UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 21, 2025

Present: Jan Kahler, Aaron Eltrich (*entered later),* Megan Andresen, Abby Gehl, and Robert Herring
Absent: None

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Gehl to approve the agenda. All Ayes

Motion by Herring and seconded by Andresen to approve the minutes from the April 16th, 2025 regular meeting and the April 28th, 2025 special meeting. All Ayes .

Joe Daggett, Chief Financial Officer of WPPI gave a presentation to the board, entitled "The Power to Thrive." Mr. Daggett went over WPPI Energy's mission and vision, and highlighted some key initiatives in WPPI's 5 year business plan. (*Aaron Eltrich entered the meeting at this time).* Mr. Daggett went over WPPI Energy's ownership of transmission, which by doing so, helps keeps rates and cost of electricity to its members lower. The overall cost of transmission in WPPI's budget is 15%, and has been growing in the most recent years. Mr. Daggett went over services and support WPPI provides their members, such as inquires of local data centers, outage management platforms, utility cutover interconnection applications, & GIS support. WPPI also increased their community outreach funds to their members at the end of 2024. Mr. Daggett summed up his presentation stating WPPI Energy is celebrating their 45th anniversary this year and the organization is very encouraged to live by the motto of "Power to Thrive." Board member Jan Kahler asked the specific question about AI/data centers and the challenges they present at providing cost effective and reliable electricity, and also being a benefit to the member utility and its current customers. Mr. Daggett highlighted the challenges faced with AI/data centers because of their load requirements and the amount of electricity they used.

Discussion was held on approving the Administrative Contract with ECIA for the Grid Resiliency Grant Project. Manager Krogman explained that this is mostly a formality, as the board approved this during the grant application process. This contract states ECIA is handling the administrative duties of the Grid Resiliency Grant.
Motion by Herring and seconded by Gehl to approve the Administrative Contract with ECIA for the Grid Resiliency Project. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion was held on Resolution 2025-1 – A Resolution Ordering Furnishing Electrical materials for Industrial South Substation Resiliency Project, and Fixing a Date for Hearing and Taking of Bids.
Manager Krogman explained this is for materials for the Grid Resiliency Grant Project. MMEU is going to purchase the materials for project directly from a vendor(s) rather than having the awarded contractor purchase material to avoid price mark up.

Motion by Eltrich and second by Andresen. All Ayes by Roll Call

Claims were presented. Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Herring to approve the claims as presented.

All Ayes by Roll Call

Budget discussions were held.

Manager's Reports
Matt Buck, Distribution Superintendent – Crews have been busy with construction projects, especially the Downtown improvements. Also, the new journeyman lineman, Matthew has been doing well.
AJ Bowman, Plant Superintendent – Crews have been wrapping up "spring" activities, and getting ready for summer projects.
Leesa Budde, Office Manager – Office staff has been collecting old electronic equipment, last week and this week (to the end of May 23rd) as part of the MMEU sponsored spring clean up where residents can bring old electronics to the MMEU office for recycling.
Chris Krogman, General Manager – noted also MMEU sponsored part of the spring cleanup free or half price tags for large appliance for disposal through the City.

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Megan to adjourn the meeting at 5:11p.m.

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Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary