



**September 6, 2022
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 Steve Haraway, Director Rob Szmyd, Director Keith Cook, and Director Connie Spears 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 Leggett, Finance Manager Gary Sparks, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich, and New Development Coordinator Reece Lee. Attorney Woody Sanderson was absent.

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. September 6, 2022, Current Agenda

The agenda for the September 6, 2022, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the September 6, 2022, Regular Meeting Agenda as presented; Vice Chairman Haraway seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. August 15, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the August 15, 2022, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the August 15, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Spears 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. FY2023 Operations & Maintenance and Capital Budget – Preliminary

Finance Manager Sparks presented the preliminary FY2023 Operations & Maintenance and Capital Budget to the Board. He recapped the previous year's budget versus estimated actual performance and then the preliminary budget for the coming fiscal year. Finance Manager Sparks explained that a significant amount of revenue was lost in the beginning of the year due to the problems associated with bill print services, impacting termination fees and final notice/late charges. There was also discussion of a COLA and another planned rate study due to the cost of rising inflation. Overall, the FY2023 Preliminary Budget depicted a need for additional sources of funding for capital projects as presented. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that MU staff would revisit the preliminary budget to lessen the additional funding needs, if possible, and bring to the next Board meeting. No Board action was taken.

b. Notification of Will Serve Request – 29348 Hardiman Road – First Reading

New Development Coordinator Lee explained that this Will Serve request is for seventy-three townhomes and it is the first reading to notify the Board of the request. No Board action was taken.

6. **LEGAL**

None

7. **WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Leggett informed the Board that the Water Treatment Plant expansion is progressing with pipe being laid and connections completed. He added that the switch gear that the contractor has been waiting on will hopefully arrive in December. Water Manager Leggett also stated that he has attended some conferences recently and learned about compliance and regulatory changes which will be coming, and he will keep the Board informed.

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland informed the Board that a pallet of Itron radios had been received and that the distributor believes that they should start to receive them more quickly in the coming months.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Manager Sparks informed the Board that the Workers Compensation experience rating increased from .76 to .96 which will impact the premium rates in February of 2023 at renewal. Finance Manager Sparks is awaiting loss runs regarding incidents which may have prompted the increase.

10. **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

None

11. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord will be meeting this week with Harvest-Monrovia and Madison County GMs to review their updated water model.

12. **VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY**

As it was Vice Chairman Haraway's last meeting, he thanked the Board and MU staff for their hard work and commitment to the community for so many years and added that Madison Utilities has come a long way since he began in 2004.

13. **DIRECTOR COOK**

None

14. **DIRECTOR SPEARS**

None

15. **DIRECTOR SZMYD**

None

16. **CHAIRMAN TATUM**

Chairman Tatum offered sincerest gratitude to Vice Chairman Haraway for his time serving on the Board and indicated that he would be missed.

17. ADJOURNMENT

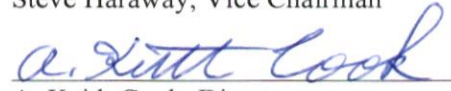
At 7:15 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman

Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



A. Keith Cook, Director

Rob Szmyd, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer