



**March 17, 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, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich, Assistant Finance Manager Drew Greene, and Attorney Woody Sanderson. Finance Manager Gary Sparks and New Development Coordinator Reece Lee were absent.

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. March 17, 2025 Current Agenda

The agenda for the March 17, 2025, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. PLATS/BONDS**

a. Preliminary Project Approval

None

b. Dedication and Improvements

None

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a. 30 Ton Equipment Trailer and Resolution No. WWB-108-2025

Wastewater Manager Bland informed the Board that MU currently has a 20-ton capacity trailer, but a larger capacity would be better for some of the larger equipment.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the purchase of a 30 Ton Equipment Trailer and Resolution No. WWB-108-2025; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Keene Water Treatment Plant Improvements and Resolution No. WWB-106-2025

Water Manager Moore stated that the bids were opened on March 11, 2025 and recommend awarding BH Craig who was the lowest responsible bidder.

Director Spears moved to approve awarding the Keene Water Treatment Plant Improvements bid and Resolution No. WWB-106-2025; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Wall Triana Water Transmission Main Phase 2 and Resolution No. WWB-107-2025

Water Manager Moore informed the Board that the bid for the Wall Triana Water Transmission Main Phase 2 was also bid on March 11, 2025 with four total bidders submitting. The lowest responsible bidder was REV Construction, Inc. A brief discussion ensued about working with the City of Madison to include sidewalks within the scope of the project.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve awarding the Wall Triana Water Transmission Main Phase 2 and Resolution No. WWB-107-2025; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**6. LEGAL**

Attorney Sanderson notified the Board that he had responded to the records request as directed at the last meeting. Attorney Sanderson then presented the agreement with Andritz which was discussed at the previous meeting.

Director Miles moved to approve the Andritz General Release and Settlement Agreement; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Attorney Sanderson addressed the Board regarding the AT&T Cell Tower Agreement and outlined some of the concerns that he had. There was a brief discussion, and the Board elected not to pursue any further. Lastly, Customer Service Manager updated the Board regarding the customer billing issue which was discussed at the previous meeting. The Board directed General Manager DeBord and Customer Service Manager Leftwich to work out a payment plan with the customer.

**7. WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Moore stated the PAC trial is underway and that soon the high-rate filter study would begin. He then presented some information to the Board about the dangers of fluoride chemicals to MU employees as well as the plant itself. Water Manager Moore went on to explain the process of how to stop introducing fluoride into the water as part of the treatment process according to Alabama Law. He added that if the Board voted to discontinue adding fluoride to the treatment process, he would make the proper notifications according to the schedule outlined. Wastewater Manager Bland added that fluoride occurs naturally in drinking water and that natural fluoride would not be removed. He also mentioned that there are other utilities who follow this practice. Water Manager Moore commented that the tentative last date to feed fluoride would be June 16, 2025.

Director Miles moved to stop adding additional fluoride to the water treatment process; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**8. WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland stated the preconstruction meeting for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion would be held next week. He added that Engineers of the South and Krebs Engineering were both working on presentations of their findings for the MU infrastructure moving forward and he recommended that when they are ready to present their results that the Board hold a workshop since it will likely be a lengthy meeting and discussion.

**9. FINANCE REPORT**

None

**10. CUSTOMER SERVICE**

None

**11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager DeBord commented that Harvest-Monrovia Water is not currently purchasing any water from Madison Utilities due to the rain events restoring their Well levels. He also added that he was invited to attend a Regional Partnership Meeting in April.

**12. VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB**

None

**13. DIRECTOR SULLIVAN**

None

**14. DIRECTOR MILES**

None

**15. DIRECTOR SPEARS**

Director Spears briefly updated the Board on her recent trip to Washington D.C.

**16. CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman



Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman

Al Sullivan, Director

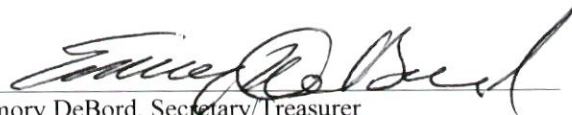


Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer