



**August 21, 2023  
Regular Board Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of Madison Utilities convened at the Madison Utilities' Office located at 101 Ray Sanderson Drive with Chairman Terris Tatum presiding. Vice Chairman Kerry Straub, Director Connie Spears, Director Al Sullivan, and Director Larry Miles were in attendance. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager Emory DeBord and Recording Clerk Jodie Parker.

Others present were Wastewater Manager Mark Bland, Water Manager Jason Leggett, Finance Manager Gary Sparks, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich, New Development Coordinator Reece Lee, and Attorney Woody Sanderson.

Chairman Terris Tatum called the Regular Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Registered public in attendance: None

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

a. August 21, 2023 Current Agenda

The agenda for the August 21, 2023, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the August 21, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the August 7, 2023, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the August 7, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. PLATS/BONDS**

a. Preliminary Project Approval  
None

b. Dedication and Improvements  
None

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Construction Specifications for Water and Sanitary Sewer 3<sup>rd</sup> Revision

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the Construction Specifications for Water and Sanitary Sewer 3<sup>rd</sup> Revision; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG) Program – First Read

New Development Coordinator Lee explained that MU now has a Post Development Coordinator and that they wanted to make sure that all developers were aware of the rules they need to comply with. He added that this was a First Read and that no Board action would be required at this time.

c. Residential Bonds for CO

Director Spears moved to approve the Residential Bonds for CO; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Annual Contract for the Transportation and Disposal of Wastewater Biosolids Bid Award and Resolution No. WWB-113-2023

Wastewater Manager Bland informed the Board that there was only one bid as expected, but that the cost was notably less than the previous short-term contract with the same company. Vice Chairman Straub asked if MU currently uses this company. Wastewater Manager Bland replied that we do because there aren't any other options for this service in the area.

Director Spears moved to approve the Annual Contract for the Transportation and Disposal of Wastewater Biosolids Bid Award and Resolution No. WWB-113-2023; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

e. Windstone Lift Station Improvements Engineering Memo

Wastewater Manager Bland informed the Board of some improvements that are needed at the Windstone Lift Station including an air conditioning unit to protect the upgraded electrical panel from overheating and a natural gas driven pump. Finance Manager Sparks added that all engineering costs for capital projects will come from future borrowing.

Director Spears moved to approve the Windstone Lift Station Improvements Engineering Memo; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

f. Stillwater Force Main Phase 2 Engineering Memo

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that one section of the Stillwater Force Main has been installed and this will be for the next section which is a continuation of Phase 1 that was just completed.

Director Sullivan moved to approve the Stillwater Force Main Phase 2 Engineering Memo; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

g. Wastewater Treatment Plant 2025 Expansion Engineering Memo

Wastewater Manager Bland reminded the Board of the presentation by Engineers of the South at the previous meeting. He added that the addition of a few items will significantly increase the treatment capacity and that the projected amount will be for the preliminary work through the end of the project.

Director Spears moved to approve the Wastewater Treatment Plant 2025 Expansion Engineering Memo; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

h. Award of Purchase – 2024 Combination Truck and Resolution No. WWB-114-2023

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that this purchase will be in the FY2024 budget. He added that it will be available through the Purchasing Cooperative, so it had already been bid.

Director Miles moved to approve the Award of Purchase – 2024 Combination Truck and Resolution No. WWB-114-2023; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **LEGAL**  
None

7. **WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Leggett informed the Board that he and Chief Water Plant Operator Chris Rose, had recently returned from the AWPCA Conference where Madison Utilities received and accepted an award for Excellence in Distribution Systems. He also stated that he obtained some valuable updates on PFAS requirements and well as new testing requirements for lead and copper. Water Manager Leggett provided an update on the Quarry Water Treatment Plant stating that the clear well had been demolished and once it is filled, the demolition of the high service pump station could begin. He added that once those two projects were completed, the construction on the new filter building can begin.

Chairman Tatum asked Water Manager Leggett to express the Board's appreciation to the plant employees for the hard work that went into receiving that award.

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland informed the Board that a shipment of ERT's is expected this month. He also mentioned that MU has four employees currently attending the CDL training class at Calhoun Community College.

**9. FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Manager Sparks presented a request to the Board to engage Tom Dyer with Dyer & Smith, LLC to conduct annual audit services for FY2023 through Resolution #WWB-115-2023. He added that Mr. Dyer had provided the detailed engagement letter on Saturday.

Director Spears moved to approve Resolution #WWB-115-2023 for the FY2023 audit; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**10. CUSTOMER SERVICE**

None

**11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord briefly discussed a potential land purchase that is being evaluated for a future spoils dumping site. He also mentioned that he had scheduled an upcoming meeting with Johnny Dill, a financial advisor with Frazier Lanier to discuss potential future borrowing options.

**12. VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB**

None

**13. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN**

None

**14. DIRECTOR MILES**

None

**15. DIRECTOR SPEARS**

None

**16. CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

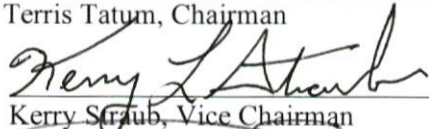
**17. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:15 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman



Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman



Al Sullivan, Director



Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer