

# **MINUTES**

August 6, 2025  
Bay Springs, MS

Present were Doug Rogers, Randy Corley, Eddie Helms, Jon R. Jones, William R. Ruffin, Sharon King, and Jessica Lamar  
Sandy Stephens present by telephone

## **2:00 – Special Meeting concerning Lake Eddins Debris Clean-up**

1. Motion made by Sandy Stephens, seconded by Doug Rogers, the board voted unanimously to approve amendment to previous order dated July 7, 2025 approving the clean-up of storm debris in Lake Eddins, a gated community, to include an additional section of the Mississippi Annotated Code. The Lake Eddins community in Jasper County, Mississippi was found to be in a state of debris and uncleanness and has been declared to be a public health menace that affects the safety and welfare of the community due to a recent tornado destroying the trees and damaging buildings within the Lake Eddins property bounding pursuant to section 19-5-105 MCA 1972 as amended. The board finds that a request was made to FEMA to assist in clean-up and was denied as of July 1, 2025, and that debris has remained piled on private property and adjacent roadways that has created unsafe conditions and has been a gathering place for rodents and other menaces to the public. The board has determined that upon investigation, that much of the debris is piled on water and sewer easements and that the owner's association cannot access those utilities and that the same may cause health problems in the event that they have leaks or blowouts and will be a menace to the safety and welfare of the community as provided for in aforesaid statute. The board determines that it should remove the debris and clean the same within the designated area where the tornado, dated March 15, 2025, occurred. Notice was provided to the Lake Eddins property owner's association for them to notify the owners of the properties that are in need of

cleaning, and the board conducted a public hearing on July 21, 2025, held in Paulding, MS at 9:00 am and recessed to Bay Springs, MS at 11:00 am. The board further finds that, as recommended by the Department of Audit, to include in this order to clean-up and remove debris from aforesaid storm, the authorization as provided by section 33-15-49 MCA 1972 as amended, which authorizes the use of local personnel and equipment to clean-up personal property damaged by natural disasters within the county. A proclamation of disaster was entered by the county on March 17, 2025 and extended on April 14, 2025.

2. Motion made by Doug Rogers, seconded by Eddie Helms, the board voted unanimously to recess to the next called meeting to be held on August 18, 2025 in Paulding, MS at 9:00 am to continue the business of the regular August term.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- **Lake Eddins Debris Clean-Up**