



**December 6, 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. Vice Chairman Steve Haraway, 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.

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: None.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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

a. December 6, 2021 Current Agenda

The agenda for the December 6, 2021 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the December 6, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Haraway abstained. The motion was approved.

**3. PLATS/BONDS**

a. Preliminary Project Approval

None

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Central Park Townhomes

Director Szmyd moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements of the Central Park Townhomes; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Clift Farm Phase 6

Director Spears moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements of Clift Farm Phase 6; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Bid No. WWB-503-2021 Chemicals

Water Manager Leggett explained that this was the annual bid for chemicals for water treatment. He explained that the bid is by line item to get the lowest total cost. Water Manager Leggett also explained that the increase from the previous year's bids was due to delivery and supply chain

issues, however, he added, we can't do without them. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Bid No. WWB-503-2021 for Water Treatment Chemicals as well as all three resolutions numbers WWB-126-2021, WWB-127-2021, and WWB-128-2021; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Shelton Road Booster Station Relocation Preliminary Design Proposal

Water Manager Leggett explained that after analyzing the historical accident data for this particular intersection, it was determined that the best plan moving forward would be to relocate the Booster Station further back from the road. Attorney Sanderson indicated that if the Board chose to approve, he would draft the proposed contract. Director Spears stated that she would like to see the proposed contract once completed. Director Szmyd moved to approve the Shelton Road Booster Station Relocation Preliminary Design Proposal; Vice Chairman Haraway seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **LEGAL**

None

7. **WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Leggett informed the Board concrete is continuing to be poured at the Quarry Water Treatment Plant site. He also mentioned that the final punch-list items for the Highland project were being completed.

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland stated the Wastewater Treatment Plant construction was being delayed due to an issue with concrete.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Manager Sparks advised the Board that he is still working closely with auditor Tom Dyer to hopefully have the audit ready to present to the Board before the end of December. He added that he is also looking at the possibility of refinancing some bonds to generate additional funds to cover the increases in projects costs since the issuance of the Series 2020 Bonds.

10. **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Customer Service Manager Leftwich shared that when the billing conversion is complete and the first new set of bills go out, there will be an insert included which will let customers know that we will be resuming normal billing procedures.

11. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord briefly outlined some staffing concerns which have taken place in recent months. He then proposed a one-time employee compensation which would not come out of the budget or affect the rate payers since it would come from the recent sale of used and consumed scrap metal. Chairman Tatum stated that it has been a difficult time and if there is something that can be done for the employees then we should do it. Vice Chairman Haraway added that, like many County employees, there are a lot of people who didn't have any time off and continue to work diligently throughout the Covid pandemic.

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to spend up to the amount collected on the recent sale of used and consumed scrap metal to be paid out to employees at a future date; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

12. **VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY**

None

13. **DIRECTOR COOK**

None.

14. **DIRECTOR SPEARS**

None

15. **DIRECTOR SZMYD**

None.

16. **CHAIRMAN TATUM**


None

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

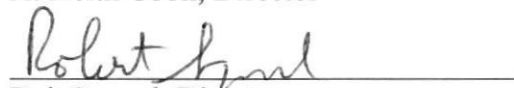
At 6:40 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

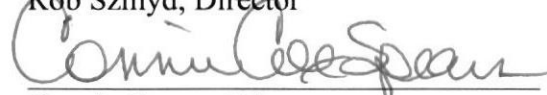
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Terris Tatum, Chairman

  
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Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman

  
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A. Keith Cook, Director

  
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Rob Szmyd, Director

  
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Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:

  
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Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer