

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC,
AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA
MARCH 31, 2026 – 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, March 31, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Susan Eversmeyer called the meeting to order. Additional members of the Board who were present are as follows: Trustees Tammi Drawbaugh, Keith Porter, Kevin Fields, and Kelly McGriff.

Also present were Gage Huston, General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water (MPW); Kelly Miller, Board Secretary; Erika Cox, Brandy Olson, Mark Roberts, Ryan Streck, and Greg Slonka of MPW. Additional guests included Rachel Reed, Bryan Butler, Tasha Phillips, Eric Howard (Principal), Dan Sirdoreus (Principal), and Ben Baughman.

Gage Huston introduced the MPW employees who were attending the meeting.

Trustee McGriff moved, seconded by Trustee Drawbaugh, to approve the February 24, 2026 regular Board meeting minutes, and the February 23, 2026 Audit/Finance Committee meeting minutes. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Porter moved, seconded by Trustee Drawbaugh, to ratify payments totaling \$8,129,206.11 for the Electric Utility, \$557,145.54 for the Water Utility, and \$1,032,433.11 for the Communications Utility, for a cumulative total of \$9,718,784.77. 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. 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 Fields, to receive and place on file the 2025 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.

Next on the agenda Mr. Huston introduced a recommendation to approve a Project Summary Form for Muscatine Solar 1 (MS1) Construction per the Membership Interest Purchase Agreement (MIPA). Mr. Huston reviewed that at the February 2026 meeting, the Board authorized the General Manager to finalize negotiations and execute the MIPA for MS1, transitioning the project from a power purchase agreement (PPA) structure to MPW ownership. Approval of this PSF is the final step required to authorize capital expenditures necessary to fund the MIPA and complete construction of the MS1 facility. After discussion, Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, to approve the PSF for the Muscatine Solar 1 MIPA project in the amount of \$48,035,100 and authorize expenditures consistent with the PSF. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda Mr. Huston and Mr. Roberts introduced a recommendation to set a public hearing date to Authorize Issuance of the State Revolving Fund Debt for Lead Service Lines Replacement Project Phase 1. Staff is working toward initiation of Phase 1 of the lead (and galvanized) service lines replacement (LSLRs) project. Responses to an RFP for construction services are due April 9. Only one bidder will be selected for the project. After the bids are evaluated, they will be submitted to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for review. Once accepted, the Water Utility will be positioned to request State Revolving Fund (SRF) financing, working with the Iowa Finance Authority (IFA). After discussion, the following resolution was submitted:

RESOLUTION 26-07***Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on a proposal to issue Water Utility State Revolving Fund debt in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.***

WHEREAS, the City of Muscatine (the "City"), in Muscatine County, State of Iowa, did heretofore establish the Muscatine Water Utility System (the "Water Utility") and for which the Water Utility provides water services to customers in and near the City since its establishment; and

WHEREAS, the management and control of the Water Utility are vested in the Board of Water, Electric and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa (the "Board," doing business as Muscatine Power and Water; and

WHEREAS, Muscatine Power and Water acting with respect to the Water Utility now proposes to issue State Revolving Fund indebtedness in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 384 of the Code of Iowa, as amended, for the purpose of paying the net cost, to that extent, of replacing customer water lead and galvanized service lines as required by Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule Improvements ("LCRI"), which was issued as a final rule October 8, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Muscatine Power and Water acting with respect to the Communications Utility, as follows:

- Section 1. This Board shall meet on April 28, 2026, at the Muscatine Power and Water Administration Offices, 3205 Cedar Street, in the City, at 3:58 p.m., at which time and place a hearing will be held and proceedings will be instituted and action necessary to issue revenue bonds.
- Section 2. The Board Secretary is hereby directed to give notice of the proposed action on the Agreement setting forth the amount and purpose thereof, the time when and place where the said meeting will be held by publication at least once, not less than four (4) and not more than twenty (20) days before the meeting, in a legal newspaper which has a general circulation in the City. The notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO ISSUE MUSCATINE POWER AND WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND DEBT FOR WATER UTILITY IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000

The Board of Water, Electric and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa (the "Board") doing business as Muscatine Power and Water will meet on April 28, 2026, at the Muscatine Power and Water Administration offices, 3205 Cedar Street, in Muscatine, Iowa, at 3:58 p.m., for the purpose of approving the issuance of Water Utility State Revolving Debt not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the replacement of customer lead and galvanized water service lines.

The debt will not constitute a general obligation of the City of Muscatine, nor will the debt be payable in any manner by taxation but, together with any additional obligations as may be hereafter issued and outstanding

from time to time ranking on a parity therewith, will be payable solely and only from the Net Revenues of the Water Utility of Muscatine Power and Water and affected customers' contributions to the debt service obligation. At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to issue the revenue bonds. After receiving objections, the Board may determine to issue the revenue bonds, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter. By order of the Board of Muscatine Power and Water acting with respect to the Communications Utility.

*Kelly Miller
Board Secretary*

- Section 3. Pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Income Tax Regulations (the "Regulations") of the Internal Revenue Service, the Water Utility declares (a) that it intends to undertake the Project which is reasonably estimated to cost approximately \$2,000,000, (b) that other than (i) expenditures to be paid or reimbursed from sources other than the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations (the "Bonds"), or (ii) expenditures made not earlier than 60 days prior to the date of this Resolution or a previous intent resolution of the Water Utility, or (iii) expenditures amounting to the lesser of \$100,000 or 5% of the proceeds of the Bonds, or (iv) expenditures constituting preliminary expenditures as defined in Section 1.150-2(f)(2) of the Regulations, no expenditures for the Project have heretofore been made by the Water Utility and no expenditures will be made by the Water Utility until after the date of this Resolution or a prior intent resolution of the Water Utility, and (c) that the Water Utility reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures made for costs of the Water Utility out of the proceeds of the Bonds. This declaration is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Regulations. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law. Passed and approved this 31st day of March 2026.

Trustee McGriff moved, seconded by Trustee Fields, that said resolution should be passed, approved, and adopted on this 31st day of March 2026. On roll call Trustees Drawbaugh, Porter, Fields, McGriff, and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Resolution carried.

Mr. Roberts next reviewed the 2025 Eide Bailly Statement of Work with the Board.

Next on the agenda Mr. Huston introduced a resolution to approve the Communications Utility's revenue adjustments, effective May 2026, and authorize the General Manager to continue to be responsible for approving tiers, bulk packages, premium services, equipment and other fees, promotional packages, and discounts for all MPW's Communications services as deemed necessary to ensure the financial viability of the Communications Utility. Ms. Cox reviewed the following recommendations for the 2026 adjustments. For internet pricing, Ms. Cox stated that no price adjustments are budgeted or are

requested. MPW continues to promote use of MPW's WiFi@Home service for optimum internet performance within the home. Staff recommended an additional price reduction from \$4.00/month to \$3.00/month, as was included in the 2026 Budget. She continued with a video pricing update. Annual price adjustments are recommended for MPW video services to cover the increasing costs of acquiring programming content. The programming cost increases and associated video revenue increases included in the 2026 operating budget, along with current estimates/recommended increase for 2026. The overall cost of MPW's video offerings continues to stay in line with the competition, as well as regional benchmarks. All video providers are facing the same price increases from programmers. Ms. Cox continued with a phone pricing update. A rate adjustment was budgeted and is recommended for residential and business class Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone service of \$1.00 per line to offset the Universal Service Fund (USF) fee. After discussion, the following resolution was submitted:

RESOLUTION 26-08

WHEREAS, review of the financial condition of the Communications Utility has been completed and reviewed with the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees for its consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed this information and determined that a revenue adjustment is necessary to keep the Communications Utility in a sound financial condition; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, that effective May 1, 2026, the price for MPW TV Basic service shall be \$27.49 per month and Select service shall be \$103.49 per month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Broadcast Surcharge shall be \$31.00 and that the Regional Sports Charge shall be \$10.00 per month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the WiFi@Home service rate shall be \$3.00 per month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water shall continue to be responsible for approving tier pricing, premium services, equipment fees, promotional packages, and discounts to assure financial viability of the Communications Utility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that proper notice be given to consumers in accordance with the terms of the contracts, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Iowa State Code.

Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee McGriff, that said resolution should be passed, approved, and adopted on this 31st day of March 2026. On roll call Trustees Drawbaugh, Porter, Fields, McGriff, and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Resolution carried.

Next on the agenda was a Recommendation to Receive and Place on File Muscatine Power and Water's 2025 Annual Report. Mr. Huston presented the Trustees with copies of the newly printed Annual Report for 2025. As has been the case for the past several years, the content for the report was developed entirely with in-house resources and printed at a low-cost through a local printer. He continued that the financial summaries included in the Annual Report were based on unaudited financial results and a note to that effect was included in the Report. Ms. Cox stated a copy of the report is already on the website and total costs for the report continue to remain low. Trustee Porter moved, seconded by Trustee Drawbaugh, to receive and place on file the 2025 Annual Report. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston introduced the following resolution requesting the Muscatine Mayor and City Council designate the week of May 3-9, 2026 as Drinking Water Week.

RESOLUTION 26-09

DRINKING WATER WEEK

May 3-9, 2026

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

WHEREAS, water is our most valuable natural resource; and,

WHEREAS, Muscatine's municipal water supply provides many benefits to the community, including supporting public health, providing fire protection, supporting our economy, and sustaining the quality of life we enjoy; and,

WHEREAS, MPW provides our homes, businesses, farms, social service, and local government agencies with reliable, efficient and low-cost water services, employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at the lowest possible rate; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees request the Mayor and City Council designate the week of May 3-9, 2026, as Drinking Water Week in Muscatine, in order to honor the employees of MPW who work together to provide the best possible water services, and its consumer-owners; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Muscatine will join hands with other communities across the nation to celebrate the benefits of a consumer-owned water utility for our local and national progress.

Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, that said resolution should be passed, approved, and adopted on this 31st day of March 2026. On roll call Trustees Drawbaugh, Porter, Fields, McGriff, and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Resolution carried.

In the March GM Report, Mr. Huston updated the Board on the following items:

- ISU Survey Initiative to assess outage impacts on commercial and industrial customers
- Administrative office remodel
- Muscatine Solar 2 decision timeline
- Electric bond financing update
- Power Breakfast

The February Financial highlights and Financial Results Summaries 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 February 2026 Departmental Reports, and Mr. Slonka reviewed the Powering the Future section of the departmental reports.

No public comment was made.

Trustee McGriff moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, to receive and place on file the February 2026 Utility Reports. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

At 5:12 p.m. 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 Porter moved, seconded by Trustee Drawbaugh, 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 Drawbaugh, Porter, Fields, McGriff, and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed to the public at 5:13 p.m. All attendees left the meeting except the Trustees.

At 5:40 p.m. Mr. Huston returned to the meeting with the Trustees.

At 5:45 p.m. Trustee Fields left the meeting.

At 6:14 p.m., the meeting was reconvened to open session.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Kelly Miller
Board Secretary