MAQUOKETA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

August 18, 2026

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

Absent: None

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

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

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Gehl to approve the minutes. All Ayes

Discussion took place on a possible motion regarding an in-kind donation for the splash pad electrical service installation. Manager Krogman explained that during recent parking lot and sidewalk construction near the YMCA, it was determined that the existing junction box would have been located in the middle of the new sidewalk. Manager Krogman and Distribution Superintendent Buck reviewed the splash pad plans and determined that replacing the junction box with a new transformer would eliminate a connection point and allow the sidewalk to be built straight. MMEU made the recommendation and installed the new service. The total cost of the new service was approximately $28,000, including an $18,000 transformer, $2,300 in other materials, $2,300 in MMEU equipment, and approximately $5,200 in labor. The new electrical service would have been required for the splash pad project next year regardless. Manager Krogman noted that some additional labor was involved in removing the existing cabinet and completing the work, and that the YMCA cooperated by accepting a day and a half outage to accommodate the installation. Manager Krogman proposed contributing the labor as MMEU's in-kind donation to the splash pad project, noting the extra labor involved and the benefit of cleaning up MMEU's system. The total labor amount to be donated is $5,249. Motion by Herring and seconded by Andresen to approve the in-kind donation of labor for the splash pad electrical service installation. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion took place on Resolution 2026-4, a resolution to approve the novation of long-term power supply contract for participating members and adoption of the long-term power supply contract for participating members. Manager Krogman explained that this resolution represents the first step in the WPPI contract extension process. Manager Krogman confirmed he worked with MMEU's attorney to ensure this approach was appropriate. The resolution approves the contract extension and all associated terms, with actual execution of the new agreement scheduled for January 2027. Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to approve Resolution 2026-4. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion took place on approval of the claims. Manager Krogman noted one significant claim of $59,000 for two transformers — a 500 KVA and a 750 KVA — purchased for projects and returned to stock. Distribution Superintendent Buck maintains an inventory of one transformer of each common size. The board briefly discussed transformer lead times and market demand. Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Gehl to approve the claims as submitted. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Manager Krogman presented the monthly budget report through July 31, 2026. Total revenue was $6 million. Total expenditures were approximately $5.6 million. Purchased power totaled $3.2 million. Budget performance was reported as on track. Manager Krogman noted that July kilowatt hour sales reached the highest level in at least 20 years, approaching 8 million kilowatt hours, compared to approximately 7.5 million kilowatt hours in the same month of the prior year. July was an exceptionally hot and humid month. The purchase power adjustment was lower than typical for this time of year, which Manager Krogman noted as a positive. The full revenue effect of the high-usage bills is expected to be reflected in next month's budget report.

Manager's Reports

AJ Bowman, Power Plant Superintendent, reported that crews spent several weeks working on the enclosure floors of the south generators, which had developed rust from rain entering through the louvers. Work included removing anti-skid coating, scraping, wire wheeling, priming, and painting. Crews also completed a motor replacement after a bearing failure.

Matt Buck, Distribution Superintendent, reported that crews have been conducting ongoing maintenance and storm cleanup following a recent significant storm. The storm resulted in six broken poles, numerous services ripped off, and approximately eight or more addresses requiring follow-up. Distribution crews split into multiple teams and prioritized restoring the three main circuits that were down before addressing secondary outages, responding first to any safety situations flagged by the fire department. Buck also reported that apprentice advancement has been progressing well, with one apprentice stepping up approximately one month ago, bringing the total to three last-step apprentices, and the first-step apprentice advancing to step two.

Chris Krogman, General Manager, reported that the City Council did not approve the board's request to amend City Code to allow one board member to reside outside the city limits. Manager Krogman noted he spoke with several council members and the consensus was that residency within the city was important to the council. Chairperson Kahler will continue to serve on the board until he relocates outside the city limits, which is expected within the next month or two, at which time the Council will begin the process of identifying a replacement. Manager Krogman also reminded the board that the September board meeting is scheduled for September 22nd, the fourth

Tuesday of the month, as the regular third-Tuesday date conflicts with the WPPI annual meeting. Manager Krogman echoed praise for the distribution crews' performance during the recent storm.

Board Member Reports: Board Member Andresen noted for the record that the City Council request regarding the board residency code amendment had been characterized in a way that may have suggested the board was attempting to bring in outside members or act inappropriately. The board member clarified that the intent of the request was solely to retain an existing board member who would be moving outside of the city limits, and encouraged anyone with questions to reach out to board members directly.

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Gehl to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

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Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary