MAQUOKETA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

July 21, 2026

Present: Jan Kahler, Megan Andresen, Robert Herring, and Abby Gehl

Absent: Aaron Eltrich

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:35 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. All Ayes

Discussion took place on a possible motion regarding a request to the City Council for amendment to City Code Sections 5.13 and 23.04. Manager Krogman explained that the current city code requires all MMEU Board of Trustees members to reside within the city limits. This topic has come up previously when qualified individuals expressed interest in board positions but did not reside within the city, though some had business ties to Maquoketa. Manager Krogman noted that Chairperson Kahler will eventually be moving outside the city limits and expressed the view that Kahler's commitment to MMEU and the community would not change with a change in residency. Manager Krogman noted that the City Council recently amended the city code to accommodate a similar situation for the airport commission. The proposal before the board mirrors that amendment and would allow one of the five MMEU board members to reside outside the city limits, provided they remain within Jackson County. This would ensure that a quorum or majority of the board would never reside outside the city. Manager Krogman noted that the City Council retains appointment authority and is not required to appoint any applicant. City Manager was consulted on the proposal. Manager Krogman prepared a letter to be sent to the City Council requesting the code amendment, to come from the board. The City Council would then take action to amend the city code following the same process used for the airport commission. Motion by Herring and seconded by Gehl to approve the request to the City Council for amendment to City Code Sections 5.13 and 23.04. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion took place on approval of updated interconnection guidelines for parallel installation and operation of distributed generation facilities. Manager Krogman explained that these guidelines govern the solar interconnection application process. Previously, MMEU used a multi-step paper application process, with vendors often submitting PDFs via DocuSign, which created complications due to the multiple forms involved. WPPI has developed an online portal that manages the full application process, similar to systems used by investor-owned and larger utilities, and solar vendors are familiar with how to use it. MMEU has already gone live with the portal. The updated guidelines remove references to the paper forms and update applicable code sections to reflect current practice. Application fees were increased by $100 per tier to cover the cost of the WPPI portal, which charges $100 per application. The three fee tiers, based on the size of the solar array, increased from $100 to $200, from $200 to $300, and from

$500 to $600. Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to approve the updated interconnection guidelines for parallel installation and operation of distributed generation facilities. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion took place on approval of the claims. No questions from the board. Motion by Gehl and seconded by Herring to approve the claims as submitted. All Ayes by Roll Call.
Manager Krogman presented the monthly budget report through June 30, 2026. Total revenues were just over $5 million. Total expenditures were approximately $4.6 million. Purchased power totaled $2.7 million, representing 58% of total expenditures. Budget performance was reported as running right on course.

Manager's Reports

AJ Bowman, Power Plant Superintendent, reported that crews ran the generators the previous week on Wednesday and Thursday in response to market pricing incentives and a MISO emergency event. WPPI monitors the market and coordinates with MMEU when running is economically advantageous. The MISO emergency call was originally scheduled from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. but was called off around 6:00 p.m. All units ran for a period and things went well overall. Manager Krogman added that it was determined, with confirmation from the insurance company's lightning strike report, that Plant 2 sustained lightning damage to the brand new engine control modules. Two control modules required repair or replacement and were sent to the manufacturer for evaluation. Shermco, MMEU's engineering firm, provided a loaner module, and a new unit was ordered to ensure the plant remained operational. Speed controls and several other components were also affected. The estimated damage is approximately $35,000 with a $5,000 deductible. MMEU proceeded with repairs without waiting for full estimates in order to restore generating capacity, and will work with the insurance company on final coverage. The insurance company confirmed the lightning cause and will cover the damage; the specific covered amount is still being determined. During the Wednesday run, three units experienced false thermal readings that caused shutdowns; Shermco identified and resolved those issues. No engine problems were found. AJ also reported that crews have been working on small miscellaneous repairs and typical summer maintenance around the plant. The two generating runs were the first opportunity to exercise the diesel units since the lightning damage; market prices were high enough to justify running the diesel units, which is not always the case.

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

Matt Buck, Distribution Superintendent, was absent from the meeting. Manager Krogman reported on his behalf that crews completed a planned outage at the YMCA related to new service for the splash pad project. Changes were also needed due to nearby parking lot and road construction. The YMCA was without power for approximately a day and a half. The work was completed successfully despite occurring during an exceptionally hot week on a tight schedule.

Chris Krogman, General Manager, reported that he attended the APPA national conference in Boston the previous month along with a group of WPPI staff and representatives. The primary topics of discussion at the conference centered on data centers. WPPI CEO Mike Peters was installed as Chair of the APPA at the conference, which Manager Krogman described

as a significant achievement. Manager Krogman also noted that he will be attending an IAMU data center summit on July 22, 2026, which will bring together community leaders and utility directors who have experience with or are currently navigating data center discussions, and expressed his intention to gather as much information as possible on the topic.

Board Member Reports: No reports from board members.

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Megan Andresen, Secretary