



**March 15, 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. Director Rob Szmyd and Director A. Keith Cook were also in attendance. Vice Chairman Haraway and Director Connie Spears attended via Zoom. Also present was Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager Emory DeBord. Recording Clerk Jodie Parker was absent.

Others present were Finance Manager Gary Sparks, Wastewater Manager Mark Bland, Water Manager Jason Leggett, and Attorney Woody Sanderson. Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich attended via Zoom. Mr. Joey Cassamata was also in attendance.

Chairman Terris Tatum called the Regular Board meeting to order at 5:30 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. March 15, 2021 Current Agenda

The agenda for the March 15, 2021 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Wastewater Manager Bland requested to add an Easement Encroachment Agreement with the Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority to the agenda. Attorney Sanderson requested to also add an agreement with the City of Madison related to Reimbursement of Water Main Extension and Relocation Charges for the Home Place Park Project.

Director Szmyd moved to approve the March 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted with the stated additions; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Szmyd moved to approve the minutes for the March 1, 2021 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. The Avenue Madison

Director Szmyd moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for The Avenue Madison; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ii. Intergraph North Campus Phase 5

Director Cook moved to approve the Dedication and Improvements for Intergraph North Campus Phase 5; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Award of Bid – Western Water Transmission Main – Phase 2

Water Manager Leggett stated that it was a successful bid and briefly explained what Phase 2 entailed. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Award of Bid for the Western Water Transmission Main Phase 2; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson discussed some revisions to the Williams Well agreement which has been previously discussed in past meetings. The Board determined Attorney Sanderson should send back a draft with the original plan to see if it is acceptable to the other party.

Attorney Sanderson presented an agreement with the City of Madison related to Reimbursement of Water Main Extension and Relocation Charges for the Home Place Park Project, for the Board to consider. He added that the City Attorney informed him that they approved of the verbiage and planned to have the agreement on the agenda for the next City Council meeting. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to accept the agreement with the City of Madison for the Home Place Park Project; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was also some additional discussion about some changes to the personnel policy that Attorney Sanderson is researching and some well negotiations which are ongoing.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Leggett stated that the Highland Drive project is behind, but they are hoping to bring in more crews to get caught up to when they are supposed to be complete which is April 28th. He added that the Town Hall meeting held for this project went well and most of the questions were more concerned with the roundabouts and the city engineer's plans for the roadway. Water Manager Leggett mentioned that the Western Transmission Main Phase 1 is just over 50% complete and phase 3 is still in the preliminary design phase. He also stated the QWTP project is expected to go to bid April 21st and that he would email the final design drawings to the Board members.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland updated the Board on a few ongoing projects starting with the Michili project which is nearing completion and almost ready for paving. He added that there had been an incident with a loss of power due to a mismarked electrical line which was not the fault of the contractor.

Wastewater Manager Bland reminded the Board the WWTP Expansion Project would likely be ready for bidding in May so there will be two major plant projects ongoing at the same time. He also thanked Vice Chairman Haraway for helping to facilitate arranging vaccines for Madison Utilities' employees who elected to take it.

Wastewater Manager Bland also reminded the Board about the previously discussed agreement with Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority regarding the Easement Encroachment. Attorney Sanderson provided copies of the agreement to the Board. Director Szmyd moved to approve the agreement with Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks mentioned that sometime in April he would like to present a mid-year budget review to the Board.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord mentioned to the Board that he received a request from Limestone County Water and Sewer Authority for a seasonal connection near the Cedar Acres tank; Water Manager Leggett is looking into the specifics.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY

None

13. DIRECTOR COOK

None.

14. DIRECTOR SPEARS

Director Spears commended Water Manager Leggett for his professional and informative presentation at the town hall meeting.

15. DIRECTOR SZMYD

None.

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

Chairman Tatum reminded the Board that the General Manage review needs to be conducted before the end of April. The Board decided to wait until the first meeting in April.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:20 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,

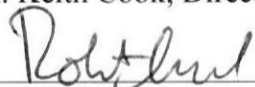


Terris Tatum, Chairman

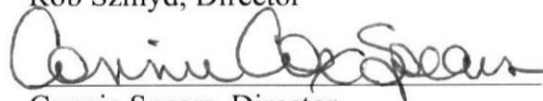
Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



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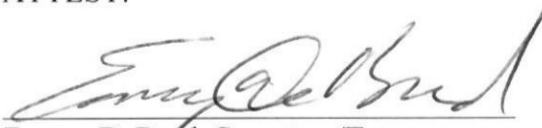


Rob Szmyd, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer