

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC,
AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 29, 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, September 29, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Keith Porter called the meeting to order. Members of the Board were present as follows: Trustees Tammi Drawbaugh, Kelly McGriff, Kevin Fields, and Shawn Schrader.

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. Additional guests attending the meeting included Bryan Butler, Jill Blieu, Nick Burns, Tom Lewis, Rob Morrison, Eric Wigand, and Ben Baughman.

Secretary Miller asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to make any public comments. Gage Huston introduced the MPW team in attendance to the Trustees.

The minutes of the August 21, 2026, and April 27, 2026, Audit/Finance Committee meeting and August 25, 2026, Public Hearing and Board meeting were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee McGriff, that the minutes from the August 21, 2026 and April 27, 2026 Audit/Finance Committee and August 25, 2026 Public Hearing and Board meeting be approved. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The list of expenditures and transactions for August 2026 was presented. Mr. Huston reviewed the expenditures, and after additional discussion Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee Shrader, to ratify payment of \$10,712,437.22 for the Electric Utility, \$787,945.90 for the Water Utility, and \$932,264.41 for the Communications Utility, for a cumulative total of \$12,432,647.52. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda Mr. Huston introduced a recommendation to approve a Project Summary Form for Unit 9 Condenser Retube Project. Unit 9's condenser uses Mississippi River water to cool and condense turbine exhaust steam to return to the boiler steam cycle. Maintaining condenser heat-transfer capability and low turbine backpressure is important to Unit 9's efficiency, generating capacity, and overall operational reliability. After further review and discussion, Trustee Shrader moved, seconded by Trustee Drawbaugh, to approve a Project Summary Form for Unit 9 Condenser Retube Project. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston and Mr. Streck next gave an update to the Board regarding PFAS Rule Compliance. The update included a presentation that provided the Board with an overview of the current federal drinking water standards for PFAS, MPW's recent sampling trends, and the work underway to maintain compliance. No Board action was requested.

Next on the agenda Mr. Huston introduced a recommendation to approve a Project Summary form for the SCADA system 2027 Upgrade (1C-OP270581). This planned capital project is included in MPW's 10-year budget and has been estimated at \$730,000. The updated project estimate is now \$788,600, including contingency, reflecting current hardware, software, implementation, and supply-chain conditions. The upgrade is necessary to support the continued reliability, security, and operational performance of MPW's electric and water systems. After further review and discussion, Trustee McGriff moved, seconded by Trustee Fields, to approve the Project Summary Form for the

SCADA System 2027 Upgrade (1C-OP270581) with a total cost of \$788,600. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston next introduced the MPW 2027 Strategic Plan for review. He reminded the Board that over the past several months, MPW's Senior Leadership Team completed a comprehensive strategic planning initiative. He continued that the five overarching Strategies identified in the 2027 Strategic Plan will be the guideposts for the Utility's efforts over the next 3-5 years. These Strategies – and the many Objectives supporting those Strategies – will not only ensure that MPW maintains its reputation for providing best-in-class reliability at some of the lowest rates in the country, they also position MPW to drive development and growth in Muscatine for decades to come. Mr. Huston reviewed the multiple sections of the strategic plan. Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee Schrader, to approve the 2027 Strategic Plan. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

In the General Manager's report, Mr. Huston gave the Board an update regarding the Executive Order 14420 declaring a national emergency to secure the US bulk-power system. He also provided an update to the Lead Service Line Replacement Phase 1 program.

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

Mr. Huston stated that 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 August 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.

Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee Schrader, to receive and place on file the August 2026 Utility Reports. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda Mr. Huston reviewed a recommendation to enter Closed Session to Discuss Future Video Services.

At 5:35 p.m. Chairperson Porter stated that the Board would be going into Closed Session for the purpose to Review Future Video Services for the Communications Utility in accordance with Iowa Code Iowa Code 21.5 (closed meetings) and 388.9 (protecting competitive information). Trustee McGriff moved, Seconded by Trustee Fields to move into Closed Session. On roll call, Trustees Drawbaugh, Schrader, McGriff, Fields, and Porter voted aye. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

At 6:11 p.m. the meeting was reconvened to open session. No action was requested.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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Kelly Miller
Board Secretary