



**January 21, 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 11:31 a.m.

Registered public in attendance: Mr. Tom Dyer with Dyer and Smith, LLC, and Mr. Gerald Nuckols

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. January 21, 2025 Current Agenda

The agenda for the January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting Agenda; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. January 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the January 6, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the January 6, 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

i. Heritage Hills, Phase 3

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Heritage Hills, Phase 3; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. FY2024 Annual Financial Audit

Finance Manager Sparks mentioned that there were only a few minor modifications and edits from the draft that was presented at the previous Board meeting. Mr. Dyer informed the Board that there were no significant changes from last year. He added that during the audit, all requests for records were produced and in a timely manner. Mr. Dyer detailed some of his findings as well as reciting some of the required disclosures. Mr. Dyer shared some relevant statistics depicting Madison Utilities being significantly better off financially than other comparable utilities.

Director Miles moved to approve the FY2024 Annual Audit as presented; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson updated the Board on a public records request which was still awaiting clarification. Attorney Sanderson stated that AT&T discovered a restriction which will impede moving forward with the

revised agreement for the location of the cell tower. Wastewater Manager Bland suggested putting the responsibility on AT&T to research and resolve accordingly.

Director Miles moved to approve having AT&T resolve the commercial use restriction before proceeding with the revised agreement; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

A discussion ensued regarding the previously discussed rate change with the Harvest-Monrovia Water & Sewer Authority. Director Spears moved to implement the commodity rate change of \$4.49 per 1,000 gallons along with the applicable base fee to be effective on the February 9, 2025 billing statement; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Moore informed the Board that the pre-construction meeting was held for the Slaughter Road project which is slated to start February 6, 2025. He also added that the bid opening for the Wall Triana project is set for January 28, 2025.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that the blasting at the Griffin Tank site would be starting today. He also added that he was in discussions with Andritz to receive a newly manufactured screen for the Wastewater Plant for the same cost that was paid in 2020 for the defective screen; he is awaiting a decision from Andritz.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks advised the Board that the FY2024 Annual Financial Audit would be posted on the EMMA website prior to January 31, 2025. This is a Bond Indenture requirement.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

None

12. VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB

None

13. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN

None

14. DIRECTOR MILES

None

15. DIRECTOR SPEARS

None

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:25 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



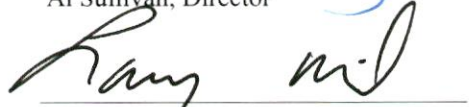
Terris Tatum, Chairman



Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman



Al Sullivan, Director



Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer