



June 5, 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. Director Connie Spears, Director Kerry Straub, Director Al Sullivan, 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, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich, New Development Coordinator Reece Lee, and Attorney Woody Sanderson. Water Manager Jason Leggett was absent.

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

After calling the meeting to order, Chairman Tatum stated that with the resignation of Vice Chairman Szmyd, a new Vice Chairman would need to be selected. Director Spears moved to nominate Director Kerry Straub to be the Vice Chairman; Director Larry Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Registered public in attendance: Clay Smith, P.E. with Kimley-Horn, and Anthony Davidson with Avalon Consulting

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. June 5, 2023 Current Agenda

The agenda for the June 5, 2023, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the June 5, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. May 1, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the May 1, 2023, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the May 1, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. May 15, 2023 Called Board Meeting Minutes

The May 15, 2023 Called Board Meeting Minutes were presented to the Board. Director Miles moved to approve the May 15, 2023 Called Board Meeting Minutes; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

None

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. FedEx

Director Spears moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for FedEx; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Stillwater Lift Station 100% Engineering Memo

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that Engineers of the South had completed the 30% design plan and is now wanting to move forward with the 100% design. He additionally reminded the Board that it does not need to be bid since it is a professional service.

Director Spears moved to approve the Stillwater Lift Station 100% Engineering Memo; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Award of Bid – Krebs Engineering – Cedar Acres Tank Reconditioning

New Development Coordinator Lee said that bids were requested to do a reconditioning for the Cedar Acres Tank. He added that the cost was significantly lower than expected, largely resulting from being able to do the project during the summer months. New Development Coordinator Lee added that the expected time frame would be mid-June to mid-October for completion.

Director Miles moved to approve the Award of Bid to Krebs Engineering for the Cedar Acres Tank Reconditioning; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Notification of Will Serve Request – Mr. Clean Carwash

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the Will Serve Request for the Mr. Clean Carwash; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Notification of Will Serve Request – Martin Road Subdivision

A brief discussion ensued about the location of the subdivision and the current account status of the developer. Wastewater Manager Bland indicated this notification is a first read only and that he would contact the developer to relay the suggestion from the Board. No Board action was taken.

e. Notification of Will Serve Request – 12315 Burgreen Road Townhomes

New Development Coordinator Lee explained that the original owner of the property had previously submitted, and was approved for, a Will Serve Request for an apartment complex with 480 units. He continued that the new owners are requesting sewer only service for a less dense complex of townhomes and that since the ownership had changed the Board could choose to approve or regard it as a first read. Director Spears asked if the developer had intentions to annex; they replied that they had communicated with the City of Madison who did not support annexation.

Director Spears moved to waive the first reading for the Will Serve Request for 12315 Burgreen Road Townhomes; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. Director Miles opposed. The motion was approved.

Director Spears moved to approve the Will Serve Request for 12315 Burgreen Road Townhomes; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson briefly updated the Board on a few pending legal matters including a small claims court case which will be going to trial and a potential permissive use agreement for an existing easement. Attorney Sanderson also took some time to outline recent changes to the Alabama Bid Law and how those changes will impact Madison Utilities.

7. WATER REPORT

General Manager DeBord informed the Board that they had a successful startup of the new high service pumps at the Quarry Water Treatment Plant earlier that day. He added that once they have operated for a period of thirty (30) days without any incidents, the next phase of the project would be able to move forward.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion project was mostly complete with just some landscaping and a few other punch list items to finish. Wastewater Manager Bland also informed the Board that he would present some of the GIS maps at the next meeting to provide a visual depiction of the AMR/AMI meter changeout progress to date as well as what remains to be completed.

9. FINANCE REPORT

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

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord stated a check signature card would need to be submitted for Vice Chairman Straub to be an authorized signatory. He also mentioned that he and Finance Manager Sparks would be at a conference the following week. General Manager DeBord reminded the Board there would not be a Board meeting on June 19th due to the holiday, and that the next meeting would take place on Monday, July 3rd.

General Manager DeBord offered to set up tours of Madison Utilities' facilities for all of the new Board members whenever they were available to do so.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB

Vice Chairman Straub expressed gratitude to the sewer crews who quickly responded to an issue in his neighborhood and remarked that they were very professional and resolved the situation right away.

13. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN

Director Sullivan commented that he was looking forward to meeting with members of staff individually to learn about the system and ongoing projects.

14. DIRECTOR MILES

None

15. DIRECTOR SPEARS

None

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:50 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman



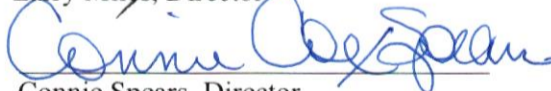
Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman



Al Sullivan, Director



Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer