



**August 19, 2019
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. Director Gerald Clark and Director Rob Szmyd were present. Vice Chairman Steve Haraway and Director A. Keith Cook were absent. 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 and Attorney Woody Sanderson. Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich was absent.

Chairman Terris Tatum called the Regular Board meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Registered Public in attendance: Ms. Betty Oetjen

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Betty Oetjen expressed her concern about trying to call the Madison Utilities office and not receiving an answer. The staff explained that when she had attempted to call was during a main break and the phones were very busy but they apologized and assured Ms. Oetjen they would look into it. Additionally, Ms. Oetjen wanted to be able to find the Board agenda online and she was given the instructions to do so.

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. August 19, 2019 Current Agenda

The agenda for the August 19, 2019 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Clark moved to approve the August 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. August 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the August 5, 2019 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Clark moved to approve the minutes for the August 5, 2019 Regular Meeting; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval
None

b. Dedication and Improvements
None

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. **LEGAL**

Attorney Woody Sanderson updated the Board on a few ongoing legal matters including the status of the Rowe Well which he has scheduled a meeting with the Airport Authority to discuss on the 28th of August. Attorney Sanderson also stated that the Nature's Trail paperwork had not been received prior to the Board meeting and that the developer had been notified that it would not be on the current agenda.

7. **WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Leggett mentioned that there had been several main breaks over the past couple of weeks and that, combined with the shortage of personnel, had caused a delay to the work being done on Woodbine.

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland updated the Board on some of the ongoing wastewater projects including the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion which is still not complete but another walk thru to check remaining punch list items would be done in the coming week. Wastewater Manager Bland also reported that the canopy support columns were up at the fueling station site and the fencing would be installed next week. He added that he was preparing a purchase order to get the underground fuel lines installed along with some ancillary equipment. Director Clark asked if there would be a ribbon cutting. Wastewater Manager Bland stated that the current plan was to begin with Madison Utilities using the site to make sure everything is in working order and then to start adding other departments. He continued that once everything is working a ribbon cutting could be done to recognize the cooperative efforts of the City of Madison, Madison County and Madison Utilities in working together to build something that would be a tremendous benefit to the City and County in emergency situations. Director Clark agreed and added that having Samantha Magnuson, from the City of Madison, take photos and write up an article would be enough.

Wastewater Manager Bland gave a brief update on the Martin Road Lift Station, Balch Road Force Main and Town Madison as well as the City of Madison Public Works site.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Manager Sparks informed the Board he has been contacting fuel distributors. Director Clark asked if fuel needs to be bid. Finance Manager Sparks replied that there is a current state bid for fuel and that since fuel is a consumable, it is exempt from the bid law. He further stated that the first load would likely be small as the tanks and systems are tested so if there was a problem it would be easier to correct.

Finance Manager Sparks also stated that the workers compensation experience rating was down and should be reflected in premium savings next February. He added he is also working on finalizing wage survey results and budgeting to be brought to the Board soon.

10. **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

None.

11. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord briefly explained that he and Wastewater Manager Bland had gone to survey an area in Clift Farms where a tap was made to a dead line. He added that he and Wastewater Manager Bland had determined it would be a relatively small cost to correct and should be received well by the developer.

12. **VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY**

None

13. **DIRECTOR COOK**

None.

14. **DIRECTOR CLARK**

None

15. DIRECTOR SZMYD

Director Szmyd reported that his company has experienced several employees leaving for minor increases in pay and that this situation seems to be the rule in the current economic environment.

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None

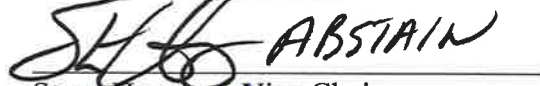
17. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:00 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



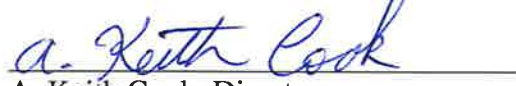
Terris Tatum, Chairman



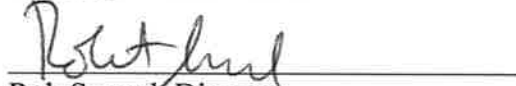
Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



Gerald Clark, Director



A. Keith Cook, Director



Rob Szmyd, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer