



**Board Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2023**

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Pearl River County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on December 21, 2023 at 4:57 p.m. in the BoardRoom of the Pearl River County Utility Authority at 921 Goodyear Blvd. in Picayune, Mississippi. In attendance were:

BOARD:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Robert Belknap, 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 Robert Belknap called the meeting to order. The following proceedings were had and done:

Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

- November 16, 2023 Board Minutes
- November 30, 2023 Board Minutes
- November 2023 Financial Reports (Exhibit A)
- Docket & Off-Docket Items (Exhibit B)
- Monthly Operating Reports (Exhibit C)
- Approve Sewer Adjustments (Exhibit D):
 - a. Gary R. Watts, 725 Mitchell St., Picayune, MS, for \$226.30 due to broken pipes discovered along the driveway between the meter and the home and have been repaired.
 - b. Linda Estopinall, 103 Hillman Rd., Poplarville, MS, for \$390.91 due to broken pipes discovered under the home and have been repaired.
- Approve Travel & Training Requests: None

Motion to approve by Bill Burns, 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.

Public Comments: None

Engineer's Comments: Devin Hedgepeth stated they are moving forward on design and cost estimates for the three MCWI grant projects listed below:

- a. I-59 Sewer Expansion (Exit 6 to Exit 10)
- b. Ridgecrest Subdivision Sewer Expansion
- c. Millard Jail Sewer Improvements

No action was taken.

Approve Butler Snow Engagement Letter For Pearl River County Utility Authority I-59 Sewer Expansion Project. 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 D)

Approve Butler Snow Engagement Letter For Pearl River County Utility Authority Ridgecrest Subdivision Sewer Project. Motion 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 D)

Tabatha Butler arrived at 5:17 p.m.

Director's Comments:

- Poplarville Meter Reading Agreement Update
- Update on Neal Rd. Fire Claim
- Background information on sewer adjustment request for Bonnie Miller at 183 Tennyson Cove, Picayune, MS
- MS State Health Department Has Conducted Their Yearly Water Inspections (Results came back 5/5 Picayune, 5/5 Hillsdale, 4.7/5 Poplarville)
- 818 Doby St. appraisal received and will make an offer to owner to purchase property based on appraisal value
- Background information on 6044 Woods Rd claim for reimbursement of sewer back up damage
- Scrap metal clean up at Neal Rd. and Airport Rd.
- Employee Health Insurance Policy up for renewal and have quotes for UHC renewal and Blue Cross Blue Shield

No action taken

Approve The Removal Of Failed, Discarded, And Unserviceable Metal Equipment To be Turned In To Scrap Yard And Proceeds To Be Deposited Into The Operating Account. 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 D)

Approve Sewer Adjustment For Bonnie Miller At 183 Tennyson Cove, Picayune, MS, In The Amount Of \$48.30 And For PRCUA To Continuously Monitor Water Usage. 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 D)

Approve 6044 Woods Rd. Picayune, MS, Claim Reimbursement To Richard C. & Lee R. Cosgrove In The Amount Of \$6,993.00 Due To Damage Resulting From A Significant Sewer Backup In Which PRCUA Sewer Lines Were Blocked. Motion by Ernie Lovell, seconded by Tabatha Butler. 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 D)

Approve To Drop UnitedHealthCare And Change To Blue Cross Blue Shield For Employee Health Insurance Coverage For 2024. Motion by Tabatha Butler, 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 D)

Board Member Comments: None

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn 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.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:14 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at 921 Goodyear Blvd. in Picayune, MS.



Tabatha Butler
Board President



Attest: