



**June 15, 2020  
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 and Director Gerald Clark were present; Director Rob Szmyd and Director A. Keith Cook attended via 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, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich and Attorney Woody Sanderson. Water Manager Jason Leggett was absent.

Chairman Terris Tatum called the Regular Board meeting to order at 5:32 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. June 15, 2020 Current Agenda

The agenda for the June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Attorney Sanderson suggested adding a discussion of the Fiorentino Well Agreement. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the amended June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Clark moved to approve the minutes for the May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Haraway abstained. The motion was approved.

**3. PLATS/BONDS**

a. Preliminary Project Approval  
None

b. Dedication and Improvements

i. Whitworth Station Phase V

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements of the Whitworth Station, Phase V; Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Western Transmission Main Design Phase 2 Proposal

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Western Transmission Main Design Phase 2 Proposal; Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Award of Bid – Western Interceptor from MH 97 to MH 127 and Western Water Transmission Main Phase I Combined Projects and Resolution No. WWB-115-2020

General Manager DeBord stated that the turnout for the bids was very good with 12 and 15 bidders respectively. Vice Chairman Haraway asked for some clarification on the totals. Wastewater Manager Bland explained how the bid was conducted and why it was going to be beneficial to use the same contractor for both projects. He also reminded the Board that REV Contracting had completed the first phase of the Western and had done good work as well as finishing ahead of schedule. Attorney Sanderson added that there is justification for awarding to one contractor over two when it will eliminate logistical problems and other delays.

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Award of Bid for the Western Interceptor from MH 97 to MH 127 and the Western Water Transmission Main Phase 1 Combined Projects and Resolution No. WWB-97-127; Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Fiorentino Well Agreement

Attorney Sanderson explained to the Board that he had made a few changes to the proposed Fiorentino Well Agreement and he believed it would be acceptable to Retired General Fiorentino. Attorney Sanderson then recounted some of the specifics of the contract before telling the Board they had the option to approve or review with a start date of June 1, 2020. The Board members elected to wait to approve until the Fiorentino family had seen and approved of the changes. Finance Manager Sparks suggested changing the start date to July 1, 2020.

**6. LEGAL**

Attorney Sanderson mentioned a small easement needing to be obtained by the school board and a brief discussion ensued.

**7. WATER REPORT**

In Water Manager Leggett's absence, General Manager DeBord mentioned that the contract with the landscaping company had been executed and the yard repairs were getting started.

**8. WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that he had finally received the draft discharge permit from ADEM which had taken over 1 ½ years to obtain.

Wastewater Manager Bland reminded the Board that the Joint Fueling Station ribbon cutting ceremony would be taking place on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. He also added that over 500 gallons of fuel had been used over the weekend since distributing access to the police force. As an aside, he mentioned that the Joint Fueling Station had been completed within the approved budget.

**9. FINANCE REPORT**

None

**10. CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Customer Service Manager Leftwich reported that no complaints have been received regarding the change to operating hours; in fact, she mentioned that several days there were customers waiting outside at 7:00 for the doors to open.

Customer Service Manager Leftwich also informed the Board that almost 800 courtesy letters had been sent to customers who were past due on their accounts and that instead of issuing lock-offs for all customers who were past due, they simply resumed the normal schedule.

**11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord advised the Board of a developer that had several invoices outstanding and discussed options to collect.

**12. VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY**

None

**13. DIRECTOR COOK**

None.

**14. DIRECTOR CLARK**

None

**15. DIRECTOR SZMYD**

None

**16. CHAIRMAN TATUM**

Chairman Tatum asked for a motion to adjust the salary of the General Manager based on the evaluation conducted at the previous meeting. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to adjust the salary of the General Manager; Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:17 p.m. the Board adjourned.

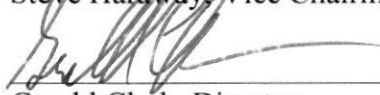
Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman



Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



Gerald Clark, Director

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Rob Szmyd, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer