



**November 20, 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, Assistant Finance Manager Drew Greene, 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. November 20, 2023 Current Agenda

The agenda for the November 20, 2023, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the November 20, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. November 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the November 6, 2023, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Miles moved to approve the November 6, 2023, 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. Extension of General Engineering Services Agreement with Engineers of the South

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that MU has been using Engineers of the South since 2014. He added that they have managed large projects but are occasionally needed for small miscellaneous projects.

Director Miles moved to approve the Extension of General Engineering Services Agreement with Engineers of the South; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Award of Bid Western Transmission Main Phase 3 and Resolution No. WWB-126-2023

Water Manager Leggett explained that this is one of two projects that will work together. He added that if the contract is approved, he would like to have the tree removal process started as soon as possible.

Director Spears moved to approve the Award of Bid for the Western Transmission Main Phase 3 and Resolution No. WWB-126-2023; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. 2023 SCADA Improvements and Resolution No. WWB-127-2023

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that Prime Controls did the main SCADA upgrade for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and that he was confident in their work.

Director Spears moved to approve the 2023 SCADA Improvements and Resolution No. WWB-127-2023; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson stated that the purchase of the Fiorentino Well was completed and that the agreement for water purchase was subsequently cancelled. Attorney Sanderson also briefly discussed a .5-acre strip along Huntsville Browns Ferry Road, that Madison Utilities would be interested in purchasing but the landowner would need ingress/egress access to their property and he discussed the terms he would propose to the land owner.

Director Spears moved to approve presenting the terms to the landowner; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. General Manager DeBord added that the property would need to be annexed into the City of Madison once purchased.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Leggett stated that the bid for the Keene Booster Station would be coming to the Board soon and gave the Board a brief update on the status of the Water Treatment Plant project. Water Manager Leggett thanked the Board for all of their support during his time at MU, adding that the infrastructure has improved so much during the past 12 years. The Board thanked Water Manager Leggett and wished him the best.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland mentioned that the screen has been repaired and is back in place at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He further discussed the ongoing issues with the clarifier and the resolution he is seeking from the manufacturer. Lastly, Wastewater Manager Bland stated that staffing levels have improved to 88% but noted there are still positions to be filled.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks notified the Board that he, Mr. Tatum, and the Emory DeBord had met with representatives from Moody's and Standard and Poor's and that the expectation is that MU will maintain the Aa2 and AA+ Plus ratings. Finance Manger Sparks provided the draft Preliminary Official Statement to the Board and requested any questions or concerns be provided to him.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord stated that he was working to develop the succession plan as the Board requested and that he would like to meet with Chairman Tatum to discuss some of the finer points.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB

None

13. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN

None

14. DIRECTOR MILES

None

15. DIRECTOR SPEARS

Director Spears stated that she has a conflict with the Board meeting on December 18th due to a City Council meeting. It was determined that the MU Board meeting would move from 5:30 to 5:00 on December 18th.

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

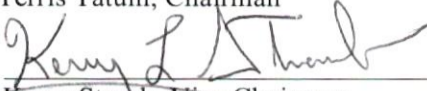
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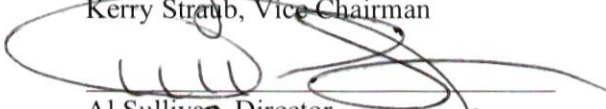
17. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:00 p.m., the Board agreed to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

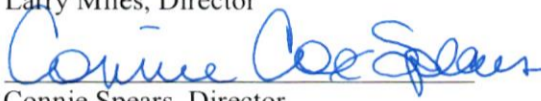
Approved,


Terris Tatum, Chairman


Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman


Al Sullivan, Director


Larry Miles, Director


Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:


Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer