



**October 17, 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 Rob Szmyd, Director Kerry Straub, Director Larry Miles, 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, 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. October 17, 2022, Current Agenda

The agenda for the October 17, 2022, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the October 17, 2022, Regular Meeting Agenda as presented; Vice Chairman Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. October 3, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the October 3, 2022, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Szmyd moved to approve the October 3, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. PLATS/BONDS**

a. Preliminary Project Approval

i. Town Madison Business Park

Director Spears asked how many units were planned. New Development Coordinator Lee replied that no site plans have been submitted that show the expected number of units.

Director Spears moved to approve the preliminary project approval for Town Madison Business Park; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Nature's Trail Phase 3

Vice Chairman Szmyd moved to approve the dedication of improvements for Nature's Trail Phase 3; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Notification of Will Serve – 11685 Burgreen Road

Chairman Tatum noted that the Will Serve request for 11685 Burgreen Road had already been presented to the Board for a first read. Wastewater Manager Bland assured the Board that if any significant changes are made it will be brought back to the Board before continuing.

Director Straub moved to approve the Will Serve Notification for 11685 Burgreen Road; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Notification of Will Serve – 29348 Hardiman Road

Director Spears commented that the planned density would not be approved by the City of Madison even though they are proposed townhomes within the city limits. New Development Coordinator Lee added that the request is for sewer only and that there may be some room for compromise with the developer. Vice Chairman Szmyd asked if there could be the possibility of negative ramifications to the Board to which Attorney Sanderson replied he did not believe that would be a concern. Wastewater Manager Bland stated that MU does have the first right of refusal so if they are refused by MU, they could obtain service from someone else. A brief discussion ensued.

Director Miles moved to table the Will Serve Notification for 29348 Hardiman Road; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. CDG Keene Booster Station Design – Contract Amendment

Water Manager Leggett stated that this amendment has the work which was excluded from the original contract because the full scope of the project was unknown at the start. Attorney Sanderson commented that no additional document would be necessary.

Director Spears moved to approve the CDG Keene Booster Station Design Contract Amendment; Vice Chairman Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **LEGAL**

Attorney Sanderson stated he had no significant updates.

7. **WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Leggett stated that the Quarry Water Treatment Plant expansion is ongoing with nothing new to report. He also stated that the lead and copper testing is complete with no lead detected in the system and very minimal copper.

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion is still behind with a projected completion date of April. He also stated that several employees asked him to express their gratitude to the Board for passing the recent Cost of Living Adjustment.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

None

10. **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

None

11. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord stated that a meeting with Chairman Tatum had been requested by an area developer and that he would be coordinating a time in the upcoming week.

12. **VICE CHAIRMAN SZMYD**

None

13. **DIRECTOR STRAUB**

None

14. **DIRECTOR MILES**

None

15. **DIRECTOR SPEARS**

Director Spears started a discussion about pursuing state legislation regarding the privatization of utilities. A brief discussion ensued, and Director Spears stated she would reach out to the Limestone County

Commission to start a conversation.

16. **CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

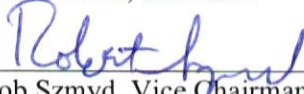
17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:32 p.m. Director Straub moved to adjourn the meeting; Vice Chairman Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, and the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



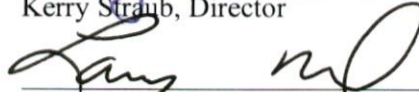
Terris Tatum, Chairman



Rob Szmyd, Vice Chairman



Kerry Straub, Director



Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer