



**August 16, 2021
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 Steve Haraway, Director Rob Szmyd, Director A. Keith Cook and Director Connie Spears were also 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, and the New Development Coordinator Reece Lee. Water Manager Jason Leggett and Attorney Woody Sanderson were absent.

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. August 16, 2021 Current Agenda

The agenda for the August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. August 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the August 2, 2021 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears commented that a change needed to be made to the legal section. Director Spears stated that if the last two lines of section 6 were stricken, she would move to approve the minutes for the August 2, 2021 Regular Meeting; Vice Chairman Haraway seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

i. Royal Drive Townhomes

Director Szmyd moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approval for Royal Drive Townhomes; Director Cook seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Haraway abstained. The motion was approved.

ii. FXG (FedEx Ground)

Director Spears moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approval for FXG (FedEx Ground); Vice Chairman Haraway seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

iii. Creekside, Phase 3

Director Spears asked if this portion of the development is within Madison City limits. Wastewater Manager Bland confirmed that this specific portion of the Creekside development is in the Madison City limits.

Director Spears moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approval for Creekside, Phase 3; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Crown Pointe, Phase 9A

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements of Crown Pointe, Phase 9A; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Moore's Creek, Phase 5A

Director Spears asked if this is the portion of Moore's Creek that is not in the Madison City limits. Wastewater Manager Bland confirmed that it is within the Madison City limits. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements of Moore's Creek, Phase 5A; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Award of Bid MU-2005 General Sanitary Sewer Projects and Resolution No. WWB-113-2021

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that there were multiple reasons for the General Sanitary Sewer Projects bid that includes lack of construction crews and the ability to mobilize quickly when needed without going through a lengthy bid process. He added that the pricing is good and he was happy with the bid results. Finance Manager Sparks reminded the Board that the award of bid is for a labor only contract and MU will supply the materials.

Director Spears moved to approve the Award of Bid for General Sanitary Sewer Projects and Resolution No. WWB-113-2021; Vice Chairman Haraway seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Change Order – Western Water Transmission Main – Phase 2

General Manager DeBord stated that when Engineers of the South was designing the project, AT&T did not come out to locate their existing lines at Cleghorn and Wall Triana. He further explained that when AT&T did come out, after a significant amount of work had been done, it was discovered that there would be a large conflict since they have a fiber bank at that location. General Manager DeBord said that EOS went back to the original plan, but it would require a relocation of the bore and fittings. Director Szymd suggested putting AT&T on notice that their actions resulted in a significant change order cost for MU. Wastewater Manager Bland replied that he would ask Craig Swinney from EOS to put something together.

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Change Order for the Western Water Transmission Main – Phase 2; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **LEGAL**

None

7. **WATER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord informed the Board that Water Manager Leggett was away attending the AWPCA Conference. He then briefly mentioned that the Highland Drive project should be coming to an end soon.

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland stated the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion is getting started and the area had been staked for digging. He also mentioned that the Western Outfall Phase 2 is just completing some final punch list items while Phase 3 is making headway.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks mentioned that he is still working on preparing the budget for the next fiscal year and waiting on renewal information. He also added that most of the funds from the 2020 bonds will be spent in the upcoming fiscal year's capital budget. Finance Manager Sparks informed the Board that the mold remediation is taking place in the training room this week.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Manager Leftwich told the Board that the bill printing company used by MU, which was in Birmingham, had moved to Georgia. She added that somehow in that process they became severely behind in mailing out statements and MU customers were not receiving them in a timely manner. As a result, MU is currently not processing lock-offs or charging late fees. Finance Manager Sparks added that they are costing MU fee income and will be reviewing the contract to see if there is any recourse.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord briefly mentioned that he and Finance Manager Sparks met with Jim Mitchell from Jackson Thornton Asset Management, the company recommended by Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority for doing the valuation of service area. Finance Manager Sparks added that he is checking with a few other companies, including Raftelis and Krebs, to see if that is a service they provide.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY

None.

13. DIRECTOR COOK

None.

14. DIRECTOR SPEARS

None

15. DIRECTOR SZMYD

None.

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None

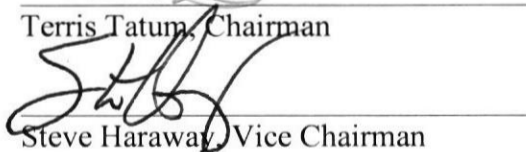
17. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:15 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



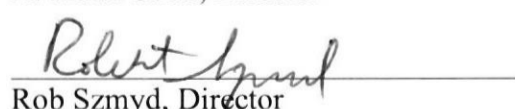
Terris Tatum, Chairman



Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



A. Keith Cook, Director



Rob Szmyd, Director

absent

Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer