



**November 15, 2021
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. Director Rob Szmyd, Director A. Keith Cook, and Director Connie Spears were also in attendance. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager Emory DeBord and Recording Clerk Jodie Parker. Vice Chairman Steve Haraway was absent.

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 5:30 p.m.

Registered public in attendance: Mr. Joey Ceci

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Joey Ceci requested the Board reconsider their decision regarding the leak on the irrigation line at the entrance to Town Madison near Zeirdt Road, stating that he had copies of policies from other area utilities if the Board would like to see them. Chairman Tatum asked the Board if there was any action they would like to take. There were no responses and Chairman Tatum commented that the Board had made its' decision. Mr. Ceci thanked the Board for their time.

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. November 15, 2021 Current Agenda

The agenda for the November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. November 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the November 1, 2021 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Chairman Tatum noted that there was a spelling error in the Water section which should have read "Keene". Director Szmyd moved to approve the November 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes with the correction; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

None

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Clift Farm Phase 2A

Director Spears moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements of Clift Farm, Phase 2A; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Madison WWTP VT SCADA Upgrade and Resolution No. WWB-124-2021

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that this had been discussed in previous budget meetings since it is somewhat costly, but it has been needed for a long time. He added that it will completely

revamp the current system and make it more functional for the plant operators. Director Spears asked if it was already in the budget. Wastewater Manager Bland replied that it was and that a couple of computers and a server to backup the plant data would be included so that we would have an optional recovery mode in the event of an emergency. Director Szymd commented that in his experience, this is a very good price.

Director Spears moved to approve the Madison WWTP VT SCADA Upgrade and Resolution No. WWB-124-2021; Director Szymd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson presented Resolution No. WWB-125-2021 to the Board to address and issue from the last meeting. He added that since the order from Governor Ivey allowing meetings to be conducted via Zoom had expired on October 31st, the resolution was necessary to acknowledge and ratify all the actions taken at the last meeting. Director Szymd moved to approve Resolution No. WWB-125-2021; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Leggett informed the Board that more concrete had been poured at the Water Treatment Plant with the first phase due to be completed around August 2022. He added that the Highland Drive project just has a few more punch list items to complete and that the contractor had been having a difficult time finding someone to address the yard issues. Water Manager Leggett finished by saying that the Wester Transmission Main Phase 2 is almost complete.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland stated the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion is moving along though there has been a significant delay in concrete and that the current progress is about 5 days behind schedule. He added that he had instructed the contractor to make specific notes so that they wouldn't be penalized at the end of the contract for situations which are out of their control. Wastewater Manager Bland also commented that the Western Outfall is nearly complete, and several other projects are still in design.

New Project Coordinator Lee gave a brief update on the existing and proposed Town Madison and Clift Farm Projects and a brief discussion ensued. Water Manager Leggett commented that the Krebs Engineering Firm has been asked to conduct some modeling of the Clift Farm area to ensure we have the capacity available to serve it.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks mentioned he had been working with Mr. Tom Dyer on the audit and there are no issues to report at this time to his knowledge.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Manager Leftwich shared with the Board a letter she had received pertaining to a high bill. Additionally, she informed the Board that the Pinnacle Billing Service is finally caught up with our billing.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord stated that MU had received another Will-Serve request. Wastewater Manager Bland explained that the history of this particular request began in 2015 when MU was in the process of securing an easement. When the agreement was drafted, and as part of the Board protocol at the time, MU agreed to serve the development. Wastewater Manager Bland added that he had emailed the City of Madison to notify them as well as mentioning it in the monthly meetings with City officials.

Director Spears stated that this project will be a major issue for the City and not a desirable project. After a brief discussion, Attorney Sanderson stated that the representation made then

was that we would serve them. Chairman Tatum commented that if we made a commitment, we need to stick to our word and do what we said we would do. Wastewater Manager Bland added that he understood that this could cause traffic issues and that MU is not trying to upset anyone, but this was an agreement entered into long before we are where we are today.

Director Szmyd moved to authorize the Will-Serve letter consistent with the agreement made in 2017; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY

Absent

13. DIRECTOR COOK

None.

14. DIRECTOR SPEARS

None

15. DIRECTOR SZMYD

None.

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:40 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman

 Abstain

Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



A. Keith Cook, Director



Rob Szmyd, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer