



**December 19, 2022
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 Connie Spears and Director Kerry Straub were in attendance. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager Emory DeBord and Recording Clerk Jodie Parker. Vice Chairman Rob Szmyd and Director Larry Miles were absent.

Others present were Wastewater Manager Mark Bland, Water Manager Jason Leggett, Finance Manager Gary Sparks, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich, and New Development Coordinator Reece Lee. Attorney Woody Sanderson was absent.

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 19, 2022, Current Agenda

The agenda for the December 19, 2022, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the December 19, 2022; Regular Meeting Agenda; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. December 5, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the December 5, 2022, Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the December 5, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Straub 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

a. Rejection of Bid – Clearing and Tree Removal at Keene Booster Station

Water Manager Leggett explained that only one bid was received and since it was significantly higher than expected, he recommended that the Board reject the bid received.

Director Spears moved to reject the bid for Clearing and Tree Removal at the Keene Booster Station; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Freightliner Cab and Chassis Crew Truck and Resolution No. WWB-124-2022

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that the two trucks were accounted for in the FY2023 budget. He added that Board approval would allow MU to secure a position in line for production in 2023.

Director Straub moved to approve the purchase of Freightliner Cab and Chassis Crew Trucks and Resolution No. WWB-124-2022; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. 811 Day

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that 811 is the number to call for scheduling locates prior to digging. In the past, to raise awareness, events have been held at Columbia Elementary. This year, on August 11, the event will be held at the Trash Panda Stadium/Toyota Field and the organizers are asking for local utilities to donate from \$2,500-\$5,000 for advertising and awareness. Wastewater Manager Bland recommended that Madison Utilities and the Board contribute \$3,000.

Director Spears moved to approve a contribution of \$3,000 for 811 Day; Director Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **LEGAL**

None

7. **WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Leggett stated that in the past, bids were held annually for water treatment chemicals, but recent economic changes have made chemical suppliers reluctant to be locked into pricing for a full year. Water Manager Leggett added that he had spoken with Attorney Sanderson and confirmed that it would not violate any bid laws to use one supplier for all chemicals. Director Spears asked if a quarterly bid would be done formally or if he would just contact suppliers individually. Water Manager Leggett responded that he intended to contact suppliers individually about once a quarter just to ensure that MU was still getting the best pricing for the needed chemicals.

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that he had done a walkthrough of the Wastewater Plant construction and that, even though they are still far behind schedule, progress is being made with tentative completion expected in April or May. Wastewater Manager Bland added that the third shipment of AMR meters had been received and that the changeout will be approx. 25% complete once they are installed.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Manager Sparks commented that the first draft of the annual financial statements had been received and will be presented to the Board in January.

10. **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

None

11. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

None

12. **VICE CHAIRMAN SZMYD**

None

13. **DIRECTOR STRAUB**

None

14. **DIRECTOR MILES**

None

15. **DIRECTOR SPEARS**

None

16. **CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

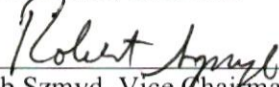
17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:08 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

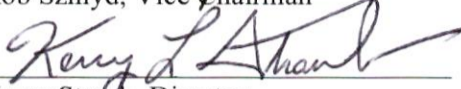
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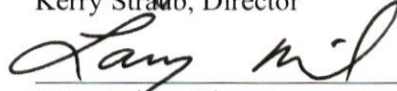
Terris Tatum, Chairman



Rob Szmyd, Vice Chairman



Kerry Straub, Director



Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer