



**October 3, 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. Director Rob Szmyd, Director Connie Spears, Director Kerry Straub, 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 Leggett, Finance Manager Gary Sparks, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich, New Development Coordinator Reece Lee, and Attorney Woody Sanderson.

Chairman Terris Tatum welcomed the two new Board members, Director Kerry Straub and Director Larry Miles, then 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. October 3, 2022, Current Agenda

The agenda for the October 3, 2022, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the October 3, 2022, Regular Meeting Agenda as presented; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. September 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the September 19, 2022, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the September 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Szmyd 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. Rate Resolution No. WWB-117-2022

Finance Manager Sparks stated that the changes to the existing rate resolution are minor. He continued saying that the primary change is to the fee for developers who are using Madison Utilities fire hydrant meters and that the monthly service fee being increased is due largely to the rising cost of meters. Director Straub asked if a police report is filed if someone is caught stealing water. Customer Service Manager Leftwich stated that they are charged a \$500 per incident tampering charge but there have been incidents when a police report has been filed depending on the situation.

Director Spears moved to approve the Rate Resolution No. WWB-117-2022; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Stillwater Lift Station 30% Engineering Memo

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that the Stillwater Lift Station is part of the original master plan presented to the Board. He added that growth has continued and that this is a necessary part of the previously approved force main project.

Director Spears moved to approve the Stillwater Lift Station 30% Engineering; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson briefly reviewed the ongoing legal matters pertaining to the Board and updated the new Board members on the status of each.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Leggett informed the Board that there has been some success with hiring and an increase in applications received which he gave credit to the Board for their part in approving the recent changes to the pay plan. Water Manager Leggett also stated that the lead and copper sampling is complete and in the reporting phase. He added that there has been no lead, and a very nominal amount of copper, which is historically how the results turn out. Water Manager Leggett also informed the Board that the Quarry Water Plant expansion is going well considering the delays on electrical components.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland stated he has the Wastewater Master Plan ready for presentation to the Board and that the water master plan would be ready in November. After a brief discussion it was determined that a work session would be held on November 7th starting at 12:00.

Wastewater Manager Bland added that the wastewater plant expansion was originally expected to be completed by now, but it is not, and a letter has been sent to the contractor about the potential for liquidated damages. Lastly, he informed the Board that the AMR project is going well despite delays in receiving and that currently 2,800 meters have been replaced, which is about 10% of the system.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks stated he plans to engage Raffelis to do a rate study. Director Miles asked how the recent drops in the stock market affect the pension fund. Finance Manager Sparks explained that with the Alabama State Retirement System, the factors for this year have already been set but that it could change next year.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord stated that he attended a PFAS conference in Athens last week.

12. DIRECTOR SZMYD

None

13. DIRECTOR STRAUB

Director Straub nominated Director Szmyd to fill the Vice Chairman seat that was vacated by Vice Chairman Haraway; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

14. DIRECTOR MILES

Director Miles asked for a digital copy of the budget. Finance Manager Sparks replied that he would send that.

15. DIRECTOR SPEARS

None

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

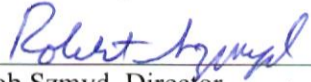
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17. ADJOURNMENT

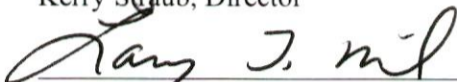
At 6:20 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,


Terris Tatum, Chairman


Rob Szmyd, Director


Kerry Straub, Director


Larry Miles, Director


Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:


Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer