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Meeting Minutes - Approved WATER UTILITY BOARD

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

4:30 PM

Madison Water Utility- 119 E. Olin Ave.
Conference Room A&B

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Lauren Cnare called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Alder Marsha Rummel was also in attendance.

Present: 7 - Patrick E. Delmore; Lauren Cnare; Michael R. Dailey; Eugene L. McLinn;
Doug Voegeli; Debra R. Simon and David Ahrens

Excused: 1 - Arvina Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were 9 registrants for agenda item #1, the update regarding poly- and perfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS).

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were none.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ahrens, seconded by Dailey, to Adopt the Consent Agenda. Those items with an asterisk (2,3,7,8,9) were included on the consent agenda. The motion passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [54488](#) Update regarding poly- and perfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS)

Attachments: [Link to Madison Water Utility's PFAS Webpage](#)
[2018.11.21 Hansen Letter to DNR.pdf](#)
[Presentation to Water Utility Board 2-5-2019.slides.pdf](#)
[Written Public Comments 2-5-2019.pdf](#)

Madison Water Utility General Manager Tom Heikkinen introduced Joseph Grande, the Water Quality Manager. Grande gave a presentation to the board (see attached).

Heikkinen, Grande, Voegeli, and Jeff Lafferty from Public Health Madison Dane County answered questions from the board.

The board heard public comment from 9 registrants: Sue Pastor, Elizabeth Neary, Grant Foster, Carl Landsness, Jim Powell, Joshua Knackert, Ida Jammeli, Maria Powell and Angela Jenkins.

The board also received written comments (see attached).

Alders Ahrens and Rummel said they planned to introduce action at the Common Council to create a PFAS task force, bringing together city, county and state agencies to address the issue.

A motion was made by Delmore, seconded by Mclinn, to take the following actions:

- **Direct the General Manager to provide a proposal, plan and cost estimate for extensive testing of all 23 municipal wells for PFAS.**
- **Direct the General Manager to draft a letter to Wisconsin's representatives in Congress requesting that funds be allocated for the development of an action plan for a groundwater study and remediation at Truax Air Field**
- **Direct the General Manager to prepare a contingency plan for shutting down Wells 15 and 16.**
- **Request outreach by Public Health Madison Dane County to vulnerable populations in the Well 15 service area, including families with infants and children.**
- **Request that Public Health Madison Dane County reach out to health officials in more states that have set their own drinking water standards for PFAS.**
- **Direct the Board President to draft a letter from the Water Utility Board to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources urging the setting of a state drinking water standard for PFAS. A similar letter was sent by State Senator Dave Hansen.**

The motion passed by voice vote.

Alder Ahrens and Alder Rummel left the meeting at 6:13 pm.

Present: 6 - Patrick E. Delmore; Lauren Cnare; Michael R. Dailey; Eugene L. McLinn; Doug Voegeli and Debra R. Simon

Excused: 2 - Arvina Martin and David Ahrens

- *2. [53775](#) Amending Resolution Enactment No. RES-17-00875, which authorizes the grant of an underground electric easement to Madison Gas and Electric Company to accommodate updates to their facilities at 115 S. Paterson Street (Madison Water Utility Operation Center). (6th A.D.)

Attachments: [Locator_Map.pdf](#)
[11390_Exhibit A to amending reso.pdf](#)
[FILE ID 49014 RES 17-00875](#)

A motion was made by Ahrens, seconded by Dailey, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote on the consent agenda.

- *3. [54089](#) Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and 849 EWASH, LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability company, for the disposal of the city-owned property located at 14 S. Paterson Street. (6th A.D.)

Attachments: [11674 Resolution Exhibit A.pdf](#)
[11674 Resolution Exhibit B.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Ahrens, seconded by Dailey, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote on the consent agenda.

4. [54189](#) SUBSITUTE: Amending the 2019 Water Utility budget for a net-neutral budget transfer of \$1,469,000 from the Water Utility operating budget to the capital budget to align expenditures with capitalization policy standards.

Attachments: [Master23-Jan-2019-11-51-41.pdf](#)

A motion was made by McLinn, seconded by Simon, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. [22206](#) Notification of any noncompliance with Water Utility Board Policies.

There was none.

6. [53585](#) Financial Update

Attachments: [MWU Financial Improvement Plan 12-28-2018.pdf](#)
[PSC Order Point Compliance Letter 1-16-2019.pdf](#)

Heikkinen introduced Jeff Stanek, Madison Water Utility's new Chief Financial Officer. Stanek gave an update to the board.

- *7. [54485](#) Sustainability Monitoring Report

Attachments: [O-2E Sustainability January 2019.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Ahrens, seconded by Dailey, to Approve the General Manager's interpretation and the report as submitted. The motion passed by voice vote on the consent agenda.

*8. [54486](#) Financial Condition and Activities Monitoring Report

Attachments: [EL-2D Financial Condition and Activities January 2019.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Ahrens, seconded by Dailey, to Approve the General Manager's interpretation and the report as submitted. The motion passed by voice vote on the consent agenda.

*9. [54487](#) Quality and Performance Improvement Monitoring Report

Attachments: [EL-2I Quality and Performance Improvement 2018.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Ahrens, seconded by Dailey, to Approve the General Manager's interpretation and the report as submitted. The motion passed by voice vote on the consent agenda.

10. [28907](#) Report from the Committee on the Environment.

Patrick Delmore gave a report to the board on the Committee's December meeting.

11. [20013](#) Meeting Evaluation and Discussion

12. [14501](#) Introduction of Future Agenda Items.

Attachments: [Decision Tree.pdf](#)

Future agenda items include a refresher on policy governance, reviewing and updating Board Process, Board-Executive Delegation, Outcomes, and Water Quality Treatment policies, and the board's annual report to the Common Council.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Delmore, seconded by McLinn, to Adjourn at 6:46 pm. The motion passed by voice vote.