



**May 20, 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 and Director Larry Miles were in attendance. Also, present were Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager Emory DeBord and Recording Clerk Jodie Parker. Director Connie Spears and Director Al Sullivan were absent.

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.

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

Registered public in attendance: Mr. Blake Hallwell

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Blake Hallwell addressed the Board to request reimbursement for a leak related overage on his account. A brief discussion ensued, and Customer Service Manager Leftwich explained that the reading was checked but the cause of the usage is unknown. She continued saying MU procedures do not authorize adjustments for unexplained water loss. Chairman Tatum concluded that MU personnel had followed procedure. Mr. Hallwell thanked the Board for their time and for hearing his concern.

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. May 20, 2024 Current Agenda

The agenda for the May 20, 2024, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Miles moved to approve the May 20, 2024, Regular Meeting Agenda; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the May 6, 2024, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the May 6, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

i. Rosemary Drive Extension

New Development Coordinator Lee explained that this preliminary approval is for a small extension of sewer only. Director Miles asked if it was in the Madison City limits and New Development Coordinator Lee replied that it is not.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approval for the Rosemary Drive Extension; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Madison Preserve, Phase 1

New Development Coordinator Lee stated that this project was not initially presented in phases, but the developer has opted to dedicate it to MU in two parts.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Award of Bid MU#501-2024 – WWTP Influent Screen and Resolution No. WWB-109-2024

Wastewater Manager Bland reminded the Board of the ongoing issues with the current influent screen. He explained that because the lead time on a new screen is so long, he wanted to begin the process now

while the remediation with the contractor continues. Finance Manager Sparks added that MU hopes to be compensated for the cost of the failed screen by the contractor.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the Award of Bid MU#501-2024 for the WWTP Influent Screen and Resolution No. WWB-109-2024; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson discussed a property for proposed condemnation and stated that he has prepared the condemnation complaint. Director Miles asked how long the process would take and Attorney Sanderson replied 60-90 days.

Director Miles moved to proceed with the condemnation process on a parcel of approximately 8.03 acres west of and adjacent to the Board's offices owned by Cedric Sanders, Jarvis Sanders and John Ellis Sanders; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Attorney Sanderson also discussed a storm drain easement which did not directly affect MU, but that he did include some language in the agreement to protect MU.

There was also a brief discussion about the Williams Well which is under contract for usage until 2026. Vice Chairman Straub moved to use the results of the pending appraisal to make an offer within reason at Staff discretion; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. WATER and WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland informed the Board that the contractor working on the Quarry Water Treatment Plant has been authorized to work on the weekends to help get the project complete, but that the work must be quiet work. He added that the new fence was scheduled to be reinstalled this week but that the project would not likely be done until August or September.

8. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks presented a history of payroll and employee benefits as a percentage of straight time payroll. Discussion ensued.

9. CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Manager Leftwich informed the Board that a customer complaint had been filed with the Better Business Bureau and with the Attorney General's office and that a response had been prepared which would be mailed the following day.

10. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord informed the Board he had met with the City of Madison representatives to discuss an MOU and that Brian Kilgore was preparing the MOU based on those discussions. A brief discussion ensued.

General Manager DeBord confirmed that the Board would like to continue to table the discussion on Chamber of Commerce membership and the Board answered affirmatively.

11. VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB

None

12. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN

None

13. DIRECTOR MILES

None

14. DIRECTOR SPEARS

None

15. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None

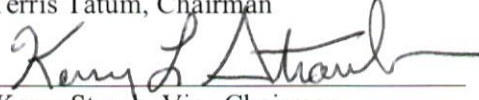
16. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman



Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman



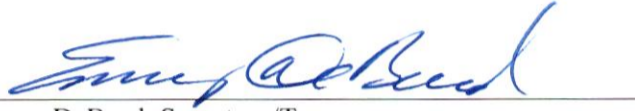
Al Sullivan, Director



Larry Miles, Director

Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer