

ELDRIDGE ELECTRIC AND WATER UTILITY BOARD

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 October 6th, 2026, at Eldridge City Hall.

Board Members present were Jeff Hedrington, Abby Petersen, Michael Bristley, and Mark Goodding. Gage Lane, Sadie Wagner, and Ryan Iossi were also present.

Public Comment-

None.

Approval of Agenda-

Hedrington made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Utility Board Minutes from September 15th, 2026-

Hedrington made motion to approve the minutes from September 15th, 2026. Second by Goodding. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Financial & Administrative-

Hedrington made motion to Approve Bills Payable in the amount of \$221,392.65. Second by Goodding. All Ayes. Motion carried.

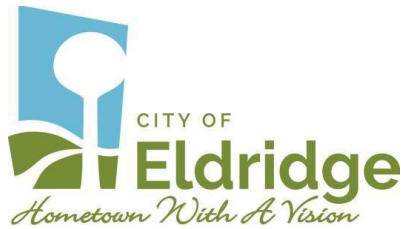
Department Update-Sadie Wagner- Wagner reported that she emailed Steve and Jeff regarding the Van Wert pilot. Jeff confirmed that they recently received a few cellular collars but are still awaiting the meters. Mary Egger with IAW also reached out regarding the possibility of placing an IAW discussion on the next meeting agenda. Wagner requested direction from the Board on whether they would like this item added to the next agenda. The utility water tower was nominated for the 2026 Tower of the Year, and a flyer was posted on the City's social media to promote the nomination.

Electric Department

Outages- two power outages during the month. September 22nd, 2026, an outage occurred at approximately 6:25 a.m. at 1181 E Franklin Street 8th upon arrival the crew noticed one out of the three fused cutouts open at the source feed for multiple properties. After a failed re-fuse attempt, it was determined there was a bad primary URD cable. Crew isolated and tested confirming a faulted section on a radial feed affecting one customer. The remaining 10 were restored by 8:00am, the one was notified and power was restored by 8:30am. Second outage reported at 566 Harry Herbert Drive, on September 26th, 2026, at 9:25am. Cause was animal contact at the transformer. Power was restored at 9:52am. 2 customers were affected.

Department Update – Collin Wilson

Crew has finished pole replacements in the rear easements in the 400-500 blocks between N. 5th Place. Electric installation has begun at Grunwald 3rd addition.



Water Department-

Water Main Breaks- None.

Water Test Results-

September results have all passed. Fluoride is right at the recommended residual.

Goodding made motion to approve a preventative maintenance agreement with Climate Engineers for 26-27. Second by Hedrington. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Hedrington made motion to approve asphalt patching on N 3rd St & W Donahue St. with Tri City Builders in the amount of \$16,775.00. Second by Petersen. All Ayes. Motion carried

Department Update – Cegan Long

On September 21, 2026, rainwater entered the conduit leading into the Iowa Street water tower pit and caused several digital cards in the SCADA cabinet to short out. Tanner worked to dry out the cabinets, and Collin assisted with redirecting the water from the conduit to prevent it from dripping onto the SCADA cabinet. Thank you to Collin for his assistance. Water Department staff began troubleshooting with Tri-City to restore SCADA operations. A power cycle was attempted, which is typically the preferred reset; however, the system did not respond as expected, resulting in a loss of remote communications. Tri-City was unable to respond, so River City Engineering was contacted on September 23, 2026, to assist with troubleshooting. Remote access was restored by the end of the day, avoiding the need for operators to work overnight shifts to manually operate the pumps. Well #4 is fully operational. A timing issue between the pre-lube and start/run command was identified. The pre-lube time was too long, and after it was shortened, Well #4 has been operating normally without calling out as a failure. Well #3's check valve has failed. This is the third replacement of this particular check valve in the past six years. Northway Well and Pump was on-site to replace a flow switch at Well #4 and also investigated the check valve at Well #3. The globe-style check valve currently installed is not designed to remain under pressure for extended periods, and the spring is typically the component that fails. Northway will provide a quote to reconfigure the piping at Well #3 to allow for installation of the proper check valve. The Water Department plans to switch to free chlorine around October 22, 2026, and begin fall flushing on October 26, 2026, with the goal of completing flushing by Thanksgiving or shortly thereafter. The Water Department is also working with Shive-Hattery to gather information on the current wells to better understand how Wells #4 and #5 operate under various scenarios.

Adjournment

Hedrington made a motion to adjourn at 5:26 p.m. Second by Petersen. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
Gage Lane
Utility Billing Clerk