



**June 7, 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 were also in attendance. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager Emory DeBord and Recording Clerk Jodie Parker.

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

Visitors in attendance included Craig Swinney with Engineers of the South and Dr. Woo.

Chairman Terris Tatum called the Regular Board meeting to order at 5:35 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

In attendance where Dr. Tian Wu and Mr. Craig Swinney from Engineers of the South.

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. June 7, 2021 Current Agenda

The agenda for the June 7, 2021 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the June 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the minutes for the May 17, 2021 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
None

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Award of Bid MU #502-2021 WWTP Grease Tank and Resolution No. WWB-111-2021

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that the coating on the existing grease tank is coming off and will be fixed because it is still under warranty, but there has to be somewhere for the grease to go while that tank is offline. He added that having a second tank in case of future need will be beneficial. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Award of Bid MU #502-2021 WWTP Grease Tank and Resolution No. WWB-111-2021; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Award of Bid MU-2030 WWTP 2021 Improvements (CB2020) & Resolution No. WWB-112-2021

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that the recent bid did not quite go the way they had hoped with the bids coming in higher than anticipated due to the cost and limited availability of supplies. He further added that after some discussion, and with the unknown impact on future costs and availability of supplies, it was determined that they should move forward with the bids. Wastewater Manager Bland stated he had evaluated other projects and areas where budgeted items could be put off in order to move forward with this project now; additionally, he explained that he is communicating with the contractor to evaluate any options for value engineering to reduce the cost. Director Spears asked about the availability of parts now. Wastewater Manager Bland answered that if the Board approves tonight, the contractor was prepared to start issuing purchase orders the next day to start obtaining the necessary materials.

After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Award of Bid MU-2030 WWTP 2021 Improvements (CB2020) & Resolution No. WWB-112-2021; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **LEGAL**

Attorney Lynn briefly updated the Board on a few items that Attorney Sanderson is currently working on including a contract change with Krebs Engineering and a maintenance agreement with the City of Madison for Windstone Park.

7. **WATER REPORT**

In the absence of Water Manager Leggett, General Manager DeBord informed the Board that the Highland Drive project was still experiencing difficulties due to the contractor and Wastewater Manager Bland added that the additional crew did show up as expected. General Manager DeBord also mentioned that they will be conducting a pilot study of PAA at the Quarry Water Treatment plant which will hopefully help with biological algae to eliminate the need for removal of plate settlers for cleaning.

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland informed the Board that the Western Outfall project is moving forward with the water line being tied in and they are getting ready to conduct pressure testing. He added that the bores at Palmer and Mill were completed as part of Phase 3.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

None

10. **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

None

11. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager stated that Reece Lee was recently hired to fill the opening left by Todd Wheeler. There was also a brief discussion about whether the Zoom link should continue for the Board meetings; Chairman Tatum stated that a decision could be made at a future date but will likely follow the pattern the City of Madison is taking.

12. **VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY**

None.

13. **DIRECTOR COOK**

None.

14. **DIRECTOR SPEARS**

None

15. **DIRECTOR SZMYD**

None.

16. **CHAIRMAN TATUM**

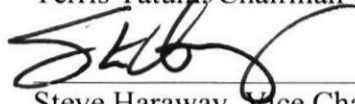
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17. **ADJOURNMENT**

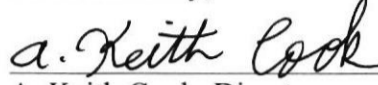
At 6:15 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,


Terris Tatum, Chairman



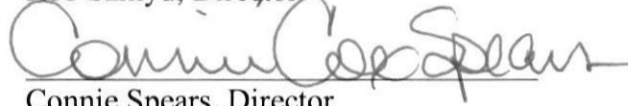
Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



A. Keith Cook, Director



Rob Szmyd, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer