diamond review the cleanout and sewer lateral repairs at Sonic Drive-In/Kangaroo in Poplarville to confirm it was a private property issue.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Billy Spiers, seconded by Tabatha Butler. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler	voted	aye
Quinn Houchin	voted	aye
Ernie Lovell	voted	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones	voted	aye
Billy Spiers	voted	aye
William "Bill" Burns	voted	aye
Marcia Johnson	voted	aye

The motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at 612 Neal Road in Picayune, MS.



Tabatha Butler
Board President



Attest: