UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 20, 2025

Present: Jan Kahler, Megan Andresen, Aaron Eltrich and Robert Herring
Absent: Abby Gehl
Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:26 p.m.

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

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Herring to approve the minutes from the July 16th, 2025 meeting. All Ayes.

Discussion on the approval of The Wage & Benefit Changes for Calendar Years 2026 & 2027. Details of the changes had been discussion prior in exempt board sessions. Motion by Bob and seconded by Andresen to approve The Wage & Benefit Changes for Calendar Years 2026 & 2027. All Ayes by Roll Call

Discussion was held on the approval of the MMEU Employee Handbook. This handbook has been in creation for some time and is finalize for board approval. Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Herring to approve the MMEU Employee Handbook. All Ayes by Roll Call

Manager Krogman brought information to the board about an opportunity for MMEU regarding transmission planning and construction and critical energy infrastructure that needs to remain confidential in order discuss (later in close session). Manager Krogman read the motion as "Motion to authorize and approve the Confidentiality Agreement by and between IPPA, MRES, NIMECA, SIMECA and such cities, municipal electric utilities, joint-action agencies, and/or electric power agencies which are, or in the future become, a signatory to the Agreement, regarding electric transmission planning and construction and critical energy infrastructure, and to authorize and direct the General Manager to execute and deliver the Confidentiality Agreement." Motion by Herring and seconded by Andresen to approve said motion. All Ayes by Roll Call

Manager Krogman said the labor portion of the Grid Resiliency Project is ready to move forward and a resolution is need to establish the criteria and set a date for the public hearing, and taking bids. Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution 2025-3 – A Resolution Ordering Installation of Underground Conduit and Primary Cable, and Fixing a Date for Public Hearing and Taking of Bids for Industrial South Substation Resiliency Project.
All Ayes by Roll Call

Claims were presented. Brief discussion was held on Claim #958 to Fairbanks Morse for $11,150.40 for the purchase of Power Plant bolts and gaskets. The reason for the high dollar amount is Fairbanks is the manufacturer of the engine and sets a high price for their standard parts, and after-market parts/replacements are very limited. Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Herring to approve the claims as presented. All Ayes by Roll Call

Budget discussions were held. It was noted the highest month, in terms of Kwhs sold, in 15 years happen in July 2025.

Manager's Reports
Matt Buck, Distribution Superintendent -Crews are still working on the downtown conversion project.
AJ Bowman, Plant Superintendent – Absent (Manager Krogman noted a few items for him)
Leesa Budde, Office Manager – Noted the office is looking to celebrate the Public Power Week at the Maquoketa Farmer's Market on Oct. 7th.
Chris Krogman, General Manager – Note the URGE tests for both Power Plant 1 and 2 engines were done. Reminded the board the September Board Meeting will be earlier, on 9/10/2025.

Motion by Herring and seconded by Eltrich to enter into close session, at 4:45 pm, pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 21.5(1)(a), 388.9(1) and 21.5(1)(k), to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential; to discuss proprietary information and information required by a noncustomer contracting party to be kept confidential pursuant to a nondisclosure agreement which relates to electric transmission planning and construction and critical energy infrastructure; and to discuss information contained in records in the custody of a governmental body that are confidential records pursuant to section 22.7, subsection 50. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Bob Herring left the meeting during closed session at 4:59 pm

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andresen to enter back into open session meeting at 5:23 pm.

Motion by Eltrich and second by Andresen, and all ayes to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

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Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary