



**March 3, 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, New Development Coordinator Reece Lee, Assistant Finance Manager Drew Greene, and Attorney Woody Sanderson. Finance Manager Gary Sparks was 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 3, 2025 Current Agenda

The agenda for the March 3, 2025, Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the March 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. February 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the February 17, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Spears moved to approve the February 17, 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. 7 Brew Coffee

New Development Coordinator Lee stated that an extension was required since it was built on private property. Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for 7 Brew Coffee; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Extension for General Engineering Services

Director Spears asked how much the rate had increased. Wastewater Manager Bland replied that it was nominal at about 3%. Director Spears moved to approve the Extension for General Engineering Services with Engineers of the South; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Quinn Tank Rehab and Resolution No. WWB-104-2025

Water Manager Moore informed the Board that ten total bids were received, and the amounts varied considerably. Director Spears asked if we had used Dixie Painting & Sandblasting previously. Wastewater Manager Bland responded that MU had used them for the rehabilitation of the Cedar Acres Tank last year.

Director Spears moved to approve the Quinn Tank Rehab and Resolution No. WWB-104-2025; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. 2025 Cab and Chassis and Resolution No. WWB-105-2025

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that these two fleet vehicles would replace two aged out existing vehicles. Vice Chairman Straub moved to approve the purchase of 2025 Cab and Chassis and Resolution No. WWB-105-2025; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Director Spears asked about a public record's request. After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Straub advised Attorney Sanderson to send an email stating that no further action would be taken regarding this matter.

Attorney Sanderson recommended the Board go into Executive Session to discuss two legal matters Which could potentially end in litigation.

Director Miles moved to go into Executive Session at 5:53 p.m.; Vice Chairman Straub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to exit Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Attorney Sanderson noted that no actions were taken during the Board's Executive Session.

Director Miles moved to approve a refund to a customer who was billed in error; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice Chairman Straub moved to send another customer a notice for payment and to set up a payment plan if needed; Director Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Moore stated that PAC testing would begin next week, and, in April, the high filtration rate study would take place. Water Manager Moore presented a proposal from Krebs Engineering for conducting water modeling on MU infrastructure and future buildout. General Manager DeBord briefly updated the Board on the discussions which took place at the recent Water Summit and explained that the water modeling mentioned was a necessary part of those discussions.

Director Spears moved to approve having Krebs Engineering perform the water modeling as outlined in their proposal; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Attorney Sanderson stated that he would write up the agreement.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland relayed to the Board the details of a meeting held with Huntsville Utilities. They discussed having Huntsville Utilities bill for areas where they provide water and MU provides sewer. The representatives from HU stated that they are in the middle of switching to a new billing system and they might be able to bill by the end of the year. Wastewater Manager Bland asked the Board for permission to deny sewer service to new developments who would have HU water and MU sewer until the billing situation is resolved. A brief discussion ensued.

Director Spears moved to not accept new developments with HU water and MU sewer until the billing is resolved; Director Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. FINANCE REPORT

None

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord commented that the Water Summit went well and briefly updated the Board on some of the information discussed. He added that this was a contributing factor to needing the water modeling done for future infrastructure. General Manager DeBord also stated that Water Manager Moore had worked with EOS to update the Emergency Response Plan (ERP). Water Manager Moore added that he is completing a Risk Resiliency Survey and then will send off the results with the ERP.

12. **VICE CHAIRMAN STRAUB**

None

13. **DIRECTOR SULLIVAN**

None

14. **DIRECTOR MILES**

None

15. **DIRECTOR SPEARS**

None

16. **CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

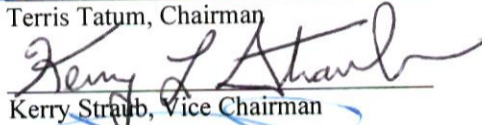
17. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:42 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman



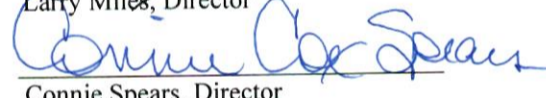
Kerry Straub, Vice Chairman



Al Sullivan, Director



Larry Miles, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer