



**April 21, 2025  
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 Water Manager David Moore, Wastewater Manager Mark Bland, Finance Manager Gary Sparks, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich, New Development Coordinator Reece Lee, Assistant Finance Manager Drew Greene, and Attorney Woody Sanderson.

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

Registered public in attendance: Mr. Alex Hazy

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Hazy discussed the history of his issue with the members of the Board and asked for a follow-up. Chairman Tatum thanked Mr. Hazy for his time and noted that a response would be mailed to him.

**2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

a. April 21, 2025 Current Agenda

The agenda for the April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. PLATS/BONDS**

a. Preliminary Project Approval

i. Burgreen Meadows

Director Sullivan moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approval for Burgreen Meadows; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Clift Farm, Phase 12

Director Spears moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approval for Clift Farm, Phase 12; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

iii. Star Estates, Phase 2

Director Spears moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approval for Star Estates, Phase 2; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Dedication and Improvements

None

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Notification of Will Serve Request – Starbucks on County Line Road

New Development Coordinator Lee informed the Board that the project was initially going to be a car wash, but the owner decided to open a Starbuck's instead and has indicated their intent to annex into the City of Madison.

Director Spears moved to approve the Will Serve Request for Starbuck's on County Line Road; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. FY2025 Budget – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FYTD Review

Finance Manager Sparks stated that everything is on track halfway through the fiscal year. He mentioned that availability fees are lower at this time of year but will increase when development is higher in the summer months. Also, chemical costs were down but would increase as demand and irrigation increased in the summer months.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to accept the FY2025 Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FYTD Review; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Change Order from Krebs for Quinn Tank Rehabilitation

Water Manager Moore requested to present Agenda item 5d - Change Order from Krebs before discussing Agenda item 5c – Griffin Tank Bid Award. Chairman Tatum agreed. Water Manager Moore informed the Board that the notice to proceed was given on March 11, 2025 but as work began, they discovered structural repairs that were needed before the tank could be refilled. Water Manager Moore added that this tank is essential to meet demand during the summer months.

Director Sullivan moved to approve the Change Order from Krebs for Quinn Tank Rehabilitations; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Griffin Tank Bid Award and Resolution No. WWB-111-2025

Water Manager Moore stated that there were five bids received for the Griffin Tank. He explained that the difference in cost was driven by the construction materials being steel or concrete. Water Manager Moore recommended going with the concrete tank even though the cost was higher primarily because the warranty on a concrete tank is five years versus one year for steel and that maintenance and rehabilitation costs are significantly lower. The award recommendation is based on life-cycle costs versus initial purchase price. He added that Madison Utilities does have other concrete tanks and that long-term they are a better option.

Director Spears moved to approve the Griffin Tank Bid Award and Resolution No. WWB-111-2025; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**6. LEGAL**

Attorney Sanderson briefly updated the Board on the status of a public records request received. He also discussed a recent request for an easement and the process which would need to be followed. After a short discussion, General Manager DeBord was directed to inform the requestor that the Board is looking into it and would like a more detailed description of the proposed use of the easement.

**7. WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Moore stated that the high-rate filtration study and the PAC study are both going well.

**8. WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland reported that the Andritz screen has been returned and reimbursed, and the new screen has been installed. He added that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Progress Meeting was held, and the contractor is currently working on excavation and are on schedule.

**9. FINANCE REPORT**

None

**10. CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Customer Service Manager Leftwich provided a brief update to the Board on a small number of customers who have experienced issues with their meter reporting zero consumption and what is being done to address the issue.

**11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord stated that he and Water Manager Moore would be attending a two-day product safety and handling conference at Olin Chemical so that MU could order some chemicals directly from the manufacturer to reduce costs.

**12. VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB**

None

**13. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN**

None

**14. DIRECTOR MILES**

None

**15. DIRECTOR SPEARS**

None

**16. CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman

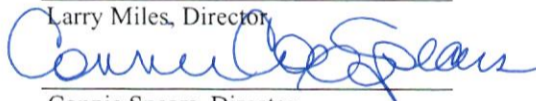


Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman



Al Sullivan, Director

Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer