



**January 17, 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 Rob Szmyd, Director Connie Spears and Director Kerry Straub 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, Accountant Drew Greene, New Development Coordinator Reece Lee, and Attorney Allison Chandler. Attorney Woody Sanderson was absent.

Chairman Terris Tatum called the Regular Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Registered public in attendance: Mr. Tom Dyer from Dyer & Smith LLC

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

a. January 17, 2023 Current Agenda

The agenda for the January 17, 2023, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda; Vice Chairman Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. December 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the December 19, 2022, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Szmyd moved to approve the December 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5a - FY2022 Financial Audit

Chairman Tatum moved to address the FY2022 Financial Audit draft and asked Mr. Dyer if he would share his findings with the Board. Mr. Dyer stated that the draft issue of the FY2022 Financial Audit had been presented to the Board per policy and that the approved financials are required by indenture to be posted to the EMMA website by January 31, 2023. Mr. Dyer then commented that there were no irregularities or illegal acts detected and he briefly went through a list of key ratios before adding that all ratios are favorable. He concluded by saying that the overall takeaway is that Madison Utilities is very impressive when compared to other similar utilities. Mr. Dyer stated that the FY2022 Financial Audit is ready to be ratified if the Board is in agreement.

Director Miles moved to approve the FY2022 Financial Audit; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. PLATS/BONDS**

a. Preliminary Project Approval

i. Homewood Suites at Town Madison

Director Straub moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approval for Homewood Suites at Town Madison; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. MAPCO on Madison Blvd

Director Spears moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approval for MAPCO on Madison Blvd; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

iii. Tribble Warehouse

Vice Chairman Szmyd moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approval for the Tribble Warehouse; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Crème Brew Lait

Director Spears moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Crème Brew Lait; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Ashbury, Phase 6

Director Spears moved to approve the Dedication of Improvements for Ashbury, Phase 6; Vice Chairman Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

iii. Acadia at Arlington Park (Royal Drive Townhomes)

Vice Chairman Szmyd moved to approve the Dedication of Improvements for Acadia at Arlington Park (Royal Drive Townhomes); Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

b. Worker's Compensation Insurance Policy, Effective Feb. 1, 2023 and Resolution No. WWB-101-2023

Finance Manager Sparks stated that the cost to renew the Worker's Compensation Insurance Policy is driven by the experience rating. He added that a severe injury to an employee in December 2021 impacted the experience factor and thus the renewal premium. Director Straub asked if any after action evaluations or additional training had been completed since the accident. Finance Manager Sparks confirmed that several significant changes have been made since then including, but not limited to purchasing of forklift for plant, increased staffing and enhanced internet and surveillance capabilities.

Vice Chairman Szmyd moved to approve the Worker's Compensation Insurance Policy, Effective Feb. 1, 2023; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. WWTP Study – Engineers of the South

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is currently undergoing an expansion to be able to treat more capacity but, in the near future it will be necessary to increase the biological treatment capabilities. He continued that the WWTP Study by Engineers of the South will give an idea of how much borrowing will be needed for future buildout.

Director Spears moved to approve the WWTP Study by Engineers of the South; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **LEGAL**

Attorney Chandler stated briefly that they are still waiting on drawings for the Keene Booster Station and that the condemnation deed had been recorded and that pending legal item can be closed out.

7. **WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Leggett informed the Board that he had just come from a large main break that affected ¼ of the City of Madison. He explained that a subcontractor had bored into a high-pressure water main which affected several schools, businesses and many homes. Some discussion followed about who would pay for the damage and some steps which could be taken in the future to potentially avoid a reoccurrence of the situation. Water Manager Leggett stated that he would pursue seeking damages from the subcontractors. Wastewater Manager Bland added that what they don't pay for is the trouble that it caused our customers. Chairman Tatum stated that something should be put out letting MU customers know that MU was not at fault.

Additionally, Water Manager Leggett stated that one part of the switch gear, which they have waited over a year for at the QWTP, has been received, with the other two components on the way.

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland said the Wastewater Treatment Plant construction is slowly making progress and the Force Main Phase 1 is tied in and has been pressure tested.

**9. FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Manager Sparks commented that, of the surplus items that were sent to the City of Madison previously, six (6) vehicles were listed on GovDeals auction site, and he expected they would yield a fairly good return.

**10. CUSTOMER SERVICE**

None

**11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord informed the Board that Krebs Engineering had made scholarship donations to several schools on behalf of the Board.

**12. VICE CHAIRMAN SZMYD**

Vice Chairman Szmyd congratulated MU Staff and Employees for their work on the repair to the water main.

**13. DIRECTOR STRAUB**

None

**14. DIRECTOR MILES**

Director Miles asked if there was an update regarding the fire station on Wall Triana. General Manager DeBord replied that he hadn't heard but Wastewater Manager Bland would follow-up to ensure it was taken care of.

**15. DIRECTOR SPEARS**

Director Spears also thanked everyone involved for their diligent efforts to repair the water main.

**16. CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:30 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,

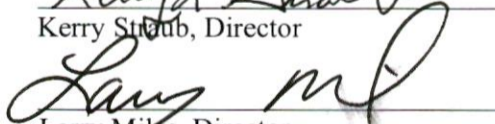


Terris Tatum, Chairman

Rob Szmyd, Vice Chairman



Kerry Straub, Director



Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer