



**May 3, 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. Vice Chairman Steve Haraway, Director Rob Szmyd, and Director Connie Spears were also in attendance. Director A. Keith Cook attended via Zoom. 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, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich, and Attorney Woody Sanderson.

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 3, 2021 Current Agenda

The agenda for the May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Szmyd moved to approve the minutes for the April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting; Vice Chairman Haraway seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. April 19, 2021 Work Session Minutes

The minutes for the April 19, 2021 Work Session were presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the minutes for the April 19, 2021 Work Session; Director Spears 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. 2020 ADEM Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Annual Report (MWPP) and Resolution No. WWB-108-2021

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that this is the annual report which goes to ADEM for the wastewater collection system and the wastewater treatment plant. He added that any score below 70 is an acceptable level so Madison Utilities' score of 42 is well within range.

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to accept the 2020 ADEM Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Annual Report and Resolution No. WWB-108-2021 as submitted; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Award of Bid for the QWTP Expansion Project and Resolution No. WWB-109-2021

Water Manager Leggett explained that the bid was held for the expansion of the Quarry Water Treatment Plant and the engineers had warned that the bid could be impacted by the high cost of construction materials currently. There was a brief discussion about the Mark Johnson Construction company who won the bid and Water Manager Leggett stated that they were highly recommended by the engineering firm which conducted the bid. A brief discussion ensued. Vice Chairman Haraway asked if the award of bid could be approved pending review by legal counsel.

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the award of bid for the QWTP Expansion Project and Resolution No. WWB-109-2021; Director Spears seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. **LEGAL**

Attorney Sanderson briefly mentioned the current status of legal action open items. He added that the Williams Well agreement would be on the next city council agenda and that he had sent a draft agreement to Madison County and awaiting a response.

7. **WATER REPORT**

Water Manager Leggett notified the Board that the Highland Drive project is moving along with the northern section getting close to being cleaned up and almost ready to tie-on customer's services with new meters (which would be done individually). He added that he had stressed to the contractor that this is the priority. Water Manager Leggett also mentioned that the Western Transmission Phase 2 will be started this month and is scheduled to be completed in July.

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**

Wastewater Manager Bland updated the Board on the Michli project which he said is close to wrapping up. He added that there were some who were unhappy with the sod the subcontractor had put in and that he was working to correct that. Lastly, he stated that the bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion would be going out soon.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

None

10. **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Customer Service Manager Leftwich informed the Board that the Annual Water Quality Reports had gone out to all paperless customers.

11. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

General Manager stated that he is participating in ongoing discussions with Limestone County Water. He added that he also had an upcoming meeting with Mike Oliver from Harvest-Monrovia about the potential of providing sewer service to new apartments on Balch Road.

12. **VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY**

None.

13. **DIRECTOR COOK**

Absent.

14. **DIRECTOR SPEARS**

Director Spears thanked General Manager DeBord for taking her on a tour of the MU facilities and projects. She also expressed some concerns from an MU customer before Wastewater

Manager Bland assured her that he was reviewing some different possible solutions.

15. **DIRECTOR SZMYD**

None.

16. **CHAIRMAN TATUM**

None

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

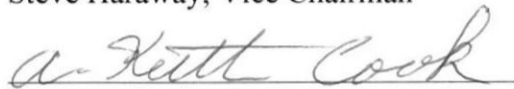
At 6:40 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,

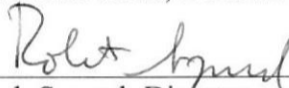


Terris Tatum, Chairman

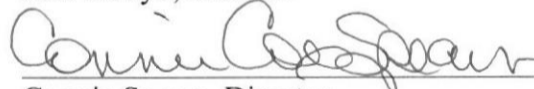
Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



A. Keith Cook, Director



Rob Szmyd, Director



Connie Spears, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer