



**July 17, 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 Kerry Straub, Director Connie Spears, 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, 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. July 17, 2023 Current Agenda

The agenda for the July 17, 2023, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the July 17, 2023, Regular Meeting Agenda; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. July 5, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the July 5, 2023, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the July 5, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

i. Bellawoods, Phase 3

Director Spears moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approval for Bellawoods, Phase 3; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Recovery Center at Town Madison

Director Spears moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approval for the Recovery Center at Town Madison; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Dedication and Improvements

None

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of Board Official Ratification Resolution No. WWB-110-2023 and Banking Signatory Update Resolution No. WWB-109-2023

Finance Manager Sparks informed the Board that since a new Vice Chairman had been elected, it was necessary for a Board resolution to make it official. He also added that the second resolution was to update the MU signatories for the bank.

Director Spears moved to approve the Election of Board Officials Ratification Resolution No. WWB-110-2023; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director Miles moved to approve the Banking Signatory Update Resolution No. WWB-109-2023; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Raw Water Main Design Proposal from Engineers of the South

Water Manager Leggett stated that there is currently a 60-inch water main in the Tennessee River but as it travels north, the size reduces to 36 inches and then 24 inches before it reaches the Quarry Water Treatment Plant. He added that changing the 24-inch pipe to 48 inches would significantly increase the amount of water drawn. A brief discussion ensued about the different types of pipe and the potential benefit of increasing the width the entire length. General Manager DeBord expressed that would incur a significant cost and Water Manager Leggett replied that hydraulically more water can be drawn with this configuration than if it was all 36 inches. He added that he would talk to Engineers of the South and share their thoughts at the next meeting.

Director Miles moved to approve the Raw Water Main Design Proposal from Engineers of the South; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. New Pressure Gradient Design Proposal from Krebs Engineering

Water Manager Leggett explained that this project is needed for a higher-pressure zone. He added that the Rainbow Mountain/Stoneway tank needs work and that this project will add another tank to provide redundancy. Water Manager Leggett continued that this eliminates the need for the majority of the PRVs in the area. Director Miles asked if MU already owned the land. Water Manager Leggett replied that MU does not but added that the land has been picked out and will make the system overall more efficient.

Director Miles moved to approve the New Pressure Gradient Design Proposal from Krebs Engineering; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson briefly updated the Board on a few pending legal matters including a request from Madison County for the conveyance of a small piece of property. He added that, like asset disposal, it needs to have a resolution and then go to the City of Madison for approval. Attorney Sanderson presented Resolution WWB-111-2023 for the Disposition of Property to Madison County.

Director Miles moved to approve Resolution WWB-111-2023 for the Disposition of Property to Madison County; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Leggett informed the Board that the contractor working on some smaller main replacements is nearly finished with Cardinal Avenue, which is being replaced with ductile iron pipe, and then they would be moving on to Wayne Circle. Additionally, he stated that the Cedar Acres Tank reconditioning project is progressing, and the containment had been added to reduce the impact on residents.

Water Manager Leggett also provided an update on the Quarry Water Treatment Plant expansion stating that the contractor is transitioning between phases one and two and that they would be meeting Wednesday to discuss the plan moving forward as well as the estimated completion date.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland briefly discussed some of the ongoing issues with employee retention and added that he planned to go into greater details at the next meeting. Director Miles stated that he would prefer a work session and Vice Chairman Straub commented that he wanted to make sure that there was adequate time to prepare. After a brief discussion it was determined that a work session would be held on July 26th at 5:30pm.

Wastewater Manager Bland commented that the Wastewater Plant expansion is nearly complete but there are two pieces of equipment which are having issues that will be evaluated by the company.

Finally, Wastewater Manager Bland discussed an outstanding amount owed by an area developer and suggested a potential resolution. Director Spears indicated that the agreement would need to

be very specific in its construction. Wastewater Manager Bland asked if the Board approved moving forward with drafting the agreement and the Board concurred unanimously.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks informed the Board that he had met with Johnny Dill from Frazier Lanier. He added that MU had been using Stifel for the past few years and have been very pleased with them. Finance Manager Sparks has sent MU's five-year plans to Stifel primarily to estimate debt service costs for rate study purposes and justification for a bond draw.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord briefly discussed a small portion of property near Burgreen and Browns Ferry. The Board agreed to move forward with approaching the developer to discuss.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB

None

13. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN

None

14. DIRECTOR MILES

None

15. DIRECTOR SPEARS

None

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:05 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

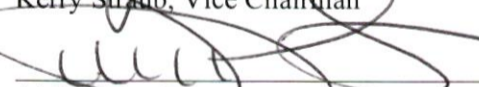
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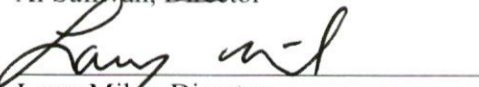
Terris Tatum, Chairman



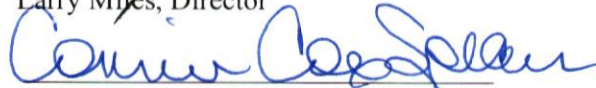
Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman



Al Sullivan, Director



Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer