

The Utility Board of Trustees of Laurens, Iowa met in regular session at the Municipal Building, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa, at 3:00 p.m. on the above date. Present were Trustees Jerry Runneberg and Ben Storms. Absent was Trustee Richard Main. Also present was General Manager Chad Cleveland.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the agenda for the September 28, 2023 regular meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023 Board meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the summary of receipts for August 2023 in the amount of \$407,280.03 and the list of expenses for August 2023 in the amount of \$569,293.37. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts

A/R- Electric	\$ 259,523.05
A/R- Communications	\$ 68,161.31
Merchandise/Services- Electric	\$ 1,612.50
Merchandise/Services- Communications	\$ 112.00
Carrier Access Fees- Communications	\$ 2,747.94
Write Off Recovery- Electric	\$ 982.27
Write Off Recovery- Communications	\$ 35.80
NIMECA Power Bill Credit- Electric	\$ 27,189.36
Customer Dumpster Fees to City- Electric	\$ 65.40
ERATE Reimbursement- Communications	\$ 61.20
Energy Assistance- Electric	\$ (136.57)
Deposits- Electric	\$ 2,976.08
Deposits- Communications	\$ 720.00
Marathon Energy Sales- Electric	\$ 8,625.87
Tower Lease- Communications	\$ 2,436.00
Attachment H Revenues- Electric	\$ 32,000.51
Lifeline Broadband Reimbursement- Communications	\$ 38.00
Lifeline Voice Reimbursement- Communications	\$ 22.00
Miscellaneous- Communications	\$ 47.31
Office Phones- Electric	\$ 60.00
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 407,280.03

Electric Receipts	\$ 332,898.47
Communications Receipts	\$ 74,381.56
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 407,280.03

List of Expenses

A&M Laundry	Dust Mops & Mats	\$	89.28
AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$	299.84
Ag State	Vegetation Control	\$	251.73
Ahlers & Cooney	Legal Fees	\$	630.00
Amaril Uniform	FR Clothing	\$	711.21
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Transport	\$	566.02

Avesis	Group Vision Insurance	\$	103.45
B&K Embroidery	Embroidery	\$	8.03
Bally Sports North	Programming Fees	\$	1,128.75
Big 10 Network	Programming Fees	\$	420.00
Border States Electric	Meter Socket/Supplies	\$	565.98
Calix Inc.	Operations Cloud	\$	494.34
CDS Global	Credit Card Processing Fees	\$	41.00
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting Expense	\$	68.12
CMBA Architects	Storage Building Project	\$	10,854.94
Community First Auto Parts	Rislone	\$	97.16
Community State Bank	Service Charges	\$	112.13
Consortia Consulting	Consulting Contract	\$	1,125.00
Customers	Deposit Refunds	\$	461.00
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$	41,294.59
DGR Engineering	Relay Upgrades/SCADA Project	\$	89.00
Display Systems International	Programming Fees	\$	165.76
Echo Group	Tower Lighting/Supplies	\$	1,038.07
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding- Administration	\$	120.00
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding- Claims	\$	594.92
Fiserv	Credit Card Processing	\$	72.97
GFC Leasing	Canon Copier Lease	\$	67.32
Grainger	Tools/Street Light Supplies	\$	1,268.36
Gray Media Group	Programming Fees	\$	820.00
Hearst Television	Programming Fees	\$	1,506.75
ICMA RC	Employee Contributions	\$	1,000.00
Iconnectiv	Local Number Portability	\$	262.74
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	11,524.77
Interstate TRS Fund	TRS Fund Assessment	\$	228.48
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$	6,222.86
Iowa Department of Revenue	State Withholding	\$	1,671.69
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	34.20
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Contributions	\$	7,075.61
Laurens, City of	Utility Billing	\$	96,045.51
Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	59.65
Laurens House of Print	Utility Billing Envelopes/Paper	\$	171.20
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$	348.10
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility Bill	\$	106.22
Laurens Plumbing	Service/Supplies	\$	233.31
Laurens Sun	Publications/Advertising	\$	43.00
Long Lines	Communication Services	\$	9,922.54
Lumen Lexcis	Directory Listings	\$	36.45
Merchant Bankcard	Credit Card Processing	\$	912.36
Mid-America Communications II	FTTP Project- CO Services	\$	1,063.55
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	47,000.00
National Content & Technology Cooperative	Programming/TiVo/ACA	\$	13,489.06
National Emergency Number Association	Annual 911 Subscription	\$	255.00
Nexstar Broadcasting	Programming Fees	\$	1,544.75
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	30,155.94
PLIC-SBD Grand Island	Life/Disability Insurance	\$	731.47
Pop Media	Programming Fees	\$	38.10
Pro Cooperative	Generation Fuel	\$	210,189.88

Pro Cooperative	Vehicle Fuel	\$	419.12
R&D Industries	Network Support	\$	755.75
RSM US LLP	Network Support	\$	2,100.00
Secure Shred Solutions	Paper Shredding	\$	26.00
Siepkner Auto	Skid Loader Maintenance	\$	111.80
Skarshaug Testing Lab	Gloves/Face Shields	\$	1,389.91
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Fiber Lease	\$	450.00
Stuart C. Irby	Handholes	\$	1,048.60
Upper Des Moines Opportunity Inc.	LIHEAP Returned Funds	\$	312.53
US Bank	Office 365 Renewal	\$	1,200.00
US Card Systems	Credit Card Terminal Lease	\$	29.95
VECTOR	Annual Dues/CPR-First Aid	\$	5,179.00
Verizon	Wireless Phone Service	\$	206.68
Visa	Hulu/Domains/Supplies	\$	205.46
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Group Health Insurance	\$	13,264.44
Zcorum	Truvision Fees	\$	261.08
Ziegler Inc.	Generator Annual Maintenance	\$	36,900.89
	Total Expenses	\$	569,293.37

Electric Expenses	\$	511,233.23
Communications Expenses	\$	58,060.14
Total Expenses	\$	569,293.37

Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report, Income Statement, and Balance Sheet for August 2023. Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to authorize the Investment Committee to reinvest Treasury 9128285D8 upon maturity. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Laurens-Marathon School Solar Power Array Project. The General Manager has been in contact with the Superintendent, School Board President, and the engineering firm for this project regarding the possibility of LMPC helping the School expand their project. After reviewing the project costs, energy costs, and projected life of the array, the Board has determined that the financing does not support the expansion of the project.

The General Manager provided additional information on Advanced Metering. LMPC is considering the replacement of all our current electric meters with smart meters. Benefits include using our new fiber system, remote visibility of meters, customized alarms, no truck rolls to get meter readings, and remote disconnect & connect functions. No action was taken at this time.

At 5:30 p.m. the General Manager and the Board of Trustees went on a tour of LMPC properties that included the Tower site, East Generation Plant, Communications Central office, West Generation Plant, and the West Sub-station.

There being no further business, the Chairman Pro Tem declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Ben Storms
Chairman Pro Tem, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees