

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC,  
AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA  
JUNE 24, 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, June 24, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Steven Bradford called the meeting to order. Members of the Board were present as follows: Trustees Susan Eversmeyer and Kevin Fields. Trustees Keith Porter and Tammi Drawbaugh were 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, Ryan Streck, and Greg Slonka of Muscatine Power and Water. Mark Roberts of MPW joined the meeting virtually. Additional attendees were Ben Baughman, Jill Blieu, and Kelly McGriff.

Public comments were made by Gage Huston.

Trustee Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee Fields to approve the May 27, 2025 regular Board meeting minutes. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee Fields, to ratify payment of \$7,227,288.04 for the Electric Utility, \$521,875.69 for the Water Utility, and \$1,122,505.17 for the Communications Utility for a cumulative total of \$8,871,668.90. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston continued that the next agenda item pertained to the Board Policy Manual and the revised manual had been provided to the Board. He stated the manual had been reviewed and updated by Staff and submitted in a "redline/track change mode" for the Board's review and comment. Mr. Huston reviewed revisions to the document, noting no action was being requested at this time regarding the Board Policy Manual and stated that approval would be requested at the July Board meeting.

Mr. Huston stated at the May 15, 2025, City Council meeting, Mayor Brad Bark forwarded the City of Muscatine's Nominating Committee's recommendation to City Council to appoint Kelly McGriff to the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees, and the City Council ratified the appointment. Mr. Huston continued that Mr. McGriff will start a term on the MPW Board of Trustees that begins on July 1, 2025 and will end June 30, 2031, upon which date Mr. McGriff will be eligible for reappointment. Trustee Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee Fields, to receive and place on file the Certificate of Appointment for Kelly McGriff to the Board of Trustees for a period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2031. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston stated the Board of Trustees usually elect new officers at the June meeting for the following year. It was recommended Trustee Eversmeyer be elected Chairperson and Trustee Porter be elected Vice-Chairperson for the 2025-26 term, beginning July 1, 2025. As part of the process of electing new Board officers, the Board Secretary is also appointed; it was recommended Ms. Miller continue as Board Secretary. Mr. Huston also recommended the following appointments for the 2025/2026 Board Committees:

Audit/Finance – Kelly McGriff and Kevin Fields (Committee Chair)

Planning and Operations – Kevin Fields and Susan Eversmeyer (Committee Chair)

Personnel & Public Relations – Keith Porter and Tammi Drawbaugh (Committee Chair)

Chairperson Bradford moved, seconded by Trustee Fields, to elect Trustee Eversmeyer as Chairperson, Trustee Porter be elected Vice-Chairperson and Ms. Miller be elected as Board Secretary for the 2025/2026 term, and receive and place on file the 2025/2026 Board Committee appointments. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a recommendation for a resolution recognizing Mr. Steven Bradford for 12 years of service, from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2025, as a member of the MPW Board of Trustees. Mr. Huston shared some of the highlights of Mr. Bradford's tenure as a Trustee and thanked him for his support of MPW and the community and citizens of Muscatine. The following resolution was submitted to recognize Mr. Bradford's service:

#### **RESOLUTION 25-11**

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven Bradford served as a member of the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2025, during which time Trustee Bradford graciously contributed his knowledge and personal time toward the betterment and efficient operation of the municipal water, electric, and communications systems of the City of Muscatine, Iowa; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, that the appreciation of the Board of Trustees and of the citizens of Muscatine, Iowa to Trustee Bradford be evidenced by presenting him a copy of this resolution, duly signed on behalf of this Board; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution be included in the minutes of the Board.

Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee Eversmeyer, that said resolution be passed, approved, and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025. On roll call Trustees Fields, Eversmeyer, and Bradford voted aye. Voting nay, none. Resolution carried.

In the General Manager's Report, Ms. Cox reviewed the Customer Appreciation Day events stating that MPW hosted over 600 guests at the event. She mentioned that MPW staff provided cybersecurity tips and demonstrated MPW's sustainability initiatives. She also shared that bus tours to the Grandview Wellfield and the Power Plant were offered to the guests. Ms. Cox stated that the event was a huge success and thanked the MPW employee volunteers for their participation. Ms. Cox reviewed the Riverbend Food Pantry volunteer opportunity MPW employees participated in. The team was able to help distribute food to over 400 local families in need. Next Ms. Cox stated that our Customer Survey was launched on June 23 with great success, received a strong response rate. Mr. Huston next reviewed the Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO) Summer Assessment with the Board. Mr. Huston explained that the MRO has released its annual Summer Reliability Assessment, offering a comprehensive outlook on the region's electric grid performance under seasonal stress. The report identifies potential vulnerabilities, highlights areas of strength, and outlines critical recommendations to ensure grid stability during peak demand periods. Mr. Huston stated that MPW is well positioned to meet the coming challenges of the summer season given its fuel supply on hand and length in generation to not only meet our local power needs but also to support the grid as necessary. Next Ms. Olson reviewed the 2025 State Legislative Wrap Up discussing the key bills impacting MPW and other utilities. Ms. Olson mentioned that with HF 879, telecom services are now included as "critical infrastructure," and enhanced criminal charges are applicable for any sabotage to communications infrastructure. She also mentioned SF 574 reduces the amount of retainage that can be held back on certain public projects from 5% to 3%. The Supply Chain Services is updating procedures for applicable contracts moving forward after July 1. SF 383 makes reforms to Pharmacy Benefit Manager processes and establishes a dispensing fee. HR is working with our benefit consultant to estimate the potential fiscal impact and reflect that in

budgeting for FY 26. Ms. Olson continued with increased public awareness of lead water service lines will come from SF 425, requiring disclosure of lead lines as part of real estate transactions. Ms. Olson also stated HF 706 increases the penalties for violations of Open Meetings law and requires mandatory training for newly appointed elected officials or appointed board members. This is intended to address the reoccurring complaints to the Iowa Public Information Board where officials claim ignorance of the law when an open meetings complaint is filed. Ms. Olson then stated the Community Solar bill, HF 404, advocated by solar developers did not advance. This was a major issue for the investor-owned utilities and rural cooperatives due to provisions undermining service territories, poorly drafted language around interconnection and billing practices, and the potential to create undue financial and operational burdens to the utility obligated to interconnect such a project.

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

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

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

Mr. Huston provided a high-level review of the May Departmental Reports, and Mr. Slonka provided a Powering the Future status report.

Trustee Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee Fields to receive, and place on file the June 2025 Utility Reports. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly Miller".

Kelly Miller  
Board Secretary