

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC,
AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA
FEBRUARY 25, 2025 – 4:00 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, February 25, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Susan Eversmeyer called the meeting to order. Additional members of the Board present were as follows: Trustees Tammi Drawbaugh, Keith Porter, and Trustee Fields. Chairperson Bradford was absent due to previously scheduled travel plans.

Also present were Gage Huston, General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water (MPW); April Luna, Acting Board Secretary; Erika Cox, Mark Roberts, Ryan Streck, and Greg Slonka of MPW. Additional guests attending the meeting included Kirby Phillips, Bryan Butler, Charles Lorensen, David O'Connor, Eric Howard and Dan Sirdoreus of Principal Financial Advisors.

Mr. Huston requested that the Board appoint April Luna as Acting Board Secretary for the meeting due to the absence of Kelly Miller. Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee Drawbaugh, to appoint April Luna as the Acting Board Secretary for the meeting. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston asked if anyone present wished to make a public comment.

Public comments were made by Charles Lorensen.

Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, to approve the January 28, 2025 regular meeting minutes. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, to ratify payments totaling \$5,588,956.82, for the Electric Utility, \$495,736.29 for the Water Utility, and \$1,263,061.46 for the Communications Utility, for a cumulative total of \$7,347,754.56 All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston reminded the Board that the Utility provides a defined benefit pension plan for its employees and the Pension Investment Policy requires the Board review the Employee Pension Fund performance once a year. Mr. Roberts provided a high-level summary and introduced Dan Sirdoreus and Eric Howard from Principal Financial Advisors. Mr. Sirdoreus provided an update of the plan cash flow, along with a review of MPW's portfolio and strategic asset allocations and investment earnings results. Mr. Sirdoreus finished his presentation with a review of the MPW portfolio performance and a total return summary. Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, to receive and place on file the 2024 Employees' Pension Plan and Investment Advisory Report. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Sirdoreus and Mr. Howard left the meeting after their presentation.

The next agenda item was a recommendation to Approve Annual Submittal of MPW Reliability Plan to Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC). The Iowa Administrative Code was revised in 2022 to require municipal electric utilities to adopt and file an annual electric reliability plan with the IUC. The annual electric reliability plan must be approved by the Board of Trustees and filed with the IUC annually by April 1. A similar requirement is in place for investor-owned utilities and electric cooperatives operating in Iowa.

Iowa Administrative Code 199—27.8 reads:

"Each electric cooperative and municipal electric utility is to adopt and have approved by its board of directors or governing authority a reliability plan. The reliability plan is to be updated not less than annually. A copy of the EC-1 (Annual Report) is to be filed with the commission for informational purposes."

The Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities (IAMU) prepared a model annual electric reliability plan for its members after consulting with the IUC to ensure compliance. That plan will serve as a capstone for MPW's suite of inspection, maintenance, and improvement plans, procedures, and policies.

Management recommends that the Board receive and adopt the annual electric reliability plan and file with the Iowa Utilities Commission.

The following resolution was submitted:

RESOLUTION 25-04

WHEREAS, Iowa Administrative Rule 199-27.8 states that municipal electric utilities are required to adopt and have approved by their governing body an annual electric reliability plan; and

WHEREAS, the annual electric reliability plan must be filed with the Iowa Utilities Commission; and

WHEREAS, MPW has reviewed its annual electric reliability plan.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa approve and adopt the annual Electric Reliability Plan of the municipal electric utility and file it with the Iowa Utilities Commission.

Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, that said resolution be passed, approved, and adopted this 25th day of February 2025. On roll call, Trustees Drawbaugh, Porter, Fields, and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Resolution carried.

In the February GM Report, Mr. Huston updated the Board on the following topics:

- Federal Funding Impacts – reviewed several funded projects and analysis regarding any impacts MPW may experience.
- West Hill Sewer Separation Phase 6 – Phase 6A-B is delayed but includes essential sewer and road work on Fulliam. 10 water services were discovered to be lead or galvanized and are currently being replaced. Phase 6C is ahead of schedule.

The February Financial Highlights and Financial Results Summary were reviewed by Mr. Roberts.

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

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

Mr. Huston reviewed the January 2025 Departmental Reports, Mr. Slonka reviewed the Power the Future section of the departmental reports.

No public comments were made.

Trustee Porter moved, seconded by Trustee Drawbaugh, to receive and place on file the January 2025 Utility Reports. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

At 5:04 p.m. Vice Chairperson Eversmeyer stated the Board would be going into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a Proposed Real Estate Transaction in accordance with Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j)(real estate transactions). Trustee Drawbaugh moved, Seconded by Trustee Porter to

move into Closed Session. On roll call, Trustees Fields, Drawbaugh, Porter, and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

At 5:18 p.m. the meeting was reconvened to open session.

No board action was requested.

At 5:22 p.m. Vice Chairperson Eversmeyer recommended the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i) to review the performance evaluations completed by the General Manager for the Directors and the performance evaluation completed by the Board of Trustees for the General Manager. Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(i) as requested in writing by the General Manager and Directors for the purpose of reviewing management performance. On roll call vote, Trustees Fields, Drawbaugh, Porter, and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed to the public at 5:22 p.m. All attendees left the meeting except for the General Manager and the Trustees.

At 5:40 p.m., Mr. Huston left the closed session.

At 6:00 p.m., the meeting was reconvened to open session.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "April Luna".

April Luna
Acting Board Secretary