

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

Chairperson Susan Eversmeyer called the meeting to order. Other members of the Board were present as follows: Trustees Tammi Drawbaugh, Keith Porter, and Kelly McGriff. Trustee Kevin Fields was absent due to previously planned travel.

Also present were Gage Huston, General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water; Kelly Miller, Board Secretary; Erika Cox, Mark Roberts, Ryan Streck, Brandy Olson, and Greg Slonka of Muscatine Power and Water. Guests at the meeting were Jill Bliu, Russ Glass, Whitney Pena, Dave Grossklaus and Matt Courtney.

Secretary Miller asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to make any public comments.

Gage Huston introduced the MPW team in attendance.

The minutes of the October 28, 2025 Board meeting were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Trustee McGriff moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, for the minutes from the October 28, 2025, Board meeting be approved. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The list of expenditures and transactions for October 2025 was presented. Mr. Huston reviewed the expenditures, and after additional discussion Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee McGriff, to ratify payment of \$9,792,347.04 for the Electric Utility, \$1,204,607.24 for the Water Utility, and \$1,084,768.44 for the Communications Utility, for a cumulative total of \$12,081,722.72. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston introduced a recommendation to set dates for a public hearing related to the Sale of Land to Muscatine County. At the March 2025 board meeting, Resolution 25-08 was passed to set a public hearing at the April meeting to take public comment on the potential land sale. No comments were made at that hearing and the Board subsequently took action to execute the sale to Muscatine County. Unfortunately, while preparing to finalize the transaction, it was identified that proper publication of the April public hearing had not taken place. This was an error on the part of MPW staff. The attorney representing the County has asked MPW to repeat the entire process, including setting dates for a public hearing, conducting the public hearing, and re-voting to execute the land sale.

Therefore, Staff requested the Board pass a resolution at this November meeting to set dates for a public hearing on the proposed sale in conjunction with the December Board meeting. The December Board agenda would then also include the Resolution to re-approve the transaction.

After additional discussion, the following resolution was submitted:

**RESOLUTION 25-22**

WHEREAS, Muscatine Power and Water determined it no longer has need for the 5-acre parcel proposed for sale to Muscatine County for the value of \$58,043.70 plus costs incurred by MPW and the current tenant, and the parties have agreed to the terms for the transaction; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa that a public hearing regarding this property sale be held on the 18th day of December 2025 at 3:58 p.m. in the Auditorium of Muscatine Power and Water's Administration/Operations Building located at 3205 Cedar Street, Muscatine, Iowa, and the notice of said hearing shall be published once in the Muscatine Journal, a newspaper of general circulation published daily in the City of Muscatine, Iowa, not less than four (4) nor more than twenty (20) days prior to said hearing, all as required by the Code of Iowa.

Trustee Porter moved, seconded by Trustee Drawbaugh that said resolution to set a public hearing for 3:58 p.m. on December 18, 2025, regarding the sale of a 5-acre parcel to Muscatine County be passed, approved, and adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025. On roll call, Trustees Drawbaugh, Porter, McGriff, and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Resolution carried.

Next Mr. Huston introduced a recommendation to Approve a Revised Project Summary Form for the West Hill Sewer Separation Phase 6C Water Main, Hydrant, Valve, Service Replacements Project. This revision results from additional costs due to unforeseen required work. MPW encountered additional costs from service line replacements, an additional fire hydrant, and two sections of water main needing replacement. Staff requests an increase in the PSF amount from \$215,500 to \$255,900. Trustee McGriff moved, seconded by Trustee Drawbaugh, to Approve Revised Project Summary Form for the West Hill Sewer Separation Phase 6C Water Main, Hydrant, Valve, Service Replacements Project. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Roberts introduced the next agenda item, a review of the Electric Utility Financing documents and current status of financing. Guest Dave Grossklaus, partner at Dorsey & Whitney LLP, reviewed the documentation that was presented to the Trustees. No action was requested of the Board.

Next on the agenda was approval of the 2026 Operating Budgets. There were no changes to the budgets reviewed at the October 2025 Board Meeting. No comments were received from the public. Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, to approve the 2026 Operating Budgets for the Electric, Water and Communications Utilities. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston stated the next agenda item also pertained to the 2026 Operating Budgets; Muscatine Power and Water is required by the Iowa Code to submit a summary of the Operating Budgets to the City Clerk, who then forwards the budget summary to Muscatine County for submittal to the State of Iowa Auditor. The budget certificate summary was presented to all Board members and copies of the budget summary were also available for review by the citizens at Muscatine City Hall, Musser Public Library, and at MPW's Administrative/Operations Office before the November Board meeting. The budget public hearing was conducted earlier in the evening. The following resolution was submitted:

**RESOLUTION 25-23**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa that the annual Budget for the calendar year 2026, as set forth in the Utility's Budget Estimate Summary and in the detailed Budget in support thereof showing the estimated revenue and expenditures for said Budget year is adopted, and the Secretary is directed to file the same with the Clerk of the City of Muscatine, Iowa.

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

Mr. Huston recommended Trustee Tammi Drawbaugh be appointed to the MAGIC Governing board effective January 1, 2026, for a two-year term to represent Muscatine Power and Water, with her term ending December 31, 2028. Mr. Huston and the other Board members thanked Trustee Fields for his term of service on the MAGIC Board, which ends December 31, 2025. Trustee Porter moved, seconded by Trustee McGriff, to appoint Trustee Drawbaugh to the MAGIC Board effective January 1, 2026, for a two-year term. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Next in the agenda was a recommendation to Approve Donation of Two MPW Obsolete Vehicles to Muscatine Community College. As part of our regular fleet replacement program, two vehicles have reached the end of their service life and are scheduled for removal. Rather than disposing of these vehicles through auction or salvage, staff recommended donating them to Muscatine Community College (MCC), a public educational institution in our service area. The college will utilize these vehicles in its Automotive Technology Program, providing hands-on training for students preparing for careers in the automotive industry. MPW may make such a donation when it aligns with the legal requirements for public purposes, Utility purposes, and Utility strategic goals; and the receiving organization is a public entity. Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee McGriff, to approve donation of two MPW obsolete vehicles to Muscatine Community College. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

As part of our regular fleet replacement program, staff would like to continue to evaluate the suitability of obsolete vehicles for donation to MCC's Automotive Technology Program and coordinate with MCC, as appropriate. This approach will provide an alternative use for obsolete vehicles that align with utility purposes, workforce development/economic development, and provides a community benefit. Trustee McGriff moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, to authorize the General Manager to make determinations regarding possible future donations of obsolete vehicles to MCC or another qualifying Institution. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

In the General Manager's report, Mr. Huston updated the Board that we recently received notice of an award for a "Preparedness, Innovation, and Energy Education" grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority in the amount of \$50,000 for a Community Electrical Safety Demo Trailer. The total cost of the trailer is \$89,800. The order will go in soon, with an 8-12 week lead time. Mr. Huston also reviewed that on November 10, MPW staff received notice from the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to proceed with the non-Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) compliance elements of the (IGRF) award. The total IGRF award amounted to \$1.96 million but has since been approved for an increase by the IEDA as bids have been coming in higher than expected. The grant provides a 77.5% reimbursement for completed work and procurements. Mr. Huston also reviewed the Regional Sports Negotiations that are currently being held with MPW and several sports networks.

The October 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.

Mr. Huston stated 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 November Departmental Reports were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Mr. Huston provided a high-level review of the reports. Mr. Slonka reviewed the Powering the Future Monthly Status Report and provided an update on some ongoing testing on Unit 9's Condenser that could lead to significant maintenance in 2026.

No public comments were made.

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

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Miller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Kelly Miller  
Board Secretary