



**May 1, 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, Director Kerry Straub, 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, Finance Manager Gary Sparks, Water Manager Jason Leggett, 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. May 1, 2023 Current Agenda

The agenda for the May 1, 2023, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the May 1, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda; Vice Chairman Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the April 3, 2023, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the April 3, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes; Vice Chairman Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. PLATS/BONDS**

a. Preliminary Project Approval  
None

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Town Madison, Phase 5 (Palmer House)

Vice Chairman Szmyd moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Town Madison, Phase 5 (Palmer House); Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Windermere, Phase 2

Director Spears moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Windermere, Phase 2; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Award of Bid 501-2023 Stillwater Gas Driven Backup Pump and Resolution No. WWB-106-2023

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that there were only two companies that bid but the bids were good. Director Spears moved to approve the Award of Bid 501-2023 for the Stillwater Gas Driven Backup Pump and Resolution No. WWB-106-2023; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. FY2023 Budget Mid-Year Review

Finance Manager Sparks stated that March is the halfway point of the fiscal year adding that, overall, MU is doing better than projected. A brief discussion ensued about a few specific line items. Since this was only intended to be an update, no Board action was required.

c. Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Annual Report and Resolution No. WWB-107-2023

Director Straub moved to approve the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Annual Report and Resolution No. WWB-107-2023; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **LEGAL**

None

7. **WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Leggett reported that the Quarry Water Treatment Plant should be starting up this week and will then need to run for thirty (30) consecutive days before the next phase can begin. He also mentioned that the Drinking Water Festival would be held this week at UAH at Morton Hall, with several MU employees volunteering to help.

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion is approximately two months from completion. He also notified the Board that 7,831 radios, and 2,648 meters have been installed which equates to approximately 28% of the system.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Manager Sparks commented that he is still compiling and sending data to Raftelis for the rate study and would be working to finalize the capital plan.

10. **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

None

11. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord stated that the Board had agreed to cancel the upcoming Board meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> due to area graduation ceremonies. He also mentioned he had recently spoken with the manager of another utility and the Board asked him to inquire about obtaining a completed copy of the value analysis report.

12. **VICE CHAIRMAN SZMYD**

Vice Chairman Szmyd announced that he would be resigning before thanking the Board and MU Staff for the opportunity and privilege to serve the Madison community. The Board and Staff members expressed their appreciation for his dedication and service for almost five years.

13. **DIRECTOR STRAUB**

Director Straub asked how the hiring process was going. Water Manager Leggett stated that while the numbers who staffing is much better than it has been, MU still has a lot of employees who are young and new to utility work so there is ongoing training being performed. Wastewater Manager Bland added that information for the salary comparison is still being compiled.

14. **DIRECTOR MILES**

None

15. **DIRECTOR SPEARS**

Director Spears stated she received an email inquiring about the availability of the minutes from previous Board meetings and she directed them to the MU website. General Manager DeBord confirmed that they are available on the MU website.

16. **CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:13 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

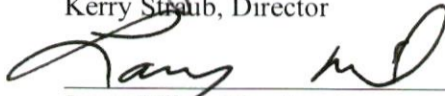
Approved,

  
Terris Tatum, Chairman

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Rob Szmyd, Vice Chairman

  
Kerry Straub, Director

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ATTEST:

  
Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer