



**October 19, 2020
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, Director Rob Szmyd and Director A. Keith Cook were present. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager Emory DeBord and Recording Clerk Jodie Parker.

Others present were Finance Manager Gary Sparks, Water Manager Jason Leggett, Wastewater Manager Mark Bland, 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. October 19, 2020 Current Agenda

The agenda for the October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Wastewater Manager Bland notified Chairman Tatum that item 5b for the 2021 SCADA Improvements needed to be removed from the agenda. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted with the removal of item 5b; Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Clark moved to approve the minutes for the October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Haraway abstained. The motion was approved.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

None

b. Dedication and Improvements

None

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. UV System Repairs

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the UV System Repairs; Director Cook seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. 2021 SCADA Improvements Memo

* Removed from the agenda

c. Sonetics Portable Wireless Systems (Water & Wastewater Purchase)

Wastewater Manager Bland explained that this system is a tremendous safety device as it allows communication between employees when there is a lot of noise. He added that it is frequently used by firefighters for communication purposes also.

Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the Sonetics Portable Wireless Systems; Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. EOS Western Interceptor Manholes 58-97

Wastewater Manager Bland explained the variance exception outlined in the memo. He stated that after touring the factory in Houston, and meeting with the Hobas engineers, they were able to determine that the Fiberglass Reinforced Pipe (FRP) would be an acceptable and more cost effective alternative to the ductile iron pipe. Wastewater Manager Bland add that the change would result in a savings of over one million dollars on this project.

Vice Chairman Haraway asked if the size of the job caused local bidders not to bid the project. Wastewater Manager Bland replied that was one factor and General Manager DeBord added that Cleary Construction does have an office in Birmingham, so they have a presence in-state. Director Clark asked if the change in pipe would be noted as different in the GIS mapping and Wastewater Manager Bland replied that there is currently not a code for the FRP pipe, but one would be created.

Director Clark moved to approve the EOS Western Interceptor from Manholes 58-97; Director Szymd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Sanderson briefly discussed the Attorney General report which necessitated removing item 5b from the agenda until it could be researched more thoroughly. He also added that he would be meeting with Water Manager Leggett to discuss details which need to be worked out on some of the pending well contracts.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Leggett stated that the design for the Quarry Water Treatment Plant is progressing. He also added that the Highland Drive project has been bid and the pre-construction meeting would be taking place in the upcoming week. Water Manager Leggett also commented that a sinkhole was discovered in Triana last week and that GEO Solutions would be coming out to evaluate and determine the best course of corrective action.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

None

9. FINANCE REPORT

None

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager DeBord confirmed with Mayor Caudle that she would like Madison Utilities to move forward with establishing GIS mapping for the Town of Triana. General Manager DeBord also mentioned that he met with a local developer about purchasing the Williams Well when it is no longer needed by Madison Utilities.

12. VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY

None

13. DIRECTOR COOK

None.

14. DIRECTOR CLARK

None

15. DIRECTOR SZMYD

None

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

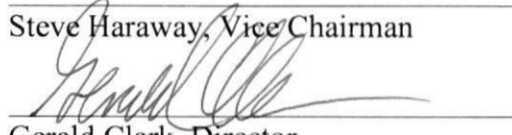
At 5:53 p.m. the Board adjourned.

Approved,



Terris Tatum, Chairman

Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



Gerald Clark, Director

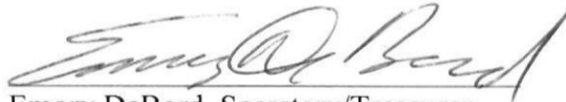


A. Keith Cook, Director



Rob Szmyd, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer