

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC,
AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA
August 29, 2023 – 5:34 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, August 29, 2023 at 5:34 p.m.

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

Also present were Gage Huston, General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water; Kelly Miller, Board Secretary; Erika Cox, Brandy Olson, Mark Roberts, Ryan Streck and Doug White of Muscatine Power and Water. Guests attending the meeting were Jessica Brackett, Kirby Phillips, and Matt Fowler.

No Public comments were made.

The minutes of the July 25, 2023 Board meeting were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Trustee Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee Bradford, the minutes from the July 25, 2023 Board meeting be approved. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The list of expenditures and transactions for July 2023 were presented. Mr. Huston reviewed the expenditures, and after additional discussion Trustee McGinnis moved, seconded by Trustee Bradford, to ratify payment of \$7,096,877.19 for the Electric Utility, \$908,008.31 for the Water Utility, and \$1,016,514.04 for the Communications Utility, for a cumulative total of \$9,021,399.54. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston reviewed the previously submitted memorandum to all Board members regarding designating the week of October 1-7, 2023, 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 23-27
PUBLIC POWER WEEK
October 1-7, 2023**

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 1 – October 7, 2023 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 Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee McGinnis, that said resolution be passed, approved, and adopted this 29th day of August 2023. On roll call, Trustees Eversmeyer, Bradford, McGinnis, and Porter voted aye. Voting nay, none. Trustee Fields was absent. Resolution carried.

In the General Manager's report, Mr. Huston and Erika Cox updated the Board on grant funding available for NOFA 8 and the plans for broadband expansion if awarded the grants available. Mr. Huston reviewed the Christmas in July event hosted by the Reliability Standards Compliance department and Women's Leadership Group where essential donations were collected and given to the local Domestic Violence Shelter. Mr. Huston also updated the Board on the RAGRAI event held on July 29 at the riverfront. MPW members served in many volunteer opportunities along with other community members during the day as Muscatine welcomed the riders. Most notably at the riverfront were the two bicycle sculptures constructed by MPW employees that gave the riders the perfect photo opportunities. Next Mr. Huston updated the Board on the National Night Out Event that was held on August 1 at Taylor Park and Franklin School. This was the first National Night Out event held in Muscatine and it was hosted by the Muscatine Police Department.

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

There were no entries on the Competitive Quotes for Public Improvements Report.

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

The July Departmental Reports were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Mr. Huston provided a high-level review, and Mr. White provided a Powering the Future status report, which included an update on key environmental regulations impacting MPW's power generation fleet.

Public comments were made by Jessica Brackett.

Trustee Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee Bradford to receive and place on file the July 2023 Utility Reports. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Miller".

Kelly Miller
Board Secretary