

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC,  
AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA  
JUNE 29, 2021– 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at Muscatine Power and Water's Administration/Operations Building, 3205 Cedar Street, Muscatine, Iowa, on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Susan Eversmeyer called the meeting to order. Members of the Board were present as follows: Trustees Kevin Fields, Tracy McGinnis, Keith Porter and Susan Eversmeyer. Trustee Steven Bradford was absent due to previously scheduled travel plans.

Also present were Gage Huston, General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water; Brenda Christensen, Board Secretary; Charles Potter, Muscatine Journal; Chris Anderson, Pearl City Media; Erika Cox, Brandy Olson, Mark Roberts, Ryan Streck, and Doug White of Muscatine Power and Water. Additional guests attending the meeting included: Tom Furlong, Diane Furlong, Becky Furlong, Scott Eichelberger, Jane Noll, Jessica Brackett, Sandy Stanley, Emma Coleman, Freedom Malik-Roberts, Linda Schmarje, and Michael Salino-Hugg.

Chairperson Eversmeyer asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to make any public comments. Public comments were made by Tom Furlong, Diane Furlong, Scott Eichelberger, Jessica Brackett, Freedom Malik-Roberts, and Emma Coleman.

The minutes of the May 25, 2021 public hearing and regular Board meeting were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee McGinnis, that the minutes from the May 25, 2021 public hearing and regular Board meeting be approved as submitted. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The list of expenditures and transactions for May 2021 was presented. Mr Huston reviewed the expenditures, and after additional discussion Trustee Porter moved, seconded by Trustee Fields, to ratify payment of \$6,744,925.73 for the Electric Utility, \$292,311.72 for the Water Utility, and \$1,035,426.16 for the Communications Utility, for a cumulative total of \$8,072,663.61. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston next introduced a recommendation to approve a project summary form (PSF) for the 2021 the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) Definitive Planning Phase (DPP) for the Grandview Solar Project for a total expenditure of \$357,500. He reviewed the memo provided to the Board regarding the project, costs associated with the project, and the timeline moving forward to complete the MISO DPP process for MISO's assessment of interconnecting MPW's proposed solar generating facility and the execution of a signed Generator Interconnection Agreement (GIA), granting MPW full network rights for the solar project. Mr. Fields asked if MPW Staff was comfortable with the aggressive timeline and Mr. Huston stated he was confident the team will be able to meet the dates in

the timeline. Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee McGinnis, that the PSF for the 2021 MISO DPP for the Grandview Solar Project be approved.

Mr. Huston introduced the next agenda item to the Board as a recommendation to ratify Contract Change Order (CCO) No. 2 and accept as complete the contract for the FTTH Premise Installation for multi-dwelling units (MDUs) and Large Commercial Facilities Project. Mr. Huston reviewed the memo provided to the Board and recommended the Board ratify CCO No. 2 and accept as complete the MP Nexlevel LLC contract for the FTTH Premise Installation for MDUs and Large Commercial Facilities Project. After additional discussion, the following resolutions were submitted:

#### **RESOLUTION 21-14**

WHEREAS, Contract Change Order No. 2 has been prepared to said contract with MP Nexlevel LLC for the FTTH Premise Installation for MDUs and Large Commercial Facilities Project in the increased total amount of \$83,245.87 and said Contract Change Order has been reviewed by the Board, and Muscatine Power and Water Management has recommended approval of said Contract Change Order; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees that said Contract Change Order No. 2 in the increased total net amount of \$83,245.87 be approved for an amended contract price of \$1,146,780.86 for the FTTH Premise Installation for MDUs and Large Commercial Facilities Project.

Trustee McGinnis motioned, seconded by Trustee Porter, the said resolution should be passed, approved, and adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021. On roll call Trustees McGinnis, Fields, Porter, and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Trustee Bradford was absent. Resolution carried.

#### **RESOLUTION 21-15**

WHEREAS, it appears in a written report from Muscatine Power and Water Management that the contract with MP Nexlevel, for the FTTH Premise Installation for MDUs and Large Commercial Facilities Project in the final amount of \$1,146,780.86 has been substantially completed in accordance with the project specifications and the recommendation has been made that said contract be accepted by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, that the FTTH Premise Installation for MDUs and Large Commercial Facilities Project, furnished under the above-named contract be accepted and approved by the Board; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that five percent (5%) of the contract price be retained for a period of thirty-one (31) days from and after the date of resolution, all in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

Trustee Fields motioned, seconded by Trustee McGinnis, the said resolution should be passed, approved, and adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021. On roll call Trustees McGinnis, Fields, Porter, and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Trustee Bradford was absent. Resolution carried.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the proposed rate change and related revised customer service rules for Commercial Irrigation Customers. Mr. Roberts reviewed the memo provided to the Board that included the background on customer electricity usage and the proposed changes. Trustee Eversmeyer stated that the Board wants to make sure this resolution is fair for all customers, even if they only have seasonal load vs. irrigation uses. Mr. Huston explained any customer with had questions about the changes or the billing could be evaluated at their request. Trustee Fields stated that he felt the recommended rate structure was the right step towards a fair customer balance. Mr. Huston explained no action would be taken at this meeting, allowing the Trustees to further review the suggested changes, with a final recommendation for the proposed changes at the July Board meeting based on any additional feedback from the Board.

Mr. Roberts introduced the next topic of reviewing a revised and expanded Net Metering Rate Structure and revised Customer Service Rules. He reviewed the memo provided to the Board and stated this change makes it more flexible for customers to have behind-the-meter installation of renewables. Mr. Porter asked about customer renewable systems use vs. nameplate capacity of those systems and how billing would take place. Mr. Roberts explained the process, and after additional discussion Mr. Huston explained no action would be taken at this meeting, allowing the Trustees to further review the suggested changes, with a final recommendation for the proposed changes at the July Board meeting based on any additional feedback from the Board.

Mr. White reviewed a presentation regarding two significant encroaching environmental regulations – Effluent Limit Guidelines (ELG) and Section 316(b) revisions (cooling water intake) – that will impact MPW's existing generating units. No formal action was requested from the Board.

Mr. Huston advised the next meeting agenda item pertained to the Board Policy Manual and the revised manual had been provided to the Board. He stated the manual had been reviewed and updated by staff and submitted in a "redline/track change mode" for the Board's review and comment. Mr. Huston reviewed significant changes to the documents, noting no action was being requested at this time regarding the Board Policy Manual and stated that approval would be requested at the July Board meeting.

Mr. Huston stated the Board of Trustees usually elects new officers at the June meeting for the following year. It was recommended Trustee Bradford be elected Chairperson and Trustee Fields be elected Vice-Chairperson for the 2021-22 term, beginning July 1, 2021. As part of the process of electing new Board officers, the Board Secretary is also appointed; it

was recommended Ms. Christensen continue as Board Secretary. Trustee McGinnis moved, seconded by Trustee Porter, Trustee Bradford be elected Chairperson, Trustee Fields be elected Vice-Chairperson, and Ms. Christensen be elected as Board Secretary for the 2021-22 term. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

In the General Manager's report, Mr. Huston reviewed his previously submitted memorandum including updates on Well 47 Project progress, the Line 106 Project award and Water and Communications service options being discussed with Louisa County representatives.

The May Financial Operating Statements and Balance Sheets were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Mr. Roberts reviewed the MPW dashboard and the Financial Results Summary for each Utility.

There were no entries on the Competitive Quotes for Public Improvements Report.

Mr. Huston reviewed the Monthly Project Status Report and Variance Analysis report.

The May Departmental Reports were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Mr. Huston provided a high-level review and then Mr. White reviewed the Power the Future Monthly Status Report.

Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee McGinnis to receive and place on file the June 2021 Utility Reports. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Brenda Christensen  
Board Secretary