MAQUOKETA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

June 16, 2026

Present: Jan Kahler, Megan Andresen, Robert Herring (left early), and Abby Gehl (arrived late)

Absent: Aaron Eltrich

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

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

Motion by Herring and seconded by Andresen to approve the minutes. All Ayes

Chairperson Kahler noted that the board would take up first, item B under new business on the planned agenda. Discussion took place on Resolution 2026-3, a resolution adopting the Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility Employee Death Benefit Fund Policy. Manager Krogman explained that this policy was discussed during the board's goals session as a replacement for the existing MetLife life insurance policy currently carried by MMEU. MMEU currently pays $628 per month for a $30,000 MetLife life insurance policy for employees. Additionally, a $20,000 group life insurance benefit is included as part of the MMEU health insurance package (provided by the union). MMEU provides a death benefit of equivalent to one year's salary, up to a max of $50,000 to employees' beneficiaries. Most employees qualify for the full $50,000 total between the two existing policies. The proposed Employee Death Benefit Fund Policy would establish an internal fund to replace the MetLife policy. The resolution officially adopts the policy, replaces the MetLife policy effective July 1, 2026, and establishes an initial fund balance of $30,000 (from operating to the Insurance Reserve Fund). Administrative Clerk Budde confirmed that the MetLife policy can be cancelled effective July 1, 2026. The policy specifies that if the fund were insufficient to cover a payout, MMEU would transfer cash from general funds. The board will determine the appropriate fund balance as part of the annual budgeting process each year, with the intent to transfer the approximately $7,500 in annual premium savings into the fund going forward until a comfortable cap is reached. Motion by Herring and seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution 2026-3 adopting the Employee Death Benefit Fund Policy. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion took place on the proposed extension of the WPPI energy supply contract. Manager Krogman provided an overview of MMEU's history with WPPI, noting that MMEU has been a member since 2007, initially as a non-member participant due to a Wisconsin statute that did not allow out-of-state participation. That law changed in 2010 and MMEU took full membership in 2011. The original contract ran through approximately 2035 and was extended in 2016 through 2055. WPPI is now proposing an

extension for all members through 2073. Because Iowa law limits public utility contracts to 40 years, Iowa members including MMEU are not permitted to extend to 2073 at this time. MMEU would be asked to extend its contract to 2066, representing a full 40-year term, and then in approximately seven years would be asked to execute an additional extension to 2073 to align with other WPPI members. Manager Krogman explained that the primary reason for the extension is to provide WPPI with guaranteed long-term revenue, which is required by bonding agencies when financing large capital projects. Projects WPPI is currently pursuing include a natural gas peaking plant, a prepaid energy transaction, and transmission investments including partial ownership of ATC in Wisconsin. Manager Krogman outlined the benefits MMEU receives from WPPI membership, including competitive wholesale rates, a diversified power supply, energy services manager Tom Westoff who works on-site regularly, economies of scale through joint action, the Northstar customer information and billing system, the WPPI meter data management system, the customer portal, the Open Point management system, electric rate studies, website and marketing support, shared meter tech services, and federal and state legislative advocacy. Manager Krogman also noted that WPPI provided a 0% interest loan to the City of Maquoketa for solar installations at the airport and water plant. The board expressed strong support for WPPI and the proposed extension. No action was taken at this meeting. Manager Krogman noted that MMEU would not be asked to sign any documents until January 2027 in order to obtain a full 40-year term on the new extension. Manager Krogman indicated he would brief absent board member Eltrich. Herring was leaving due to a prior engagement. Board Member Gehl arrived during this discussion and was brought up to speed by Chairperson Kahler following the conclusion of the item.

Discussion took place on approval of the claims. Manager Krogman noted two items of interest. A new base fee of $5,000 for the Title V certification been included in the claims. This is a new annual fee implemented by the DNR applicable to Title V power plants, in addition to the existing per ton emissions fee that MMEU pays annually. The fee was unexpected. Motion by Andresen and seconded by Gehl to approve the claims as submitted. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Manager Krogman presented the monthly budget report through May 31, 2026. Total revenue was $4.2 million. Kilowatt hour sales are slightly below budget, which is expected as higher summer usage will bring sales in line with projections. Capacity payments are on time, totaling $510,000 year to date. Total expenditures were approximately $3.9 million, with purchased power accounting for $2.2 million of that total. Overall budget performance was reported as on track.

Manager's Reports

Matt Buck, Distribution Superintendent, was absent from the meeting. Manager Krogman reported on his behalf that crews have been working on repairs identified during the annual inspection and on

several line rebuild projects. The A-to-G grant project south of town remains on hold pending final materials. Two terminators of the wrong type require replacement, and a switch has been on backorder for an extended period. The contractor is approximately 90% complete and has only terminations, final connections, and testing remaining before the project will be fully complete.

AJ Bowman, Power Plant Superintendent, reported that crews have been conducting outdoor painting at the plant, addressing areas due for maintenance every four to five years. Crews are also going through the fuel injectors on the Mitsubishi engines, finding and replacing tips that are not performing to specification. With 64 total injectors across all four engines, the process is time-intensive but is part of routine preventive maintenance to ensure injectors are operating correctly.

Leesa Budde, Office Admin, reported nothing at this time.

Chris Krogman, General Manager, reported that MMEU has launched an outage map on its website. Customers can now report outages online by navigating to the outage map button on the MMEU website. The reporting process requires the customer to enter the phone number registered on their account, select their address, and submit basic information. When an outage is reported, a notification is sent to linemen, the office, and the law center, which dispatches crews if the message is not otherwise seen. A future enhancement will allow customers who have signed up for notifications to receive a text message when their home loses power and a second message when power is restored. Manager Krogman noted the team is taking a step-by-step approach to ensure the customer reporting functionality is working correctly before adding the proactive notification feature.

Board Member Reports: No reports from board members.

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Gehl to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Megan Andresen, Secretary