



**October 21, 2024
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, Finance Manager Gary Sparks, 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 21, 2024 Current Agenda

The agenda for the October 21, 2024, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the October 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Agenda; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the October 7, 2024, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the October 7, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

None

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Clift Farm Phase 11 Trunk Line (SE Outfall at CF)

Director Spears moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Clift Farm Phase 11 Trunk Line (SE Outfall at CF); Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Clift Farm Phase 11 Outparcels (Costco at CF)

Director Spears moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Clift Farm Phase 11 Outparcels (Costco at CF); Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Cat 305 Mini Excavator Purchase and Resolution No. WWB-113-2024

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that this mini excavator will replace the current 2017 model used in the wastewater department. Director Spears asked if the old model would be auctioned, and Finance Manager Sparks affirmed.

Director Spears moved to approve the Cat 305 Mini Excavator Purchase and Resolution No. WWB-113-2024; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Cat 306 Mini Excavator Purchase and Resolution No. WWB-114-2024

Wastewater Manager Bland explained this Mini Excavator would be used in the water department and is one size larger because of the scope of work being performed. Vice Chairman Straub asked if leasing was an option. Wastewater Manager Bland stated that it is but that it is not cost effective.

Director Spears moved to approve the Cat 306 Mini Excavator Purchase and Resolution No. WWB-114-2024; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. 2025 Pickup Trucks and Resolution No. WWB-115-2024

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the purchase of 2025 Pickup Trucks and Resolution No. WWB-115-2024; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson stated that the Williams Well purchase contract was complete, and the closing was scheduled for Thursday October 24, 2024. Attorney Sanderson also presented a rate increase for legal services for 2024-2025 due to inflation.

Director Sullivan moved to approve the rate increase for legal services as presented; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. WATER and WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland provided an update on employee retention and stated that interviews are ongoing to fill the water operator position. He also stated that Madison City and Madison County were in discussion with MU's contractor working on the Gillespie project to potentially establish sidewalks. Lastly, Wastewater Manager Bland stated the Wastewater Plant expansion project is out for bid with pre-bid meetings scheduled and the Keene Plant expansion should soon be out for bid as well.

8. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks updated the Board on current CPI-U information through September 2024.

9. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

10. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord mentioned that Madison Public Works has been pre-paid for paving for the upcoming year and that MU is coordinating to help with a small main extension in Triana.

11. VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB

None

12. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN

None

13. DIRECTOR MILES

None

14. DIRECTOR SPEARS

Director Spears mentioned that there is a possibility that some funding is available for water and sewer infrastructure. Wastewater Manager Bland stated he would reach out to Dale Strong for information. Director Spears also stated that the City of Madison would like to coordinate on future sidewalks being installed if possible. A brief discussion ensued.

15. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None

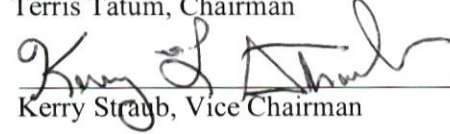
16. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:11 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman



Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman

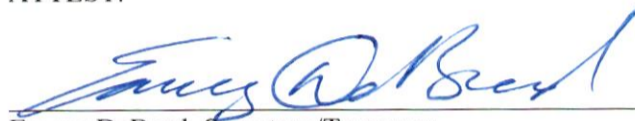
Al Sullivan, Director

Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer