

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC,  
AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA  
August 30 , 2022 – 5:40 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at Muscatine Power and Water's Administration/Operations Building, 3205 Cedar Street, Muscatine, Iowa, on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 5:40 p.m.

Chairperson Kevin Fields called the meeting to order. Members of the Board were present as follows: Trustees Susan Eversmeyer, Tracy McGinnis, and Keith Porter. Trustee Steven Bradford was absent due to previously scheduled travel plans.

Also present were Gage Huston, General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water; Brenda Christensen, Board Secretary; Erika Cox, Brandy Olson, Mark Roberts, Ryan Streck, and Doug White of Muscatine Power and Water. Additional guests attending the meeting included Jessica Brackett, Kelly Miller, Charles Potter, Linda Schmarje and Charles Lorenzen.

Secretary Christensen asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to make any public comments. Public comments were made by Jessica Brackett.

The minutes of the July 26, 2022 Board meeting were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Trustee Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee McGinnis, the minutes from the July 26, 2022 Board meeting be approved. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The list of expenditures and transactions for July 2022 were presented. Mr. Huston reviewed the expenditures, and after additional discussion Trustee Porter moved, seconded by Trustee Eversmeyer, to ratify payment of \$6,562,089.72 for the Electric Utility, \$654,642.60 for the Water Utility, and \$1,094,849.31 for the Communications Utility, for a cumulative total of \$8,311,581.63. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston next introduced a recommendation to award a contract for the Unit 9 FGD Upper Roof Overlay Project. The project contract will cover furnishing of all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and supervision necessary to overlay the existing Unit 9 FGD building upper roof. Mr. Huston stated this project was approved with the 2022 Operating Budget for a total expenditure of \$362,000. A total of four bids were received, opened publicly, and read aloud on July 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Management reviewed the bids and established conformance to the specifications by the evaluated low bidder T&K Roofing of Ely, IA. It is recommended that award of the contract be made to T&K Roofing, of Ely, Iowa for a total price of \$273,000. After additional discussion, the following resolution was submitted:

**RESOLUTION 22-12**

WHEREAS, it appears in a written report from Muscatine Power and Water Management that the bid for the Unit 9 FGD Roof Overlay Project, as submitted by T&K Roofing of Ely, IA for a total price of \$273,000 was the best and lowest bid received; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, that the proposal from T&K Roofing of Ely, IA for a total price of \$273,000 for the Unit 9 FGD Roof Overlay Project was hereby accepted as submitted; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager and Secretary of the Board were hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a contract in the sum approved by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees.

Trustee Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, that said resolution be passed, approved, and adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022. On roll call, Trustees Eversmeyer, Porter, McGinnis, and Fields, voted aye. Voting nay, none. Trustee Bradford was absent. Resolution carried.

Mr. Huston reviewed the previously submitted memorandum to all Board members regarding designating the week of October 2-8, 2022, as Public Power Week. To support and increase awareness of the public to the benefits of public power, MPW would like to have the City of Muscatine designate this week to celebrate public power and recognize the important contributions MPW provides to the community. The following resolution was submitted:

**RESOLUTION 22-13  
PUBLIC POWER WEEK 2022**

WHEREAS, the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa wishes to recognize its customers and employees during Public Power Week; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Muscatine, place high value on a community-owned, not-for-profit utility and, as both customers and owners of the utility, have chosen local control over operations and policies through their City appointed Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, the MPW electric system is a community asset that contributes to the well-being of the local citizens through things such as energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, MPW employees are neighbors serving neighbors, providing homes, businesses, schools, and local government agencies with not for profit water, electric, and communications services while considering these 4 important factors: Reliability, Affordability, Flexibility and Sustainability, making our community the best place to live, stay, work, and play, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees request that the Mayor and City Council designate the week of October 2 – October 8, 2022 as Public Power Week in Muscatine, in order to honor Muscatine Power and Water, its consumer-owners, policy makers, and its employees, who work together to provide the best possible services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Muscatine has joined hands with other communities across the nation in this celebration of the many benefits of the public power model.

Trustee McGinnis moved, seconded by Trustee Eversmeyer, that said resolution be passed, approved, and adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022. On roll call, Trustees Eversmeyer, Porter, McGinnis, and Fields, voted aye. Voting nay, none. Trustee Bradford was absent. Resolution carried.

In the General Manager's report, Mr. Huston reminded the Board of the Line 106 Ribbon Cutting event on September 9, 2022 and provided an update on upgrades to the system. He also reviewed the items covered in a workshop he attended regarding resource adequacy and shared that MPW is assisting City of Muscatine staff's efforts related to potential upgrades on the Isett Avenue Corridor Project. The City recently received a \$2 million RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) grant. He also stated that both the Audit/Finance Committee members and MPW Staff have completed the required Revenue Bond Disclosure Policy training and then he updated the Board on the Staff investigation of Plant 1 operating as a Peaking Unit.

The July Financial Operating Statements and Balance Sheets were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Mr. Roberts reviewed the MPW dashboard, the Financial Results Summary for each Utility, and the Quarterly Investment Report.

Mr. Huston stated that there was one entry on the Competitive Quotes for Public Improvements Report for the 2022 Rectangular Tank Repair Project.

Mr. Huston reviewed the Monthly Project Status Report and Variance Analysis report.

The August Departmental Reports were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Mr. Huston provided a high-level review.

Trustee Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee McGinnis to receive and place on file the August 2022 Utility Reports. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

At 6:25 p.m. Chairperson Fields stated that the Board would be going into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining negotiation strategy in accordance with Iowa Code Section 20.17(3). Trustee Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee McGinnis that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 20.17(3). On roll call, Trustees McGinnis, Porter, Eversmeyer, and Fields, voted aye. Voting nay, none. Trustee Bradford was absent. Resolution carried.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:05 p.m.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Brenda Christensen  
Board Secretary