



**March 18, 2019
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 Gerald Clark and Director Rob Szmyd were present. Director A. Keith Cook was absent. 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, Water Manager Jason Leggett, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich and Attorney Woody Sanderson.

Chairman Terris Tatum called the Regular Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Registered Public in attendance: Mr. Craig Swinney and Mr. Euel Screws, from Engineers of the South, were present.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. March 18, 2019 Current Agenda

The agenda for the March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. February 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the February 4, 2019 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the minutes for the February 4, 2019 Regular Meeting; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. Director Clark abstained. The motion was approved.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

- i. Clift Farms West
- ii. Wells Estates
- iii. Bartlett Mill Subdivision
- iv. Firestone Complete Auto Care

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Preliminary Project Approvals for Clift Farms West, Wells Estates, Bartlett Mill Subdivision and Firestone Complete Auto Care with one motion; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion about the location and lots of the projects listed. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Dedication and Improvements

None.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Drake Well Assessment Engineering Report

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Drake Well Assessment Engineering Report; Director Clark seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Haraway confirmed the value of the Drake Well based on the report presented by Engineers of the South and Attorney Sanderson confirmed that was the assessment based on the original lines run for the well. Attorney Sanderson also proposed several options to the Board for moving forward with the Drake well. Mr. Euel Screws from Engineers of the South expressed to the Board that the value of the well could be based on several different factors but ultimately it comes down to how much the well is needed by MU from an operational standpoint.

After further discussion, the Board unanimously decided to have Attorney Sanderson pursue purchasing the well. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Personnel Policy Revision – Chapter 7 Holidays, Leave & Other Benefits Section 7.2.4c Bereavement

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Personnel Policy Revision for Chapter 7 Holidays, Leave & Other Benefits Section 7.2.4c Bereavement; Director Clark seconded the motion. General Manager DeBord explained that with some employees now on a 4 day/10 hour shift, he wanted to make the 24 work hours of bereavement the same for all employees. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Krebs Engineering Inc. General Services Agreement Renewal

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Krebs Engineering General Services Agreement Renewal; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Rate Resolution Effective April 1, 2019, Resolution No. WWB-105-2019

Director Clark moved to approve the Rate Resolution Effective April 1, 2019, Resolution No. WWB-105-2019; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. Finance Manager Sparks explained that the emergency water usage rate for Huntsville Utilities had increased and MU's Rate Resolution needed to be updated to reflect that change in case purchasing water was ever needed. He added that there were a couple of other minor changes but the emergency water usage rate was the primary change. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson updated the Board on a few ongoing legal items including an easement dispute which he is awaiting a decision by the land owner, and an open records request which appears to have been resolved. Water Manager Leggett mentioned that the Madison Landing Agreement had been received and just needed to be reviewed but is nearly complete. Lastly, Attorney Sanderson presented two waivers for inspections which needed to be signed by Chairman Tatum.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Leggett updated the Board about an ongoing ground water situation near Highland Drive. There has been water coming out from beneath an electric transformer that was originally called in as a leak. After testing the water and turning off the main, it was determined that it was in fact ground water and not a leak. Water Manager Leggett added that there are many underground springs in that area and with all of the rain, the water was coming to the surface.

Water Manager Leggett also stated that the Cedar Acres tank inspection is underway and a report would follow, as well as, the Water Operations crew is assisting in investigating a leak near Slaughter at Bob Jones while school is out for spring break.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland updated the Board on some of the ongoing wastewater projects stating briefly that the fuel station site is ready and the tank pads will be poured in preparation for the tanks to be delivered later in the month. Other projects ongoing are the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion, the Martin Road Lift Station which will hopefully have the foundation poured next week, the Town Madison Lift Station and the Main Force Main Extension which the pipe has been purchased for but has not yet begun to be put in the ground.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks informed the Board that Mr. Johnny Dill is no longer with the brokerage firm Joe Jolly & Co, Inc, but has moved to The Frazier Lanier Company instead. MU will be having additional borrowing needs in the future and the Board will have to decide on a financial advisor. Also, discussions are underway with Raftelis Financial Consultants regarding an updated rate study including fee analysis. Mr. Sparks hopes to have a proposal soon.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

None

12. VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY

None

13. DIRECTOR COOK

None.

14. DIRECTOR CLARK

None.

15. DIRECTOR SZMYD

None

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman



Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



Gerald Clark, Director

A. Keith Cook, Director

Rob Szmyd, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer