

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY, CITY OF CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

**April 8, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Electric Utility of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa, met on the above date in regular session, pursuant to law and the rules of said Board.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair MaraBeth K. Soneson. Upon call of the roll, present were: Trustees: MaraBeth K. Soneson, Nick A. Evens, Debra S. Iehl, Richard L. McAlister, and Jeffrey J. Engel. Absent: None. Others present: Susan M. Abernathy, General Manager/CEO, Bradley M. Strouse, Board Counsel, Jeff Reinitz, Waterloo Courier, and Steve Ephraim, Adam Haynes, and Seth VanGelder, customers.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the agenda as printed and distributed. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Retiring employees Rodney Moore and Ami Burns-Hetrick were recognized for 20 and 24 years of service respectively. Customer Steve Ephraim provided the Board an analysis summary on crypto mining and the Utility.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee McAlister to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, regular meeting, as printed and distributed; and to approve the Schedule of Bills for the month of March that by reference is made a part hereof and placed in permanent files of said Board of Trustees. Said schedule covers the dates of March 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026; check numbers: 165712-165714; 165720-165747; 165768-165771; 165777-165814; 165836-165841; 165859-165886; 165914-165929; 165934-165977; 165999-166005; 166051-166060; 236253-236377; 085511565738; 205589772089; 241258471296; 331834517893; 359411730310; 462374223395; 562144905557; 562475902437; 598718960426; 706006548239; 706836495582; 802226302143; 814671649267; 817674623716; 823819195331; 866665491560; 896011265970; 924170746316; 924914676157; 946769211608; a detailed itemized copy of which has been submitted to the Board of Trustees. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee McAlister to receive and file personnel action reports and a report of contracts executed by the General Manager. Upon call for the vote, all

Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Bill Skubal, Director of Energy Resources, presented an overview of the annual energy efficiency/conservation report. Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl to receive and file the report. Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adopt the following Resolutions by one motion:

**No. 6767** Resolution approving and authorizing an amendment to the Classification and Compensation Plan. Said amendment moved a position from the Technical Pay Grade Structure to the Core Pay Grade Structure.

**No. 6770** Resolution approving and authorizing execution of Change Order No. 3 to the original contract dated August 27, 2025, with S.T. Cotter Turbine Services, LLC for Streeter Station Unit #6 Major Turbine Inspection. Said Change Order provides for an increase in the contract price by \$100,719.00 for additional repairs required and labor charges for the time to complete the additional repairs, making the total contract price \$656,541.00.

**No. 6773** Resolution approving and authorizing execution of a Landlord Release and Consent regarding land lease with Simple Mining, LLC. Said release is provided to Farmers State Bank to protect their security interest in the event of a default by Simple Mining, LLC.

Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, Engel, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Iehl to adopt **Resolution No. 6766** approving and authorizing the permanent transfer of surplus funds from the Municipal Electric Utility to the City of Cedar Falls' General Fund in the amount of \$1,939,400.00. Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adopt **Resolution No. 6769** approving and authorizing execution of a contract with Reinhausen Manufacturing Inc. in an amount of \$442,483.56 for transformer upgrades for Union Substation. The bid received from Reinhausen Manufacturing is the most cost-effective solution. Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on 15kV Indoor Metal-Clad Switchgear for Viking Energy Center.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl to receive and file proof of publication of the Notice of Public Hearing. Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

There were no written objections filed with the General Manager of Utilities. No oral objections were heard at the hearing. Chair Soneson declared the hearing closed.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adopt **Resolution No. 6774** approving and adopting the plans, specifications, proposed form of contract, and estimated cost (\$800,000.00) for 15kV Indoor Metal-Clad Switchgear for Viking Energy Center. Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adopt **Resolution No. 6775** accepting the bid, awarding the contract, and approving and authorizing execution of a contract with Harold K. Scholz Company for 15kV Indoor Metal-Clad Switchgear for Viking Energy Center. The bid received from Harold K. Scholz Company was the lowest responsive, responsible bid received for the project in the amount of \$782,820.00. Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The following items were presented for information purposes only: an update on current state legislative items; the current safety status of the Utility; status of the Solar Garden output; a review of customer satisfaction survey results; status on the delay in annual emission reporting; an update on a vehicle purchase; an update on the customer billing system migration project; Viking Energy Center project updates; information on potential zoning ordinance amendments for the next Planning & Zoning Commission meeting; announcement of the Utility's recent recognition from American Public Power Association on achieving Diamond Level for the RP3 program which is based on industry-recognized leading practices in four important disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement; and a previously scheduled special Board meeting for October 20, 2026, will be rescheduled to October 16, 2026.

There were no Board requests to staff.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adjourn the meeting.  
Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
MUNICIPAL GAS UTILITY, CITY OF CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

**April 8, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Gas Utility of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa, met on the above date in regular session, pursuant to law and the rules of said Board.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair MaraBeth K. Soneson. Upon call of the roll, present were: Trustees: MaraBeth K. Soneson, Nick A. Evens, Debra S. Iehl, Richard L. McAlister, and Jeffrey J. Engel. Absent: None. Others present: Susan M. Abernathy, General Manager/CEO, Bradley M. Strouse, Board Counsel, Jeff Reinitz, Waterloo Courier, and Steve Ephraim, Adam Haynes, and Seth VanGelder, customers.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the agenda as printed and distributed. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Retiring employees Rodney Moore and Ami Burns-Hetrick were recognized for 20 and 24 years of service respectively.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee McAlister to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, regular meeting, as printed and distributed; and to approve the Schedule of Bills for the month of March that by reference is made a part hereof and placed in permanent files of said Board of Trustees. Said schedule covers the dates of March 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026; check numbers: 165712-165714; 165720-165747; 165768-165771; 165777-165814; 165836-165841; 165859-165886; 165914-165929; 165934-165977; 165999-166005; 166051-166060; 236253-236377; 085511565738; 205589772089; 241258471296; 331834517893; 359411730310; 462374223395; 562144905557; 562475902437; 598718960426; 706006548239; 706836495582; 802226302143; 814671649267; 817674623716; 823819195331; 866665491560; 896011265970; 924170746316; 924914676157; 946769211608; a detailed itemized copy of which has been submitted to the Board of Trustees. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee McAlister to receive and file personnel action reports and a report of contracts executed by the General Manager. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Bill Skubal, Director of Energy Resources, presented an overview of the annual energy efficiency/conservation report. Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl to receive and file the report. Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adopt the following Resolutions by one motion:

**No. 6767** Resolution approving and authorizing an amendment to the Classification and Compensation Plan. Said amendment moved a position from the Technical Pay Grade Structure to the Core Pay Grade Structure.

**No. 6773** Resolution approving and authorizing execution of a Landlord Release and Consent regarding land lease with Simple Mining, LLC. Said release is provided to Farmers State Bank to protect their security interest in the event of a default by Simple Mining, LLC.

Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, Engel, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Iehl to adopt **Resolution No. 6766** approving and authorizing the permanent transfer of surplus funds from the Municipal Gas Utility to the City of Cedar Falls' General Fund in the amount of \$510,400.00. Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The following items were presented for information purposes only: an update on current state legislative items; the current safety status of the Utility; a review of customer satisfaction survey results; an accelerated plan for Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) implementation; an update on the customer billing system migration project; and a previously scheduled special Board meeting for October 20, 2026, will be rescheduled to October 16, 2026.

There were no Board requests to staff.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adjourn the meeting. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY, CITY OF CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

**April 8, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Water Utility of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa, met on the above date in regular session, pursuant to law and the rules of said Board.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair MaraBeth K. Soneson. Upon call of the roll, present were: Trustees: MaraBeth K. Soneson, Nick A. Evens, Debra S. Iehl, Richard L. McAlister, and Jeffrey J. Engel. Absent: None. Others present: Susan M. Abernathy, General Manager/CEO, Bradley M. Strouse, Board Counsel, Jeff Reinitz, Waterloo Courier, and Steve Ephraim, Adam Haynes and Seth VanGelder, customers.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the agenda as printed and distributed. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Retiring employees Rodney Moore and Ami Burns-Hetrick were recognized for 20 and 24 years of service respectively.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee McAlister to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, regular meeting, as printed and distributed; and to approve the Schedule of Bills for the month of March that by reference is made a part hereof and placed in permanent files of said Board of Trustees. Said schedule covers the dates of March 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026; check numbers: 165712-165714; 165720-165747; 165768-165771; 165777-165814; 165836-165841; 165859-165886; 165914-165929; 165934-165977; 165999-166005; 166051-166060; 236253-236377; 085511565738; 205589772089; 241258471296; 331834517893; 359411730310; 462374223395; 562144905557; 562475902437; 598718960426; 706006548239; 706836495582; 802226302143; 814671649267; 817674623716; 823819195331; 866665491560; 896011265970; 924170746316; 924914676157; 946769211608; a detailed itemized copy of which has been submitted to the Board of Trustees. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee McAlister to receive and file personnel action reports and a report of contracts executed by the General Manager. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Bill Skubal, Director of Energy Resources, presented an overview of the annual energy efficiency/conservation report. Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl to receive and file the report. Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adopt the following Resolutions by one motion:

**No. 6767** Resolution approving and authorizing an amendment to the Classification and Compensation Plan. Said amendment moved a position from the Technical Pay Grade Structure to the Core Pay Grade Structure.

**No. 6768** Resolution approving and authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement Amendment with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for placement of communications equipment at 3202 Terrace Drive. Amendment to said lease modifies antennas, associated cables and other communications instruments; provides for a corresponding decrease to the monthly rental payments due to reduced equipment; and increases the aggregate dollar value of their liability insurance.

**No. 6772** Resolution accepting as final the contract for the Water Garage Mezzanine and Lift project and authorizing the release of retainage funds in the amount of \$5,060.46 to Midwest Warehouse Solutions, Inc.

**No. 6773** Resolution approving and authorizing execution of a Landlord Release and Consent regarding land lease with Simple Mining, LLC. Said release is provided to Farmers State Bank to protect their security interest in the event of a default by Simple Mining, LLC.

Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, Engel, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Engel to adopt **Resolution No. 6771** approving and authorizing Scope of Work No. 3 to the agreement with Northway Well and Pump Co. for miscellaneous projects. Said Scope of Work estimates an additional 75 hours of work in the amount of \$36,375.00 plus per diem charge of \$1,365.00. Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The following items were presented for information purposes only: an update on current state legislative items; the current safety status of the Utility; a review of customer satisfaction survey results; an update on the customer billing system migration project; an accelerated plan for Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) implementation and a previously scheduled special Board meeting for October 20, 2026, will be rescheduled to October 16, 2026.

There were no Board requests to staff.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adjourn the meeting.

Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS UTILITY, CITY OF CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

**April 8, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of the Municipal Communications Utility of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa, met on the above date in regular session, pursuant to law and the rules of said Board.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair MaraBeth K. Soneson. Upon call of the roll, present were: Trustees: MaraBeth K. Soneson, Nick A. Evens, Debra S. Iehl, Richard L. McAlister, and Jeffrey J. Engel. Absent: None. Others present: Susan M. Abernathy, General Manager/CEO, Bradley M. Strouse, Board Counsel, Jeff Reinitz, Waterloo Courier, and Steve Ephraim, Adam Haynes, and Seth VanGelder, customers.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Engel to approve the agenda as printed and distributed. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Retiring employees Rodney Moore and Ami Burns-Hetrick were recognized for 20 and 24 years of service respectively.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee McAlister to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, regular meeting, as printed and distributed; and to approve the Schedule of Bills for the month of March that by reference is made a part hereof and placed in permanent files of said Board of Trustees. Said schedule covers the dates of March 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026; check numbers: 165712-165714; 165720-165747; 165768-165771; 165777-165814; 165836-165841; 165859-165886; 165914-165929; 165934-165977; 165999-166005; 166051-166060; 236253-236377; 085511565738; 205589772089; 241258471296; 331834517893; 359411730310; 462374223395; 562144905557; 562475902437; 598718960426; 706006548239; 706836495582; 802226302143; 814671649267; 817674623716; 823819195331; 866665491560; 896011265970; 924170746316; 924914676157; 946769211608; a detailed itemized copy of which has been submitted to the Board of Trustees. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee McAlister to receive and file personnel action reports and a report of contracts executed by the General Manager. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adopt the following Resolutions by one motion:

**No. 6765** Resolution approving and authorizing execution of a specialized communications service agreement with the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission.

**No. 6767** Resolution approving and authorizing an amendment to the Classification and Compensation Plan. Said amendment moved a position from the Technical Pay Grade Structure to the Core Pay Grade Structure.

**No. 6773** Resolution approving and authorizing execution of a Landlord Release and Consent regarding land lease with Simple Mining, LLC. Said release is provided to Farmers State Bank to protect their security interest in the event of a default by Simple Mining, LLC.

Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, Engel, and McAlister.

Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee Iehl to adopt **Resolution No. 6766** approving and authorizing the permanent transfer of surplus funds from the Municipal Communications Utility to the City of Cedar Falls' General Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the support of Channel 15. Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Soneson, Evens, Iehl, McAlister, and Engel. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

The following items were presented for information purposes only: an update on current state legislative items; the current safety status of the Utility; a review of customer satisfaction survey results; a review of current cable television customer counts; an update on the customer billing system migration project; and a previously scheduled special Board meeting for October 20, 2026, will be rescheduled to October 16, 2026.

There were no Board requests to staff.

Moved by Trustee Engel, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adjourn the meeting. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.