



**JACKSON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY**  
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**Directors**

Thomas Eldridge ▪ Jackson County  
Andrew J. Elly ▪ Moss Point  
William Lanham ▪ Gautier  
Frank Mallette ▪ Jackson County  
Guy Moore ▪ Pascagoula  
Jerry Munro ▪ Ocean Springs  
Rickey Murphy ▪ Jackson County

**Jackson County Utility Authority**

Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
October 3, 2022

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the Board of Directors convened at 4:00 P.M., October 3, 2022, at 1225 Jackson Avenue, Pascagoula, MS. Board members present were: Director Eldridge, President; Director Murphy, Vice President; Director Elly, Secretary / Treasurer; Director Moore, Vice Secretary / Treasurer; Directors Lanham, and Munro. 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; Chase Glisson, Director of Engineering; Linda Green, Director of Finance; Johnny Groue, Director of Operations; James Heidelberg and Myra Cunningham, Authority Counsel; Robert Teem, Arcadis; Lindsey Tucker, Garver; Doug Wimberly, Neel-Schaffer; and Wyatt Watkins, Michael Baker.

2. Devotion

Mr. Page presented the Devotion.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Lanham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Changes to Agenda, If Any

Director Eldridge asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Page requested the following items be added: Add-On for Item 7.A.1. and 7.A.2. Expenditures, Item 8.F – Hwy. 614 Water Well – Emergency Repair, and Item 8.G – Organizational Chart Revision

5. Public Recognition

Director Eldridge asked if there were any Public to be recognized. There were none.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Adopt – September 12, 2022 Minutes, **Exhibit “A”**

B. Adopt – September 26, 2022 Minutes, **Exhibit “B”**

Director Moore requested the motion regarding the Board Officer Election be noted and clarification that HUD is Helena Utility District on the September 26, 2022 Minutes.

Director Moore made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda with the noted corrections.

Director Elly seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

7. Discussion Agenda

A. Expenditures

1. FY 2022 Expenditures, **Exhibit “C”**

2. FY 2023 Expenditures, **Exhibit “D”**

Following questions and comments, Director Munro made a motion to Approve Items 7.A.1. and 7.A.2. as presented. Director Lanham 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. Projects

1. Consider – PMP Building Demolition – Talley Construction Pay Application No. 1, **Exhibit “E”**  
Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions, comments and discussion 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.

2. Consider – Gautier Clarifier #2 Rehab – Garver Task Order Design Proposal

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and discussion Director Munro made a motion to Approve this item as presented. Director Moore 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. Information Only – Ridglea Heights Baptist Church Fire Water Supply Connection Request, **Exhibit “F”**

Mr. Page presented this item. This was for Information Only, no action required.

Director Murphy entered the meeting at 4:29 P.M.

B. Information Only – Retail Connections Status Update, **Exhibit “G”**

Mr. Page presented this item. This was for Information Only, no action required.

C. Consider – POTW – IC (WJCTF) – Flowmeter Replacement, **Exhibit “H”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Murphy 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.

D. Consider – Gulf Breeze Landscaping - Lawn Service Maintenance Addendum – Extending Service for One (1) Year, **Exhibit “I”**

Mr. Page presented this item. Director Lanham 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.

- E. Consider – Partnership with MS-Ala Sea Grant PFAS Research Program, **Exhibit “J”**  
Mr. Page presented this item. 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.
- F. Consider – Hwy. 614 Water Well – Emergency Repair (**Add-On**), **Exhibit “K”**  
Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, Director Moore 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.
- G. Consider – Organizational Chart Revisions (**Add-On**), **Exhibit “L”**  
Mr. Page presented this item. Following questions and comments, 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.

9. Board Attorney Items

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

10. Director Items

- Various Items were discussed.
- Director Moore requested Executive Session

11. Executive Session (Requested)

At 5:07 P.M., Director Elly made a motion to go into Closed Session regarding Personnel and Legal matters for possible Executive Session. Director Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

The meeting closed to determine reasons for need of Executive Session. In Closed Session it was determined there was a need to go in to Executive Session.

At 5:09 P.M., Director Elly made the motion to come out of Closed Session. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

At 5:10 P.M., Director Elly made a motion to go into Executive Session. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

In attendance were: Directors Eldridge, Elly, Lanham, Moore, Munro and Murphy; Mr. Page, Mr. Heidelberg and Ms. Cunningham.

At 6:20 P.M., Director Lanham made a motion that the Board come out of Executive Session and resume Regular Session. Director Munro seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present.

No business was undertaken in Executive Session.

At 6:20 P.M., the meeting was re-opened to the public and regular session resumed.

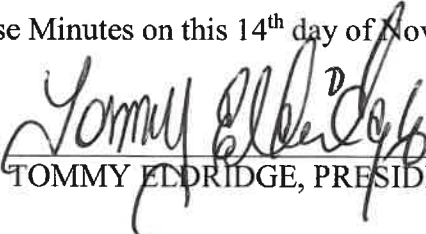
12. Consider – Legal Counsel Secure Third Party to Investigate Employment Claims

Following Executive Session Director Eldridge abdicated the Chair to Director Murphy, Vice President and then made a motion to direct Legal Counsel to secure a third (3rd) party versed in employment claims to investigate a former employee's complaint made in an exit interview and report their findings along with any recommendations to the Board through legal counsel. Director Moore seconded the motion. Director Murphy asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none. The motion carried with five (5) Yea votes and one (1) Nay vote. Director Lanham voted Nay.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Moore made the motion to adjourn. Director Munro seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote by the Board Members present. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 .P.M.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES as approval of these Minutes on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

  
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TOMMY ELDRIDGE, PRESIDENT

  
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ANDREW J. ELLY, SECRETARY/TREASURER