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Jackson County Utility Authority

Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
September 25, 2023

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors convened at 4:00 P.M., September 25, 2023, at 1225 Jackson Avenue, Pascagoula, MS. Board members present were: Director Eldridge, President; Director Elly, Secretary / Treasurer; and Directors Lanham, Mallette and Munro. Directors Moore and Murphy were unable to attend. It was determined there was a quorum.

Also present were: Eric Page, Executive Director; Linda V. Gasaway, Executive Assistant; Chase Glisson, Deputy Director; Lynette Hardin, Accounting Manager; Christian Nevarez, Lab Manager; James Heidelberg and Myra Cunningham, Legal Counsel; Pete McMaster, Arcadis; Doug Wimberly, Neel-Schaffer; Greg Brown, Pickering and Dennis Reeves, Overstreet and Andy McDermott, JC Resident.

2. Devotion

Mr. Page presented the Devotion.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Changes to Agenda, If Any

Director Eldridge asked if there any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Page requested the following item be added: Add-On for Item 7.A. – Expenditures.

5. Public Recognition

Mr. Andy McDermott, JC Resident, addressed the Board regarding PS odor issues near his home.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Adopt – September 11, 2023 Minutes ([Pages 3 – 6](#)), **Exhibit “A”**

B. Consider – Sparklight Internet – Renewal – Three (3) Year Term ([Pages 7 – 13](#)), **Exhibit “B”**

Director Eldridge presented this item. Director Mallette made a motion to Approve Items 6.A. and 6.B. as presented. Director Lanham seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

7. Discussion Agenda

A. Expenditures

1. Consider – FY 2023 Expenditures (Pages 14 – 19), **Exhibit “C”**

2. Consider – FY 2024 Expenditures (Pages 20 – 21), **Exhibit “D”**

Director Eldridge presented this item. Following questions and discussion, Director Elly 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. Information Only - City of Moss Point Excessive Wastewater Demand – August (Page 22), **Exhibit “E”**

Mr. Page presented this item. This was for information only, no action required.

C. Projects

1. Consider – West Regional Water System Improvements – Phase 2 – T. L. Wallace Construction Pay Application No. 12 (Pages 23 – 37), **Exhibit “F”**

Mr. Page presented this item, stated this should be the final pay application for this project and deferred to Mr. Greg Brown, Pickering, for final project update and questions. Following questions and comments, Director Munro made a motion to Approve this item as presented. Director Mallette 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 – West Regional Water System Improvements – Phase 2 – T. L. Wallace Construction Summary Change Order No. 4 (Pages 38 – 41), **Exhibit “G”**

Mr. Page presented this item and stated this change order reflects a decrease of \$163,685.40 to the contract. Following questions and comments, Director Munro made a motion to Approve this item as presented. Director Mallette 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 – West Regional Water System Improvements – Phase 2 – Pickering Construction Phase Services Invoice No. 0093624 & 0094031 (Pages 42 – 53), **Exhibit “H”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Director Elly asked if this will be the final Engineering Invoice for this project, Mr. Brown stated that this will be the final invoice. Following questions and comments, Director Mallette 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.

8. Administrative Items

A. Consider – POTW-7C (PMP) – Belt Filter Press Lease/Purchase Request ([Pages 54 - 72](#)), **Exhibit “I”**

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 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. Consider – JCUA PS 9 – Incident Report and Repair Request ([Pages 73 - 76](#)), **Exhibit “J”**

Mr. Page presented this item and deferred to Mr. Glisson for additional information. Mr. Glisson stated that he need to provide an additional report at a subsequent Board Meeting following testing of the equipment to determine the cause of the damage. Mr. Glisson updated the Board regarding the damage to the VFD and the measures taken by the Staff to get the system back in temporary working condition until the equipment has been repaired and/or replaced. Following questions, comments and discussion, Director Munro made a motion to Approve this item as presented. Director Mallette 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 – JCUA Disposal Request ([Pages 77 – 78](#)), **Exhibit “K”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Director Elly made a motion to Approve this item as presented. Director Lanham 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.

D. Information Only – JCUA Laboratory – QA/QC Study 43 Approved ([Pages 79 - 94](#)), **Exhibit “L”**

Mr. Page presented this item and introduced Mr. Christian Nevarez, Lab Manager to the Board. This was for information only, no action required.

E. Information Only – RESTORE JCUA South Central Septic Abatement Project – Phase 1 – Approved to Begin Procurement and Construction Efforts ([Page 95](#)), **Exhibit “M”**

Mr. Page presented this item and stated that JCUA received approval from the RESTORE Council to move forward with the South Central Septic to Sewer Conversion Project; which will be in the Fontainebleau Community (Mary Mahoney Drive and Fontainebleau Road). There were various questions and comments. This was for information only, no action required.

9. Board Attorney Items

A. Consider – OS Annexation – Order of Dismissal ([Pages 96 – 98](#)), **Exhibit “N”**

Mr. Heidelberg presented this stating that he needed Board Action on this item and requested the Board Approval for Legal Counsel to submit this Agreement Order of Dismissal on behalf of the JCUA. Director Elly made a motion to Approve this item as presented. Director Munro 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.

B. Attorney Items

Counsel updated the Board on Attorney matters. No Board action was taken.

10. Director Items

Various items were discussed

11. Executive Session (If Needed)

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 Elly made Motion to adjourn. Director Munro seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present. The meeting adjourned at 4:56 P.M.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES as approval of these Minutes on this 25th day of September, 2023.



TOMMY ELDRIDGE, PRESIDENT



ANDREW J. ELLY, SECRETARY/TREASURER