



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved WATER UTILITY BOARD

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

4:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Gregory Harrington called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: 4 -
Gregory W. Harrington; Dan Melton; Madeline B. Gotkowitz and Larry Palm

Excused: 3 -
Lauren Cnare; Thomas Schlenker and Bruce Mayer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gotkowitz, seconded by Melton, to Approve the Minutes of the August 24 meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayer arrived at 4:34 p.m. Schlenker arrived at 4:41 p.m.

Present: 6 -
Gregory W. Harrington; Dan Melton; Thomas Schlenker; Bruce Mayer; Madeline B. Gotkowitz and Larry Palm

Excused: 1 -
Lauren Cnare

1. [20008](#) Arbor Hills Neighborhood Supplemental Fire Flow Supply Project: Pump Station Site Selection

Attachments: [Public Hearing Announcement.pdf](#)
[Booster Station No. 118 Site Selection Report 9-2010.pdf](#)
[Madison Booster Station 119 Public Hearing Presentation.pdf](#)
[Written Comments- Arbor Hills Public Hearing 9-29-2010.pdf](#)

Principal Engineer Al Larson introduced Andy Mullendore from Strand & Associates. Mullendore gave a presentation to the board on the project and site selection process (attached).

A written comment from Craig Swenson was received prior to the meeting (attached).

Three citizens were present to address the board at the hearing:

Bryan Manning was a member of the Citizen Advisory Panel (CAP) for the project and spoke in favor of the recommended site.

Patty Zahler was also a member of the CAP. Her concern about the recommended site was that tree screening be maintained and that the facility be designed to blend in with the neighborhood.

Lori Kief addressed the board with questions related to the Cannonball Run water main.

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Mayer, to Approve the recommended site. The motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Two citizens were present to address the board.

Lori Kief addressed the board regarding Agenda Items 3 and 4. She expressed concerns about hiring consultants when the work could be done by union employees.

Michael Kienitz addressed the board regarding Agenda Item 3. He supported the preparation of wellhead protection plans and was concerned about a proposed Erdman development at University Avenue- Whitney Way in the Well 14 Wellhead Protection Area.

MONITORING REPORTS

2. [17152](#) General Manager's Report

Attachments: [General Manager's Report September 2010.pdf](#)
[Employee Recognition September 2010.pdf](#)

The board received the attached report.

The General Manager said a study of the water tank that caught on fire has concluded the steel is not compromised - the tank is repairable.

REQUIRED APPROVALS BY CONSENT

Agenda items 3 and 4 were removed from the consent agenda.

- 3. [19871](#) Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Ruekert/Mielke of Waukesha, Wisconsin for the preparation of wellhead protection plans for Madison Water Utility unit wells 8, 13, and 19 (Citywide).
Ald. Palm asked if the Utility has people on staff who can prepare wellhead protection plans rather than hiring outside consultants. A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Gotkowitz, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER . The motion passed by voice vote.

- 4. [19872](#) Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute a Professional Services Agreement with AECOM of Stevens Point, Wisconsin for the preparation of wellhead protection plans for Madison Water Utility unit wells 20, 23, and 27 (Citywide).
A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Gotkowitz, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER . The motion passed by voice vote.

- 5. [20009](#) 2011 Water Utility Board Meeting Dates

Attachments: [2011 Water Board Meeting Dates.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Gotkowitz, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote.

BOARD EDUCATION

- 6. [20010](#) East Side Planning Study Update

Attachments: [Board Presentation - 09292010.pdf](#)
[Public Participation Handout.pdf](#)

Larson introduced Paul Boersma from Black & Veatch Corporation and Bert Stitt from Bert Stitt & Associates. Boersma and Stitt gave a presentation to the board on the project (attached).

Schlenker left the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Palm left at 6:30 p.m.

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7. [20011](#) Effective Utility Management- A Primer

Attachments: [Ten Attributes Handout.pdf](#)
[Outcomes Policy Development Groups.pdf](#)

Harrington distributed the attached handout and guided the board through the online primer at www.watereum.org. Each board member and the General Manager selected four attributes that he or she would focus on during group work at the next meeting (see attached).

NEW BUSINESS

8. [20012](#) Outcomes Policy Development- Defining the "Moral Ownership" of the Madison Water Utility

Attachments: [Outcomes Policy Development and Defining Ownership 9-2010.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Gotkowitz, seconded by Melton, to Approve the following statement:

The owners of the Madison Water Utility are all the residents of the City of Madison.

The motion passed by voice vote.

BOARD SELF-MONITORING

9. [20013](#) Meeting Evaluation and Discussion

Attachments: [Board Self-evaluation.pdf](#)

Gotkowitz evaluated the board on the following promised behaviors/activities:

BP-2A.2: Act as initiator of policy, not merely reactor to staff initiatives.
Behavior/activity was observed some.

BP-2B.1: Establish and maintain a credible linkage between the ownership and the Madison Water Utility.
Behavior/activity was observed.

BP-2C.3 Attend to consent agenda items as expeditiously as possible.
Behavior/activity was observed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. [14501](#) Introduction of Future Agenda Items

Attachments: [Decision Tree.pdf](#)

No future agenda items were introduced.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gotkowitz, seconded by Melton, to Adjourn at 7:14 p.m.
The motion passed by voice vote.