



**April 1, 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 Larry Miles, and Director Al Sullivan 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. Finance Manager Gary Sparks was absent.

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

Registered public in attendance: Ms. Michelle Epling, President and CEO of Madison Chamber of Commerce

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Epling addressed the Board and shared some of the benefits associated with becoming a member of the Madison Chamber of Commerce as well as the multitude of events that they host and sponsor. Director Spears asked how much membership would cost and Ms. Epling stated about \$700 annually since it is based on the number of full time employees.

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. April 1, 2024 Current Agenda

The agenda for the April 1, 2024, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the April 1, 2024, Regular Meeting Agenda; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the March 18, 2024, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the March 18, 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. Griffin Tank Site

New Development Coordinator Lee informed the Board that an agreement had been reached with the owners. A brief discussion ensued. Vice Chairman Straub instructed that all conversations with the homeowners be documented. Director Spears asked if it would be dangerous to children walking through and that the school would need to be notified. New Development Coordinator Lee replied that it would be during construction and another route would be needed. Director Miles asked about a light pole that is positioned on the property being discussed. Attorney Sanderson stated that a permissive use agreement could be used.

Director Miles moved to approve the Griffin Tank Site with the necessary permissive use agreements for adjoining properties as needed; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson stated he is working on some ongoing legal items including the letters which were sent to the property owners adjacent to Madison Utilities. There was some discussion about possible outcomes including condemnation options. Attorney Sanderson also presented a letter outlining his legal fees for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Director Spears moved to approve continuing to use Bishop Colvin for legal services through the end of the fiscal year; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. WATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland said the Quarry Water Treatment Plant project is progressing and the contractor planned to startup two more pumps this week. Additionally, he stated that the Keene Plant upgrade would be split into three projects.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland informed the Board that it would take two days to change out the pump at McAdoo. He also mentioned that the screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant had been taken out of service and will be taken back to Texas to try to repair. Wastewater Manager Bland continued stating he and the General Manager would be going to look at another screen option next week.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Assistant Finance Manager Greene informed the Board that the quarterly budget report would be presented at the next meeting.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord informed the Board he would be at the AWWA conference in Mobile next week followed by plant tours in Pensacola. He also mentioned that he had been invited to the Mayor's Civic Awareness Academy but regrettably he would be out of town and unable to attend.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB

Vice Chairman Straub asked about the status of the American Legion conex stored on MU property. General Manager DeBord replied that they have two days to move it, and then it would be at the discretion of the Board. Wastewater Manager Bland suggested asking for a list of contacts for the contents.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to have the General Manager contact Mr. Vannoy of the American Legion to remind him of the April 3rd deadline for removal and to ask for a list of contacts for those storing materials inside the conex; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

13. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN

None

14. DIRECTOR MILES

None

15. DIRECTOR SPEARS

None

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None


17. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:03 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