



**August 4, 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: None

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. August 4, 2025 Current Agenda

The agenda for the August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

None

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Autumn Woods Flats, Phase 1

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Autumn Woods Flats, Phase 1; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Bellawoods, Phase 4

Director Sullivan moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Bellawoods, Phase 4; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Campus Expansion Geotechnical Exploration

New Development Coordinator Lee stated that this would be for the exploration of the site next to Madison Utilities to have a preliminary review of the area prior to any building.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the Campus Expansion Geotechnical Exploration; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Notification of Will Serve Request – The Oaks

New Development Coordinator Lee explained that this area is just east of Autumn Woods and that the Will Serve Request was brought to the last Board meeting as a first reading. He added that some of the details were still being worked out about how to provide sewer service to the area. Vice Chairman Straub asked if the lift station needed to be moved, who would pay for that? Wastewater Manager Bland replied that the developer would be responsible for that cost. A brief discussion ensued.

Director Miles moved to table the Will Serve Request for The Oaks; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Straub voted nay to table the Will Serve Request. The motion passed by majority vote.

c. Award of Bid MU 509-2025 – Hardiman Trunk Sewer and Resolution No. WWB-122-2025

After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the Award of Bid MU 509-2025 for the Hardiman Trunk Sewer and Resolution No. WWB-122-2025; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. FY2025 Budget – 3rd Quarter FYTD Review

Finance Manager Sparks presented the FY2025 3rd Quarter FYTD Budget Review to the Board and explained that the expenses were on target, but the revenues were down from anticipated levels. He attributed the revenue shortfalls to increased rainfall, which reduces irrigation consumption, lower availability fees due to fewer new developments, and decreased interest income based on projections.

Director Spears moved to accept the FY2025 3rd Quarter FYTD Budget Review ; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson briefly stated that he has removed some items from the ongoing legal list because they had been sufficiently resolved.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Moore stated he is still working with ADEM on the high-rate filter study and waiting on approval. He added that roughly 12MGD has been being pumped since the beginning of July and as a result, the Drake well has not been needed but does serve as a buffer if required.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland commented that the meter changeout program is going well with between 100-150 meters being changed daily. Wastewater Manager Bland also stated that the City of Madison had requested a permit application to be submitted for the Stillwater Lift Station and asked Attorney Sanderson to determine some of the specific parameters of the franchise agreement verbiage.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks provided a report of the recently sold surplus items, commenting that MU received a 43% return on assets. Finance Manager Sparks also discussed the Public Relations Contract submitted by Mr. Cotton at the previous Board meeting and some discussion ensued. Vice Chairman Straub concluded that, for the time being, we should continue with having New Development Coordinator Lee draft the newsletter and disseminate information in that manner until needs change. Director Miles suggested that staff should have some PR resources that could be contacted in the event of an emergency, but the Board determined that the responses should come from staff at this time.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord stated the street name where the Quarry Water Treatment Plant is located has been petitioned to be changed from Dunlop Blvd to Town Madison Blvd. He also stated he is in the process of scheduling a meeting with the future elected leaders for the City of Madison to give them an overview of how Madison Utilities works.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB

None

13. **DIRECTOR SULLIVAN**

None

14. **DIRECTOR MILES**

None

15. **DIRECTOR SPEARS**

None

16. **CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:25 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



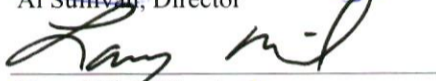
Terris Tatum, Chairman



Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman



Al Sullivan, Director



Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer