



**February 3, 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. February 3, 2025 Current Agenda

The agenda for the February 3, 2025, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the February 3, 2025, Regular Meeting Agenda; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes; Director Sullivan 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. Bid MU-2360 – Reject All Bids

Water Manager Moore explained that four bids had been received, however, after discussion within Staff members, he was recommending that the Board reject all bids. Water Manager Moore added that the bid would be readvertised after a prequalification of bidders was performed.

Director Spears moved to reject all bids for Bid MU-2360 and to authorize rebidding after pre-qualifying; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. WWTP Switchgear Modernization & Upgrade and Resolution No. WWB-102-2025

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that the WWTP switchgear was installed in 2007, and that version of PLC technology is no longer supported. He added that even though it is a sole source, he advertised and opened the bid to stay in compliance with the Alabama Bid Law. Attorney Woody Sanderson confirmed the process taken as compliant with Alabama Bid Law.

Director Sullivan moved to approve the WWTP Switchgear Modernization & Upgrade and Resolution No. WWB-102-2025; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. FY2024 Budget – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FYTD Review

Finance Manager Sparks presented a recap of the budget comparison actual results for FY2024. Some discussion ensued. He added that no motion is required as it is for information only.

6. **LEGAL**

Attorney Sanderson had no updates.

7. **WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Moore informed the Board several projects that will be going out for bid in the coming weeks. He also added that they are working on resolving water leaks.

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**

None

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

None

10. **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Customer Service Manager Leftwich mentioned that a customer, who experienced what they believed was a meter issue, came into the office, observed his meter being tested, and their situation should be resolved.

11. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord briefly discussed a potential opportunity for MU to purchase some property and a storage building in Madison that the owner will no longer be using. The Board agreed it was advantageous to pursue.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to pursue talks regarding the purchase of property from the owner and to bring additional information back to the Board for further consideration; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

General Manager DeBord also informed the Board that Madison County Water was coordinating a meeting with surrounding utilities to discuss water needs in the area. He added that the meeting will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> and asked Chairman Tatum if he would also like to attend.

12. **VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB**

Vice Chairman Straub asked Finance Manager Sparks if it would be possible to get a two-page executive summary prior to the Audit presentation to the Board in the future and Finance Manager Sparks responded positively to the request. He also asked New Development Coordinator Lee about his progress with attempting to contact property owners about a particular easement purchase. Discussions ensued.

13. **DIRECTOR SULLIVAN**

None

14. **DIRECTOR MILES**

None

15. **DIRECTOR SPEARS**

None

16. **CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:30 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.


Approved,



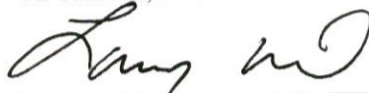
Terris Tatum, Chairman



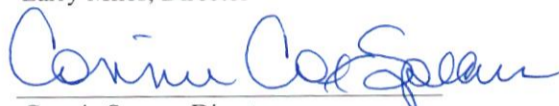
Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman



Al Sullivan, Director



Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer