

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Eldridge City Hall.

The board members present were Michael Bristley, Mark Goodding, Jeff Hamilton, Rachael Padavich, and Abby Petersen. Also, present were Gage Lane, Nevada Lemke, Sadie Wagner, Cegan Long, Collin Wilson, Ryan Iossi, Marty O' Boyle, Gabe Stricker, and Lenny Larson.

Public Comment- None

Padavich Made Motion to Approve the Agenda. Seconded by Petersen. All Ayes Motion Carried.

Padavich Made Motion to Approve the Utility Board Minutes from August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Seconded by Hamilton. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Update from Lenny Larson with ISG- The final piece ISG is working on is the treatment discussion with Iowa American Water. They met with Iowa American Water on September 9, 2025, to tour the facilities here in town and are still working on a plan. Once the report is finished, the first step will be reviewing the different treatment options. The biggest items already included in the CIP that will move forward are: Clear well improvements, Chlorine room updates, and A new well. In reviewing the data, ISG may reach out to Cegan to adjust some operations, so all filters are running consistently, though that has not yet been decided. In late July, the hydro testing was completed, and work is ongoing to finalize that model.

#### Financial & Administrative

- A. Hamilton made a motion to Approve Bills Payable in the amount of 670,212.93. Second, by Goodding. All Aye. Motion Carried.
- B. Padavich made a motion to approve retaining PFM Financial for annual services at a rate of \$5,000 per year. Seconded by Hamilton. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Petersen made a motion to set July 1<sup>st</sup> as the planned effective date for future water rate increases, as applicable, for the purpose of financial planning & analysis. Seconded by Padavich. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- D. Department Update- Wagner informed the board that additional tasks are being transitioned to Gage. This month, we began implementing budget billing, which will be reviewed quarterly and adjusted as needed. Gage has also taken over tracking spreadsheets for intergovernmental and demand rate data. Lemke provided an update on investment recommendations from PFM. After reviewing the water funds and completing the FY26 budget analysis, it was determined that the city could comfortably invest \$500,000–\$750,000 in short-term T-bills. The plan is to review the results after a few cycles to determine whether a larger investment amount is appropriate. The next step will be for the utility board to decide whether to place this matter on the next agenda for consideration and potential action. Lane informed the board that the water pipeline unknown spreadsheet is now down to the last four residents and is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

#### Electric Department

- A. Outages- Saturday, August 30 – 613 W. Oak Street at approximately 11:00 a.m., an underground service was struck while someone was installing a post hole. The neighbor's service line coming out of the pedestal had been overlooked and was not located. The issue was repaired, and power was restored by 12:45 p.m. A conversation was held regarding

procedures moving forward. Thursday, September 4 – 541 W. Valley Drive A call was received at 6:18 p.m. regarding a power outage affecting three customers. A quick fuse replacement resolved the issue, and power was restored by 7:00 p.m.

- B. Petersen made a motion to approve the Electric Superintendent's base wage at \$115,000 and the Line Foreman's base wage at \$100,000, as well as the job descriptions for both positions. The motion also included the appointment of Collin Wilson as Electric Superintendent. Seconded by Padavich. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- C. Department Update – Wilson informed the board that a pole change-out was completed at 115 N. 6th Street. Crews have also been working on multiple underground services. A streetlight was struck at 453 N. 7th Street; the crew replaced it and is currently preparing the invoice. Additionally, Wilson reported that a group named Daubler, which partners with other municipalities to improve integration between utilities and customers, has reached out. A meeting with them is scheduled for next week to determine whether their services would be a good fit.

Goodding made motion to approve Confidentiality Agreement regarding electric transmission planning and construction and critical energy infrastructure. Seconded by Petersen. All Ayes Motion Carried.

#### Participation in IPPA MISO tranche 2.1 transmission projects

- A. Padavich made a motion to go into Closed Session at 5:50pm to 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. Seconded by Petersen. Roll Call vote: Petersen (Aye), Goodding (Aye), Padavich (Aye), Hamilton (Aye), Bristley (Aye). Motion carried.

Open session resumed at 6:25 p.m. September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

- B. Action regarding participation in transmission projects, nomination amount, and seed money- no action was taken.

#### Water Department

- A. Water Main Breaks- None
- B. Water Test Results- August came back all good, September has been submitted.
- C. Padavich Made motion to table PVC Water Main. Seconded by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- D. Padavich made a motion to table quote for a replacement auto transfer switch for the Water Treatment Plant generator. Seconded by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- E. Padavich made a motion to table replacement Clearwell float sensors. Seconded by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- F. Department update- Fluoride Pump – Still down and needs to be replaced; expected to be back up within the next week or two. Certification – Long successfully passed his

Grade 3 Water Distribution. Meter Swaps – A large number of long-needed meter replacements are being completed, so meter inventory will be increasing. Water Tower – Work is progressing well; sandblasting began on Monday.

8. Padavich made a motion to Adjourn at 6:39 pm. Seconded by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Sincerely,  
*Gage Lane*  
*Utility Billing Clerk*