

A special meeting of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board was called to order at 4:30 P.M. on February 29, 2024, at the Water Treatment Facility.

Board members present were Paula Steward, Barb O'Brien and Jim Skadal. Brock Kroeger was present, seated in the gallery and abstained from all business. Also, present Jacob Rowe and Jody Coffman. Visitors Jeff Martens, Scott Campbell, Mark Rildofi, Tate Olson, and Collin Wilson. Attorneys John Lande and Nichole Proesch from Dickerson, Bradshaw, Fowler & Hagen, P.C. attended via computer.

Motion by O'Brien to approve the agenda, second by Steward to approve the agenda. All ayes.

Motion by Steward to adjourn the special meeting at 4:36 pm, to go into a closed session for consideration of retention of Dickerson, Bradshaw, Fowler & Hagen, P.C to represent the Board in connection with the alleged removal of a Utility Board Trustee. A closed session may be held in Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) "To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.", second by O'Brien. A role call vote was taken, Skadal, aye. O'Brien, aye. Steward aye. Kroeger abstained but supports going into closed session.

Open session resumed at 5:08 pm, no action was taken in the closed session.

Steward made a motion to retain the Law Firm of Dickinson, Bradshaw, Fowler & Hagen, P.C. to represent the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board and J. Rowe Utility Manager to sign the forms, second by O'Brien. All ayes.

Steward made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm, second by O'Brien. All ayes.