



**Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2022**

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Pearl River County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on November 17, 2022 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	present
Marcia Johnson, Vice President	absent
Quinn Houchin, Treasurer	present
Ernie Lovell, Director	present
Bill Burns, Director	present
Billy Spiers, Director	present by phone
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones, Director	present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cliff Diamond, Executive Director
Heather Smith, Board Attorney
Devin Hedgepeth, Dungan Engineering

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:

- October 20, 2022 Board Minutes
- October 2022 Financial Reports (Exhibit A)
- Docket & Off-Docket Items (Exhibit B)
- Monthly Operating Reports (Exhibit C)
- Approve United Healthcare Group Employee Health Insurance Renewal Option MS_2023 PKGA/MS23A for CY2023 (Exhibit D)
- Approve Friday, November 25th and Friday, December 23rd as Paid Holidays per Governor Tate Reeves' Proclamation Dated October 10, 2022 (Exhibit E)

Motion to approve by Bill Burns, seconded by Chuck Jones. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler, President	aye
Marcia Johnson, Vice President	absent
Quinn Houchin, Treasurer	aye
Ernie Lovell, Director	aye
Bill Burns, Director	aye
Billy Spiers, Director	aye

Charles "Chuck" E. Jones, Director aye

The motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments: None

Engineer's Comments: Devin Hedgepeth presented updates on Highway 11 Phase 2 Sewer Utility Relocation Project and Wildwood Lagoon Levee Repairs Project.

No action was taken.

Approve Pay Request #4 for \$151,705.00 to Wilco Construction, Inc. for the 921 Goodyear Administration Building Project. Motion to approve by Billy Spiers, seconded by Ernie Lovell. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler, President	aye
Marcia Johnson, Vice President	absent
Quinn Houchin, Treasurer	aye
Ernie Lovell, Director	aye
Bill Burns, Director	aye
Billy Spiers, Director	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones, Director	aye

The motion passed 6-0. (Exhibit F)

Approve MP Design Group Invoice #14308 for \$27,200.00 for Design & Construction Phase Services for the 921 Goodyear Boulevard Customer Service & Administration Building Motion to approve by Ernie Lovell, seconded by Quinn Houchin. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler, President	aye
Marcia Johnson, Vice President	absent
Quinn Houchin, Treasurer	aye
Ernie Lovell, Director	aye
Bill Burns, Director	aye
Billy Spiers, Director	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones, Director	aye

The motion passed 6-0. (Exhibit G)

Director's Comments:

- MDEQ's objection to Ridgecrest Sewer Extension Plans related to pending MCWI grant application. MDEQ's objection is that grinder systems won't be installed and maintained by the Authority. Engineer's have suggested that a formal policy regarding the required grinder pump systems tied to Authority force mains could remedy MDEQ's objection, so Diamond will pursue this option.

- Conversion to stainless steel suction lines at pump stations as old PVC, steel and ductile iron lines fail. Tabatha Butler suggested we investigate cathodic protection if we see signs of corrosion due to galvanic corrosion at the connection point of dissimilar metals.

No action taken

Authorize the Executive Director and Board Attorney to Settle a Property Tax Deed Issue at North Hill Phase 5 Utility Lot A With Darron Stewart at a Cost not to Exceed \$2,000. Motion by Ernie Lovell, seconded by Bill Burns. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler, President	aye
Marcia Johnson, Vice President	absent
Quinn Houchin, Treasurer	aye
Ernie Lovell, Director	aye
Bill Burns, Director	aye
Billy Spiers, Director	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones, Director	aye

The motion passed 6-0. (Exhibit H)

Approve North Hill Phase 5 to Big Sky Drip Field Sewer Force Main Relocation Across a Portion of County Parcel Number 51,930.00 (Chris & Millie Allison) in a New Dedicated Perpetual Sewer Utility Easement. Motion by Ernie Lovell, seconded by Bill Burns. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler, President	aye
Marcia Johnson, Vice President	absent
Quinn Houchin, Treasurer	aye
Ernie Lovell, Director	aye
Bill Burns, Director	aye
Billy Spiers, Director	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones, Director	aye

The motion passed 6-0. (Exhibit I)

Approve Revised Pricing Schedule for the Good Neighbor Agreement with Nicholson Water & Sewer Association Motion by Billy Spiers, seconded by Bill Burns. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler, President	aye
Marcia Johnson, Vice President	absent
Quinn Houchin, Treasurer	aye
Ernie Lovell, Director	aye
Bill Burns, Director	aye
Billy Spiers, Director	aye

Charles "Chuck" E. Jones, Director aye

The motion passed 6-0. (Exhibit J)

Discussion of a Request from Pearl River Valley Opportunity (PRVO) to Acquire the Poplarville Estates Sewer Utility System. Diamond, Spiers, and Jones will try to meet with Poplarville Mayor Louise Smith to discuss the City's position and obtain additional historical information on this matter.

No action taken.

Board Member Comments: None

Closed Session. Motion by Enter Closed Session by Ernie Lovell, Seconded by Chuck Jones. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler, President	aye
Marcia Johnson, Vice President	absent
Quinn Houchin, Treasurer	aye
Ernie Lovell, Director	aye
Bill Burns, Director	aye
Billy Spiers, Director	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones, Director	aye

The motion passed 6-0.

It was determined there was a need to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter (Executive Director, Cliff Diamond)

Executive Session. Motion by Enter Executive Session by Ernie Lovell, Seconded by Chuck Jones. A roll call resulted in the following votes:

Tabatha Butler, President	aye
Marcia Johnson, Vice President	absent
Quinn Houchin, Treasurer	aye
Ernie Lovell, Director	aye
Bill Burns, Director	aye
Billy Spiers, Director	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones, Director	aye

The motion passed 6-0.

Exit Executive Session

No Action Taken

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

Tabatha Butler, President	aye
Marcia Johnson, Vice President	absent
Quinn Houchin, Treasurer	aye
Ernie Lovell, Director	aye
Bill Burns, Director	aye
Billy Spiers, Director	aye
Charles "Chuck" E. Jones, Director	aye

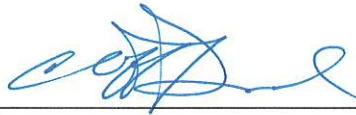
The motion passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at 612 Neal Road in Picayune, MS.



Tabatha Butler
Board President



Attest: