

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

**June 18, 2025**

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 Jeffrey J. Engel. Upon call of the roll, present were: Trustees: Jeffrey J. Engel, MaraBeth K. Soneson (electronically), Nick A. Evens, Debra S. Iehl, and Richard L. McAlister. Absent: None. Others present: Susan M. Abernathy, General Manager/CEO; Bradley M. Strouse, Board Counsel; Michelle Sweeney, Associate Vice President, Senior Project Manager, AECOM; and Sue Green, customer.

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

New employees Alvaro Barajas-Ayard, Brandon Hodgin, Josh Meinert, Dallas Wittenburg and David Ntako were introduced.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025, regular meeting, as printed and distributed; and to approve the Schedule of Bills for the month of April that by reference is made a part hereof and placed in permanent files of said Board of Trustees. Said schedule covers the dates of May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025; check numbers: 162202-162205; 162216-162242; 162270-162279; 162308-162329; 162352-162359; 162367-162422; 162465-162471; 162486-162509; 162526; 162533-162545; 234563-234702; 007368141633; 033534712119; 077984281124; 112073327133; 192866316110; 224073121804; 320458263449; 380987726453; 432928727889; 448944372267; 481246578306; 490147535009; 535102972911; 543320400888; 543446067616; 567277155992; 578952317973; 580540754776; 603463183666; 648539540370; 739238477510; 762823783968; 808356382606; 821614258347; 824530172955; 850992257657; 902864627243; 926041575273; a detailed itemized copy of which has been submitted to the Board of Trustees. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl 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: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None.  
Motion carried.

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

**No. 6680** Resolution approving and adopting the 2025 Strategic Plan.

**No. 6682** Resolution approving and authorizing execution of an agreement with Edie Bailly, LLP, of Dubuque, Iowa, for auditing services for the years ending 2025-2029.

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

The following items were presented for information purposed only: an update on current state legislative items; an update on vehicle and equipment purchases; an update on the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) summer assessment; information on the process for a Public Hearing on a proposed bond issuance; and Trustees Iehl and Evens and General Manager Abernathy provided highlights of the American Public Power Association National Conference they attended earlier this month.

An overview of the Utility's current insurance premiums and coverages was presented by Wynette Froehner, Director of Finance & Organizational Services.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl to adjourn to closed session in accordance with Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(1)(k). Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 3:26 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 3:31 p.m.

Board requests to staff included the desire to have an informational area at the upcoming CFU Day at the Cedar Falls Farmers Market in Overman Park to provide customers updates on the upcoming Viking Energy Center; General Manager is directed to work with the City of Cedar Falls on Industrial Park property transfer; and the General Manager is also directed to contact Congressional representatives to discuss potential tariff implications on the Viking Energy Center project.

*Trustee Evens exited the meeting at 3:52 p.m.*

Moved by Trustee Iehl, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adjourn the meeting. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: Evens. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

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Jeffrey J. Engel – Chair

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Nick A. Evens – Secretary

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

**June 18, 2025**

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 Jeffrey J. Engel. Upon call of the roll, present were: Trustees: Jeffrey J. Engel, MaraBeth K. Soneson (electronically), Nick A. Evens, Debra S. Iehl, and Richard L. McAlister. Absent: None. Others present: Susan M. Abernathy, General Manager/CEO; Bradley M. Strouse, Board Counsel; Michelle Sweeney, Associate Vice President, Senior Project Manager, AECOM; and Sue Green, customer.

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

New employees Alvaro Barajas-Ayard, Brandon Hodgin, Josh Meinert, Dallas Wittenburg and David Ntako were introduced.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025, regular meeting, as printed and distributed; and to approve the Schedule of Bills for the month of April that by reference is made a part hereof and placed in permanent files of said Board of Trustees. Said schedule covers the dates of May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025; check numbers: 162202-162205; 162216-162242; 162270-162279; 162308-162329; 162352-162359; 162367-162422; 162465-162471; 162486-162509; 162526; 162533-162545; 234563-234702; 007368141633; 033534712119; 077984281124; 112073327133; 192866316110; 224073121804; 320458263449; 380987726453; 432928727889; 448944372267; 481246578306; 490147535009; 535102972911; 543320400888; 543446067616; 567277155992; 578952317973; 580540754776; 603463183666; 648539540370; 739238477510; 762823783968; 808356382606; 821614258347; 824530172955; 850992257657; 902864627243; 926041575273; a detailed itemized copy of which has been submitted to the Board of Trustees. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl 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: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None.  
Motion carried.

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

**No. 6680** Resolution approving and adopting the 2025 Strategic Plan.

**No. 6682** Resolution approving and authorizing execution of an agreement with Edie Bailly, LLP, of Dubuque, Iowa, for auditing services for the years ending 2025-2029.

**No. 6683** Resolution designating the Alternate Director on the Central Plains Energy Project Board of Directors to be the Director of Energy Resources and designating the Contingent Alternate Director to be the Director of Operations. The Gas Operations Supervisor shall continue to be the designated Director on said Board.

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

Moved by Trustee McAlister, seconded by Trustee Iehl to adopt **Resolution No. 6681** approving and authorizing execution of a contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$120,400.00 for design engineering and land surveying services related to the natural gas main extension for the Viking Energy Center Project. Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister.

The following items were presented for information purposed only: an update on current state legislative items, and Trustees Iehl and Evens and General Manager Abernathy provided highlights of the American Public Power Association National Conference they attended earlier this month.

An overview of the Utility's current insurance premiums and coverages was presented by Wynette Froehner, Director of Finance & Organizational Services.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl to adjourn to closed session in accordance with Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(1)(k). Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 3:26 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 3:31 p.m.

There were no Board requests to staff.

*Trustee Evens exited the meeting at 3:52 p.m.*

Moved by Trustee Iehl, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adjourn the meeting. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: Evens. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

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

**June 18, 2025**

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 Jeffrey J. Engel. Upon call of the roll, present were: Trustees: Jeffrey J. Engel, MaraBeth K. Soneson (electronically), Nick A. Evens, Debra S. Iehl, and Richard L. McAlister. Absent: None. Others present: Susan M. Abernathy, General Manager/CEO; Bradley M. Strouse, Board Counsel; Michelle Sweeney, Associate Vice President, Senior Project Manager, AECOM; and Sue Green, customer.

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

New employees Alvaro Barajas-Ayard, Brandon Hodgin, Josh Meinert, Dallas Wittenburg and David Ntako were introduced.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025, regular meeting, as printed and distributed; and to approve the Schedule of Bills for the month of April that by reference is made a part hereof and placed in permanent files of said Board of Trustees. Said schedule covers the dates of May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025; check numbers: 162202-162205; 162216-162242; 162270-162279; 162308-162329; 162352-162359; 162367-162422; 162465-162471; 162486-162509; 162526; 162533-162545; 234563-234702; 007368141633; 033534712119; 077984281124; 112073327133; 192866316110; 224073121804; 320458263449; 380987726453; 432928727889; 448944372267; 481246578306; 490147535009; 535102972911; 543320400888; 543446067616; 567277155992; 578952317973; 580540754776; 603463183666; 648539540370; 739238477510; 762823783968; 808356382606; 821614258347; 824530172955; 850992257657; 902864627243; 926041575273; a detailed itemized copy of which has been submitted to the Board of Trustees. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl 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: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None.  
Motion carried.

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

**No. 6680** Resolution approving and adopting the 2025 Strategic Plan.

**No. 6682** Resolution approving and authorizing execution of an agreement with Edie Bailly, LLP, of Dubuque, Iowa, for auditing services for the years ending 2025-2029.

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

The following items were presented for information purposed only: an update on current state legislative items, and Trustees Iehl and Evens and General Manager Abernathy provided highlights of the American Public Power Association National Conference they attended earlier this month.

An overview of the Utility's current insurance premiums and coverages was presented by Wynette Froehner, Director of Finance & Organizational Services.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl to adjourn to closed session in accordance with Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(1)(k). Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 3:26 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 3:31 p.m.

There were no Board requests to staff.

*Trustee Evens exited the meeting at 3:52 p.m.*

Moved by Trustee Iehl, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adjourn the meeting. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: Evens. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

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

**June 18, 2025**

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 Jeffrey J. Engel. Upon call of the roll, present were: Trustees: Jeffrey J. Engel, MaraBeth K. Soneson (electronically), Nick A. Evens, Debra S. Iehl, and Richard L. McAlister. Absent: None. Others present: Susan M. Abernathy, General Manager/CEO; Bradley M. Strouse, Board Counsel; Michelle Sweeney, Associate Vice President, Senior Project Manager, AECOM; and Sue Green, customer.

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

New employees Alvaro Barajas-Ayard, Brandon Hodgin, Josh Meinert, Dallas Wittenburg and David Ntako were introduced.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025, regular meeting, as printed and distributed; and to approve the Schedule of Bills for the month of April that by reference is made a part hereof and placed in permanent files of said Board of Trustees. Said schedule covers the dates of May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025; check numbers: 162202-162205; 162216-162242; 162270-162279; 162308-162329; 162352-162359; 162367-162422; 162465-162471; 162486-162509; 162526; 162533-162545; 234563-234702; 007368141633; 033534712119; 077984281124; 112073327133; 192866316110; 224073121804; 320458263449; 380987726453; 432928727889; 448944372267; 481246578306; 490147535009; 535102972911; 543320400888; 543446067616; 567277155992; 578952317973; 580540754776; 603463183666; 648539540370; 739238477510; 762823783968; 808356382606; 821614258347; 824530172955; 850992257657; 902864627243; 926041575273; a detailed itemized copy of which has been submitted to the Board of Trustees. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl 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: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None.  
Motion carried.

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

**No. 6679** Resolution approving and authorizing execution of Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with the University of Northern Iowa to provide specialized communications services. Said Amendment extends the current agreement for one year.

**No. 6680** Resolution approving and adopting the 2025 Strategic Plan.

**No. 6682** Resolution approving and authorizing execution of an agreement with Edie Bailly, LLP, of Dubuque, Iowa, for auditing services for the years ending 2025-2029.

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

The following items were presented for information purposes only: an update on current state legislative items and an update on the cfu.net email transition.

An overview of the Utility's current insurance premiums and coverages was presented by Wynette Froehner, Director of Finance & Organizational Services.

Moved by Trustee Evens, seconded by Trustee Iehl to adjourn to closed session in accordance with Code of Iowa, Chapter 21.5(1)(k). Upon call of the roll, the following Trustees voted aye: Engel, Soneson, Evens, Iehl, and McAlister. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 3:26 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 3:31 p.m.

There were no Board requests to staff.

*Trustee Evens exited the meeting at 3:52 p.m.*

Moved by Trustee Iehl, seconded by Trustee McAlister to adjourn the meeting. Upon call for the vote, all Trustees voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: Evens. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.