



**November 4, 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 and Director Connie Spears were in attendance. Also, present were Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager Emory DeBord and Recording Clerk Jodie Parker. Director Al Sullivan and Director Larry Miles were absent.

Others present were Wastewater Manager Mark Bland, Finance Manager Gary Sparks, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich, New Development Coordinator Reece Lee, Assistant Finance Manager Drew Greene, and Attorney Chris Pape.

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 4, 2024 Current Agenda

The agenda for the November 4, 2024, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Finance Director Sparks advised the Board that the title for Agenda item 5a had changed and would not require a Resolution. Director Spears moved to approve the November 4, 2024, Regular Meeting Agenda as amended; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the October 21, 2024, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the October 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

None

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Star Estates

Director Spears moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Star Estates; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Madison Preserve Phase 2

New Development Coordinator Reece Lee explained that Madison Preserve Phase 2 consists of about 360 lots off of Highway 20 that will be sewer only customers.

Director Spears moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Madison Preserve Phase 2; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bill Print and Delivery Service Renewal

Finance Manager Sparks explained that MU had planned to do another three-year renewal, but it was determined that this service needs to be competitively bid. He recommended the Board approve a one-year renewal with the intent to bid the service prior to the contract expiration next year.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the Bill Print and Delivery Service Renewal; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Award of Purchase 2025 Freightliner Tandem Axle Dump Trucks and Resolution No. WWB-117-2024

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that this purchase would replace the 2 existing 2018 models which MU currently has.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the Award of Purchase for two 2025 Freightliner Tandem Axle Dump Trucks and Resolution No. WWB-117-2024; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

None

7. WATER and WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that a motor at the River Intake had failed, and a crane was being rented to remove the motor to take in for repairs. He also mentioned that the last section of ERTs were being installed and that the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project was out for bid.

There was a very brief discussion about the availability for potential funding for water and sewer infrastructure.

8. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks provided the Board with some information about the directed reinvestment of excess funds in the 2023 Bond Construction Fund. Due to the construction schedule of 2023 Bond projects, much of the Construction Funds will be utilized over the next two years. Our current contract with AMG Consultants will be utilized to invest portions of those pending Construction Funds to hedge against the expected Federal Reserve lowering of interest rates in the near future.

9. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

10. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord mentioned he had spoken with Allen Murphy about potentially purchasing some wells rather than closing them and a brief discussion ensued.

11. VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB

None

12. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN

None

13. DIRECTOR MILES

None

14. DIRECTOR SPEARS

None

15. CHAIRMAN TATUM

Chairman Tatum reminded the Board that the evaluation of the General Manager was due, and he commented that in his opinion General Manager DeBord has done an outstanding job and exceeded expectations. The other Board members concurred and praised his proactive approach to growth and his efforts to foster good relationships and communication with the surrounding area utilities.


16. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:52 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

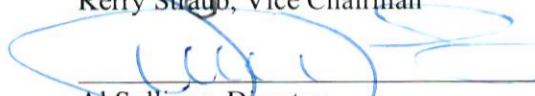
Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman



Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman



Al Sullivan, Director



Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer