



**February 1, 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 attended viz Zoom. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager Emory DeBord and Recording Clerk Jodie Parker.

Others present were Finance Manager Gary Sparks. Wastewater Manager Mark Bland, Water Manager Jason Leggett, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich, and Attorney Woody Sanderson attended via Zoom.

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

Note: The Regular Meeting was held via video conference using the Zoom App due to recent events and directives relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. February 1, 2021 Current Agenda

The agenda for the February 1, 2021 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the February 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. January 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the January 4, 2021 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the minutes for the January 4, 2021 Regular Meeting; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Haraway abstained. The motion was approved.

c. January 19, 2021 Called Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the January 19, 2021 Called Board Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the minutes for the January 19, 2021 Called Board Meeting; Director Cook seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Haraway abstained. The motion was approved.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

None

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Home Place at Clift Farm, Phase

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Home Place at Clift Farm, Phase 2; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Burgreen Village, Phase 6

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Burgreen Village, Phase 6; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Award of Bid MU #501-2021 – Fleet Vehicles and Resolution No. WWB-103-2021

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that this is the annual fleet bid and that Dodge couldn't provide the audio controls on the steering wheel as requested. He also mentioned that Ford had a better price for the extended cab than for the regular cab so instead of 2 of each, as outlined in the bid, the purchase would be for 4 of the extended cab trucks at the lesser cost. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Award of Bid MU #501-2021 for Fleet Vehicles and Resolution No. WWB-103-2021 as presented; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Takeuchi Excavator State Bid Purchase and Resolution No. WWB-104-2021

Water Manager Leggett stated that they had tried several brands, but the Takeuchi seemed to be the best and was available on the state bid. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the purchase of Takeuchi Excavator State Bid Purchase and Resolution No. WWB-104-2021; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson briefly mentioned that he was continuing to work on the Williams Well proposal. He also provided an update on a hearing for a personnel matter which had been conducted the previous week.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Leggett provided an update on several ongoing projects including the Western Transmission Main Phase 1 and 2, the Quarry Water Treatment Plant design, and the Keene Booster Station. Water Manager Leggett also discussed a customer's concern that he is working to resolve.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland shared a recent discussion he had with the Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority regarding a water main they need to run which would cross a Madison Utilities and Huntsville Utilities sanitary sewer only easement. Wastewater Manager Bland wanted to know the Board's opinion before having legal proceed with drafting an agreement. Attorney Sanderson stated that the LCWSA would need to obtain easements from the homeowners and that MU's role would be to review their plats. The Board did not see any problem with proceeding, pending any regulatory issues. Wastewater Manager Bland added that he had an opening for Chief Wastewater Operator and that he had placed one of the current plant operators in the position as an interim.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks stated that the audited FY2020 financials approved at the previous meeting had been posted to the MSRB EMMA website prior to the filing deadline as required by MU's bond indentures.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Manager Leftwich notified the Board that she currently has two vacant positions she is endeavoring to fill.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord informed the Board that he and Water Manager Leggett had met with the engineer and inspector from Huntsville Utilities to discuss some casing pipe that MU is not currently using that they would like to use for electrical cables. General Manager DeBord added that even though it is currently vacant, he didn't want to just relinquish part of MU's infrastructure. The Board agreed and authorized General Manager DeBord to negotiate. It was

determined that Water Manager Leggett would set up a meeting with Huntsville Utilities to discuss possible benefit to be received in exchange.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY

None

13. DIRECTOR COOK

None.

14. DIRECTOR SPEARS

None

15. DIRECTOR SZMYD

None

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

Before adjourning the meeting, the Board was notified that a customer of Madison Utilities was trying to join the Board meeting via Zoom but was having problems with the link. Chairman Tatum requested for Wastewater Manager Bland to resend the link to the customer and waited for 15 minutes for the customer to join. After 15 minutes, the Chairman determined the meeting should be adjourned.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:20 p.m. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to adjourn the meeting; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The Board adjourned.

Approved,

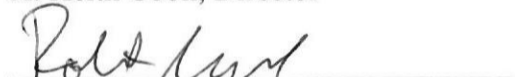


Terris Tatum, Chairman

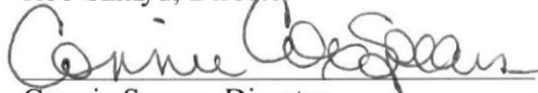
Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



A. Keith Cook, Director



Rob Szmyd, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer