



**July 15, 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 A. Keith Cook and Director Rob Szymd were present. Director Gerald Clark was absent. 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.

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. July 15, 2019 Current Agenda

The agenda for the July 15, 2019 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the July 15, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Director Szymd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. July 1, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the July 1, 2019 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the minutes for the July 1, 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

i. Champy's Chicken

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Dedication of Improvements for Champy's Chicken; Director Szymd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Award of Bid – Clift Farms Highway 72 Water Crossing

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to discuss the Award of Bid – Clift Farms Highway 72 Water Crossing and he asked if there is currently an outstanding bid for boring. Wastewater

Manager Bland replied that there is not. Director Szmyd noted that the bid was lower than other bids, but higher than was originally estimated. Wastewater Manager Bland stated that the company is already on site so they saved some cost in mobilization, however, since the ground is open and other bores have shown there is rock to get through in the area, the original estimate was adjusted to compensate for boring through rock.

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Award of Bid – Clift Farms Highway 72 Water Crossing; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Proposed Pay Plan – Dated 7-11-2019

General Manager DeBord explained that the proposed changes to the current pay plan included changing the Inspector position to a Level I instead of a Level II and changing the title of the Associate Engineer to GIS Coordinator. Vice Chairman Haraway motion to accept the Proposed Pay Plan – Dated 7-11-2019; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Woody Sanderson indicated that:

- a proposed agreement with the Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority was being reviewed
- a request had been made for a W-9 from the Pet Spa in order to fulfill the agreement
- conversations are ongoing with the attorney for the Drake family regarding the future use of their well. Discussion regarding different potential resolutions ensued.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Leggett gave a very brief update on the current situation of the dismantling of the Rowe well.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland updated the Board on some of the ongoing wastewater projects including the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and the walk thru scheduled for Wednesday. He also mentioned that the canopy footers were being dug at the fueling station site, the Town Madison Lift Station would hopefully start-up in the upcoming week, and the crew laying the Main Force Main were making significant progress and would soon be to Wall Triana.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks explained that due to the shortage of qualified applicants for certain positions on the pay plan, management has been hiring at the Utility Worker II entry level and will promote to approved positions as employees are qualified. Finance Manager Sparks asked the Board if they wanted to have an updated pay plan brought before the Board each time a hiring/promoting action takes place or if it is okay to proceed with the current practice. Chairman Tatum replied to keep working to fill the slots as needed as long as the total number of approved positions is not exceeded; the Board agreed.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service Manager Leftwich informed the Board that her employee who performed meter change-outs has accepted the Inspector I position and she now has an opening for a Field Services Representative.

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord briefly updated the Board on a recent meeting with Mayor Caudle of the Town of Triana. Some discussion ensued. General Manager DeBord also mentioned that some employees from the Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority may want to cost-share and join MU employees for their monthly CEU training course.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY

None

13. DIRECTOR COOK

None.

14. DIRECTOR CLARK

None

15. DIRECTOR SZMYD

None

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None


17. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:10 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

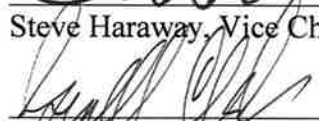
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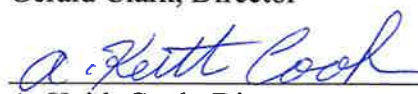
Terris Tatum, Chairman



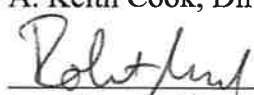
Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



Gerald Clark, Director



A. Keith Cook, Director



Rob Szmyd, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer