



# JACKSON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY

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Frank Mallette ▪ Jackson County  
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Rickey Murphy ▪ Jackson County  
▪ Pascagoula

## Jackson County Utility Authority

Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
October 9, 2023

## MINUTES

### A. Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors convened at 4:00 P.M., October 9, 2023, at 1225 Jackson Avenue, Pascagoula, MS. Board members present were: Director Eldridge, President; Director Elly, Secretary / Treasurer; and Directors Lanham, Munro and Murphy. Director Mallette was unable to attend. It was determined there was a quorum.

Also present were: Eric Page, Executive Director; Linda V. Gasaway, Executive Assistant; Linda Green, Director of Finance; James Heidelberg and Myra Cunningham, Legal Counsel; Pete McMaster, Arcadis; Doug Wimberly, Neel-Schaffer and Lindsey Tucker, Garver.

### B. Devotion

Mr. Page presented the Devotion.

### C. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### D. Changes to Agenda, If Any

Director Eldridge asked if there any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Page requested the following items be added: Add-Ons for items: Item 7.A.1. and 7.A.2. – Expenditures and Item 8.E. – Grant Funded Installation Status – Updated Copy – Replaces the Copy included in the Board Package.

### E. Public Recognition

Director Eldridge asked if there were any Public to be recognized. Board recognized Ms. Renate Woodward re: Item 8.C. - Sugar Ridge Road – Waiver Request.

### F. Consent Agenda

A. Adopt – September 25, 2023 Minutes (Pages 3 – 6), Exhibit “A”

B. Consider – Sparklight Service Agreement – Request to Add Hwy 63 Facility (Pages 7 – 9) , Exhibit “B”

C. Consider – Rockwell Automation – Annual Renewal (Price is Lower Due to Prorating Prior Year) (Pages 10 – 12) , Exhibit “C”

Director Eldridge presented this item. Director Munro made a motion to Approve Items 6.A. – 6.C. as presented. Director Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

**G. Discussion Agenda**

**A. Expenditures**

**1. FY-2023 Expenditures (Pages 13 – 15) , Exhibit “D”**

**2. FY-2024 Expenditures (Pages 16 – 17) , Exhibit “E”**

Director Eldridge presented this item. Following questions and discussion, Director Murphy made a motion to Approve Items 7.A.1. and 7.A.2. as presented. Director Elly 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 – Water Quality Samples June 2023 – September 2023 (Pages 18 – 20) , Exhibit “F”**

Mr. Page presented this item. This was for information only, no action required. Legal / Board requested information be shared with the Cities and County Administrations.

**C. Projects**

**1. Consider – JCUA POTW-2C (GTP) Clarifier No. 2 Rehab – Request to Award JCUA POTW-2C (GTP) Clarifier No. 2 Rehab (Page 21) , Exhibit “G”**

Mr. Page presented this item and deferred to Lindsay Tucker, Garver, for questions. Following questions and comments, Director Murphy made a motion to Approve this item as presented. Director Munro seconded the motion.

**2. Consider – JCUA POTW-2C (GTP) Clarifier No. 2 Rehab – Garver Design Phase Services Invoice No. 22W10250-9 (Pages 22 – 23) , Exhibit “H”**

Mr. Page presented this item and stated that staff has reviewed and recommends approval for payment.

**3. Consider – South Central Flow Routing to POTW-2C (GTP) – Kimley Horn Professional Services Invoice No. 26000793 (Pages 24 – 27) , Exhibit “I”**

Mr. Page presented this item and project update. Following questions and comments, Director Lanham 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.

**4. Consider – JCUA POTW-2C (GTP) Process Improvements – Request to approve Garver Task Order No. 4 (Pages 28 – 36) , Exhibit “J”**

Mr. Page presented this item and Ms. Lindsay Tucker, Garver, presented additional information regarding the need/necessity for the improvements. Following questions, comments and discussion, Director Munro made a motion to Approve this item as presented. Director Murphy 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.

**5. Consider – JCUA FY 2023 Odor Study – Kimley Horn Professional Service Invoice No. 142782004-0823 (Pages 37 – 39) , Exhibit “K”**

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 Eldridge asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

H. Administrative Items

- A. Consider – FY24 Capital Outlay – Request to Purchase 109 HP 4WD Backhoe (MS State Purchase Contract) (Pages 40 – 63) , **Exhibit “L”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions, comments and discussion, Director Murphy made a motion to Approve this item as presented. Director Elly 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 – Disposal Request (Pages 64 – 65) , **Exhibit “M”**

Mr. Page presented this item. 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.

- C. Consider – Sugar Ridge Road – Waiver Request (Pages 66 - 70) , **Exhibit “N”**

Mr. Page presented this item and recognized Ms. Renate Woodward. Ms. Woodward addressed the Board regarding her request to Waive water and sewer connection. Following questions and comments, the Board stated that they would discuss Ms. Woodward’s request and that Staff would contact her with their decision.

Following Board’s discussion of this item, Director Lanham made a motion to Deny the Waiver Request 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.

- D. Information Only – Non-Grant Funded Connections Status Update (Page 71) , **Exhibit “O”**

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

- E. Information Only – Grant Funded Connections Status Update (Pages 72 – 74) , **Exhibit “P”**

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

- F. Consider – Sale of Miscellaneous Farm Equipment – Award to High Bidders (Page 75) , **Exhibit “Q”**

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 Eldridge asked if there were any other questions or comments, there were none. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

I. Board Attorney Items

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

- B. Cyber Insurance – Request for Authorization to Add

Mr. Heidelberg presented this item and requested Authorization to Add Cyber Insurance to JCUA’s existing policy. Following questions and comments, Director Munro made a motion to Approve Authorization for Legal Counsel to Add Cyber Insurance to JCUA’s existing policy as presented. Director Elly 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. Director Items

Director Eldridge acknowledged the Board’s loss in the passing of Director Guy Moore and expressed the Board’s appreciation for the time that he served on the JCUA Board as Director for the City of Pascagoula.

Director Eldridge updated the Committee Assignments for FY-2024, Effective 10/09/2023, as follows:

- Budget - Mallette, Munro and Board President
- Compensation - Elly, Murphy and Board President
- Rates & Billing - Munro, Murphy and Board President
- Audit - Lanham, Elly and Board President
- Expansion - Elly, [Open \(Pascagoula Director\)](#) and Board President

Director Eldridge requested an update at next board meeting, 10/23/23, regarding Mr. Andy McDermott, JC Resident complaint regarding PS odor issues near his home.

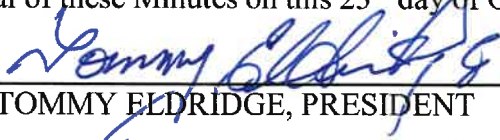
**D. Executive Session ([If Needed](#))**

Director Eldridge asked if there was a need for Executive Session. There was not.

**E. 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 5:24 P.M.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES as approval of these Minutes on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2023.

  
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TOMMY ELDRIDGE, PRESIDENT

  
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ANDREW J. ELLY, SECRETARY/TREASURER