



**December 2, 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, 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: Mr. Jon Campbell, Mr. Steve Sullins, and Councilwoman Ranae Bartlett

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Campbell presented a handout to the Board and asked them to consider a small change to a planned construction line. He proceeded to outline his concerns and offered suggestions for potential options to change. At the conclusion of his remarks, Chairman Tatum stated that the Board would consider the information presented. Mr. Sullins, the Clift's Cove HOA President, informed the Board that the referendum to proceed with the planned booster station passed with a vote of 95 for and 10 against.

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. December 2, 2024 Current Agenda

The agenda for the December 2, 2024, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the December 2, 2024, Regular Meeting Agenda as amended; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. November 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the November 4, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the November 4, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Sullivan 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. Quinn Tank Rehab Engineering Services

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that the tank was last rehabbed in 2011, and the coating typically lasts for 15 years. He added that once the coating is removed, it will be easier to examine the structure of the tank and that they would like to get started before the summer demands when the tank is needed.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the Quinn Tank Rehab Engineering Services; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Update to Flexible Benefits Plan and Resolution No. WWB-118-2024

Assistant Finance Manager Greene stated that since the Safe Harbor Program has been made available for employees, it was necessary for the Board to approve the revision as well as the resolution.

Director Spears moved to approve the Updated Flexible Benefits Plan and Resolution No. WWB-118-2024; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **LEGAL**

Attorney Sanderson commented that the closing had taken place for Williams Well.

7. **WATER and WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion would have a bid opening next week and he would hopefully have the results for the Board at the next meeting. He added that the Keene Plant water line and the Western Transmission Main were moving along.

8. **FINANCE REPORT**

Assistant Finance Manager Greene mentioned that the audit is coming up and they were working to get the books closed out.

9. **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

None

10. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord stated that a new Water Manager has been hired and will be starting on January 6, 2025. He also mentioned that he had met with the general manager of a neighboring utility to discuss some potential water needs they may have and to determine if MU could meet those capacity demands without having a negative impact on Madison. A brief discussion ensued. General Manager DeBord also briefly discussed a conversation that he had with Mr. Allen Murphy and Attorney Sanderson stated he would need to research possibilities for creating a utility district.

General Manager DeBord asked the Board to consider approving liberal leave for employees on Monday, December 23, 2024. The Board approved.

11. **VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB**

None

12. **DIRECTOR SULLIVAN**

None

13. **DIRECTOR MILES**

None

14. **DIRECTOR SPEARS**

None

15. **CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:15 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

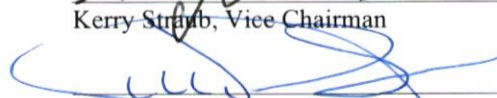
Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman



Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman



Al Sullivan, Director



Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer