



**December 18, 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. Vice Chairman Steve Haraway, Director Gerald Clark, Director A. Keith Cook and Director Rob Szmyd were present. 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, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich 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. December 18, 2019 Current Agenda

The agenda for the December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Clark moved to approve the December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Vice Chairman Haraway seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. December 2, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the December 2, 2019 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Clark moved to approve the minutes for the December 2, 2019 Regular Meeting; Director Cook 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

Finance Manager Sparks suggested the Board address Agenda Items B and C and then return to Agenda Item A. Chairman Tatum and the Board concurred.

b. Madison Blvd Water Proposal

Wastewater Manager Bland indicated that the Madison Blvd Water Proposal was the same situation as another similar project. In this instance, he explained, they are proposing to add a 16" pipe from Bradford Creek to Warehouse Drive. Since the water line and the sewer line will follow the same path, Wastewater Manager Bland stated that they would like to bid the project together, and then line item each piece so it can be correctly charged to either water or sewer. This project will allow for more flow to County Line Road. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Madison Blvd Water Proposal; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Surveying Services

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that MU has received ongoing surveying services from Allen Land Surveying, LLC since 2015 and he added that they have always been very dependable. Wastewater Manager Bland stated that there are multiple projects forthcoming which will require surveying; he also added that Allen Land Surveying has been very helpful with drafting deeds and legal descriptions and he recommended extending their services for another year. Director Clark moved to approve a one year GSA contract with Allen Land Surveying, LLC; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

a. Raftelis Rate Study & Capacity Fee Analysis Results and Options

Finance Manager Sparks began by presenting the recently completed Rate Study and Capacity Fee Analysis results from Raftelis. He went through and identified some of the key factors and findings before presenting several potential options to fund future borrowing. Discussion ensued and it was determined that Finance Manager Sparks would engage Raftelis in an additional study of commercial rates in the future. It was also determined that a final decision would allow for moving forward with borrowing and providing certainty for bond ratings and issuance even if changes needed to be made in the future. Finance Manager Sparks stated that he would have a rate resolution to present to the Board in January.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson briefly discussed a personnel issue with the Board members.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Leggett reported that the connection at Shelton and Zierdt Road is complete.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland updated the Board on the fueling station stating 400 gallons each of diesel and unleaded had been dispensed from the new fueling station and that the canopy lights were up and working.

9. FINANCE REPORT

None

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord relayed to the Board that he had met with Athens Utilities and discussion of collecting a flat rate for Limestone County customers for sewer is still ongoing.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY

None

13. DIRECTOR COOK

None.

14. DIRECTOR CLARK

None

15. DIRECTOR SZMYD

None

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:05 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