



**May 17, 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, Director A. Keith Cook and Director Connie Spears were also in attendance. Vice Chairman Steve Haraway was absent. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager Emory DeBord and Recording Clerk Jodie Parker.

Others present were Wastewater Manager Mark Bland, Water Manager Jason Leggett, Finance Manager Gary Sparks, and Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich. Attorney Woody Sanderson was absent.

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. May 17, 2021 Current Agenda

The agenda for the May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Director Cook moved to approve the May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Cook moved to approve the minutes for the May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting; Director Szmyd 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. Additional Award of Bid MU#501-2021 Fleet Vehicles and Resolution No. WWB-110-2021

Wastewater Manager Bland stated that shortages of fleet vehicles are being anticipated for next year and that a representative from Woody Anderson Ford contacted him and indicated they would keep the pricing from the most recent bid, even though the cost has gone up even since then. Wastewater Manager Bland added he is requesting to pre-purchase items for the next budget year to be able to secure the lower price and Finance Manager Sparks added that, with the expected delay, the delivery would be most likely be in the next fiscal year anyway.

Director Spears moved to approve the additional Award of Bid MU#501-2021 Fleet Vehicles and Resolution No. WWB-110-2021; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**6. LEGAL**

Absent

**7. WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Leggett notified the Board that the Western Transmission Main Phase 1 is over 80% complete and that Phase 2 is expected to start June 1<sup>st</sup>. He also added that the Highland Drive Project is moving along with all meters being connected in the first phase and then once the main connections are completed, the yards could be restored. Chairman Tatum asked if Water Manager Leggett had an estimated timeline for completion to which he replied between 2-3 weeks or up to a month. He added that the contractor should have more people dedicated to the project and they keep promising more crews, but they never materialize. Water Manager Leggett stated it has been frustrating for the customers and for MU as well. Director Spears asked Water Manager Leggett to please keep Renee Bartlett on the City Council apprised of any updates or delays.

**8. WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland updated the Board the Wastewater Treatment Plant pre-bid as well as mentioning that the Michli project is down to mostly cleanup remaining as well as fixing some grass issues.

**9. FINANCE REPORT**

Finance Manager Sparks mentioned that a load of fuel had been delivered after having difficulty obtaining along with everyone else in the area. He added that the 10,000 gallon tank had been down to only 450 gallons but that has now been resolved.

**10. CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Customer Service Manager Leftwich informed the Board about an apartment complex which was scheduled to be locked-off for non-payment and that they would be charged the lock-off fee like any other customer. Chairman Tatum asked how often that happened for them and Customer Service Manager Leftwich responded that they had a new company take over in October and they had been late four times since.

**11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager stated that he is participating in ongoing discussions with Limestone County Water. He added that they were working to fill the Engineer position as quickly as possible.

**12. VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY**

Absent.

**13. DIRECTOR COOK**

None.

**14. DIRECTOR SPEARS**

None

**15. DIRECTOR SZMYD**

None.

**16. CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

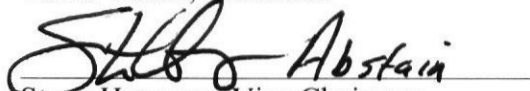
17. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:02 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

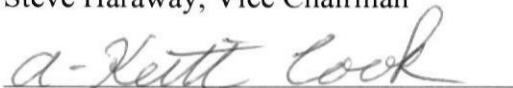
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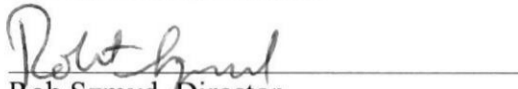
Terris Tatum, Chairman



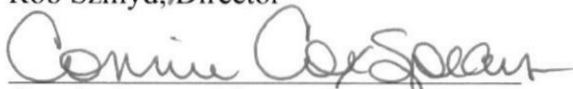
Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



A. Keith Cook, Director



Rob Szmyd, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer