



**November 7, 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 Jason 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 4:38 p.m.

Registered public in attendance: Mr. Brad Powell

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. November 7, 2022, Current Agenda

The agenda for the November 7, 2022, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Water Manager Leggett requested that the Valve Maintenance Truck Package (item g.) be removed from the agenda. Director Spears moved to approve the October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda as amended; Vice Chairman Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. October 17, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the October 17, 2022, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the October 17, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

None

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Moore's Creek, Phase 5

Vice Chairman Szmyd moved to approve the dedication of improvements for Moore's Creek, Phase 5; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Yard Tractor Purchase and Resolution No. WWB-118-2022

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that the current yard tractor is a 2014 model and is used for clearing brush on our easements and at the water and wastewater plants. He added that the new equipment would be obtained through a purchasing cooperative.

Director Spears moved to approve the Yard Tractor Purchase and Resolution No. WWB-118-2022; Vice Chairman Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Wheel Loader Purchase and Resolution No. WWB-119-2022

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that the Caterpillar Loader was a better option for this piece of equipment because they offer higher quality service. Director Straub asked what will happen to the 2013 wheel loader. Wastewater Manager Bland replied that trade-ins are not very

beneficial so Finance Manager Sparks will take it to the City to be approved for surplus property disposal through GOVDEAL auction site.

Director Spears moved to approve the Wheel Loader Purchase and Resolution No. WWB-119-2022; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Brad Powell Property Sewer Easement

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that it is necessary for an easement to be procured through Mr. Powell's property for the Hardiman Trunk Line. The Board had previously authorized MU staff to approve negotiations up to \$50,000. He added that since the negotiated amount with Mr. Powell exceeded that amount, it would require Board approval, and the funds would come from the CMOM account which is reserved for system upgrades, expansions, and such.

Director Straub moved to approve the Brad Powell Property Sewer Easement purchase; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Mid-Size Excavator Purchase and Resolution No. WWB-120-2022

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that this piece of equipment is used almost daily and that the old excavator will be used for clearing easements rather than being immediately marked for surplus property disposal.

Director Straub moved to approve the Mid-Size Excavator Purchase and Resolution No. WWB-120-2022; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

e. Madison Branch Adjustment of Sewer Availability Fee

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that, since the trunk line needs to go through the property, an agreement had been settled upon that would benefit both parties. Attorney Sanderson gave a brief explanation about how the agreement was reached in accordance with public works bid law. Director Miles asked if MU would own the pipe when the project is finished and Attorney Sanderson confirmed that it would be dedicated with the subdivision.

Director Spears moved to approve the Madison Branch Adjustment of Sewer Availability Fees; Vice Chairman Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

f. Notification of Will Serve Request – Southard Property

New Development Coordinator Lee explained that the developer is wanting to annex and is currently in discussion with the City of Madison. Wastewater Manager Bland reminded the Board that the protocol is to bring each Will Serve Request to the Board for a first read. Chairman Tatum replied that no action would be taken.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson stated he needed to discuss a couple of legal items with Water Manager Leggett in the upcoming week. He also added that he had received a subpoena for a records request, but the address was incorrect, so he had notified them.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Leggett stated there hadn't been much activity at the Quarry Water Treatment Plant Expansion since they are still waiting on the switch gear. He also added that the water model is being calibrated and that he would likely have more information to share with the Board in an upcoming meeting.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

None

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks stated that he had contacted a representative from Raftelis to start a discussion about a rate study.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord shared some information from another utility's policy for compensating for leaks on an irrigation meter. He added that the policy does not provide for total leak forgiveness as a local developer believed. A discussion ensued.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN SZMYD

None

13. DIRECTOR STRAUB

None

14. DIRECTOR MILES

Director Miles indicated that he would not be in attendance at the next meeting.

15. DIRECTOR SPEARS

Director Spears expressed appreciation for all of the information that was presented at the work session.

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None

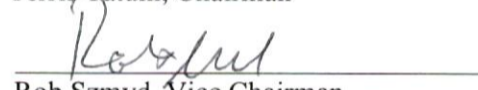
17. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 p.m. 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