April 28, 2026

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 Kelly Horsman and Ben Storms. Absent was Trustee Jerry Runneberg. Also present was General Manager Chad Cleveland.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Horsman to approve the agenda for the April 28, 2026 regular meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Horsman and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2026 regular meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Horsman to approve the summary of receipts for March 2026 in the amount of $474,240.52 and the list of expenses for March 2026 in the amount of $328,311.10. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts

A/R- Electric	$ 305,545.33
A/R- Communications	$ 70,131.02
Carrier Access Fees- Communications	$ 1,237.41
Write Off Recovery- Electric	$ 2,631.28
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Investment Accrued Interest- Electric	$ 33,924.23
REC Inventory- Electric	$ 8,200.00
RSM Refund- Electric	$ 296.32
E-Rate Reimbursement- Communications	$ 61.20
Deposits- Electric	$ 1,740.00
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LIHEAP Energy Assistance- Electric	$ 1,253.85
Employee Deduction Reimbursement- Electric	$ 209.94
Marathon Energy Sales- Electric	$ 12,236.43
Tower Leases- Communications	$ 4,420.38
Attachment H Revenues- Electric	$ 32,021.73
Broadband Lifeline Support- Communications	$ 18.00
Voice Lifeline Support- Communications	$ 22.00
Office Phones- Electric	$ 30.00
Employee EBS Overpayment- Electric	$ 13.00
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Total Cash Receipts	**$ 474,240.52**

List of Expenses

AFLAC	Employee Contributions	$ 188.00
Ahlers & Cooney PC	Legal Services	$ 787.38
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Switching	$ 128.14
Avesis- Fidelity Security Life	Group Vision Insurance	$ 96.13
Calix, Inc.	Cloud Services	$ 1,761.22
City of Laurens	Utility Billing	$ 94,017.69
Community First Broadcasting	LM School Sponsor/Advertising	$ 262.50
Consortia Consulting	Monthly Consulting Fee	$ 1,200.00
Customers	Credit Refunds	$ 31.55
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	$ 39,320.46
DGR Engineering	Fuel System Modifications Project	$ 1,807.66
DGR Engineering	Relay Upgrades & SCADA Project	$ 3,941.35
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding- Claims	$ 4,444.48
Grainger	Streetlight Supplies/Saw/Battery	$ 415.64

Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	$	14,488.53
Interstate TRS Fund	TRS Fund Assessment	$	250.27
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	2026 Membership Dues	$	6,829.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	$	5,318.89
Iowa Department of Revenue	State Withholding	$	1,531.21
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Contributions	$	8,327.07
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	$	107.86
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility Bill	$	115.11
Laurens Plumbing	Supplies	$	137.24
Laurens Sun	Advertising	$	30.00
Long Lines	Communication Services	$	7,999.70
Lumen Lexcis	Directory Listings	$	144.00
LumenServe	Tower Lighting Monitoring	$	317.78
Mid America Computer Corporation	Utility Billing	$	915.43
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	$	53,000.00
NIMECA	Power Bill/APPA Dues/Property Taxes	$	13,904.33
Oak Hill Consulting	BDC Filing Assistance	$	74.00
Paymentus Group Inc	CC Processing Fees- Communications	$	184.03
Paymentus Group Inc	CC Processing Fees- Utility Billing	$	197.76
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	$	37,260.18
Phelps Uniform Specialists	Dust Mops & Mats	$	63.68
PLIC-SBD Grand Island	Short Term Disability Taxes	$	108.39
PLIC-SBD Grand Island	Life/Disability Group Insurance	$	783.33
Plymouth County Treasurer	Property Taxes	$	40.50
Pocahontas County 911	E911 Fees	$	710.23
Pocahontas County Treasurer	Property Taxes	$	2,970.50
Postmaster	Post Office Box Rent	$	99.00
Pro Cooperative	Vehicle Fuel	$	195.59
Pye-Barker Fire & Safety	Gen Plant Fire Suppressant Inspection	$	1,067.86
Qwest dba CenturyLink-IA	Access Charges	$	95.15
Record Democrat	Advertising	$	50.25
RESCO	Electric Ground Vault Lid	$	4,264.33
RSM US LLP	Network Support	$	3,156.05
Schultz, Ethan	Tuition Reimbursement	$	625.00
UMB Bank NA	Bond Annual Service Fee	$	600.00
Upper Des Moines Opportunity Inc	Returned LIHEAP Funds	$	400.00
US Card Systems	Consulting Fee	$	149.95
Verizon	Wireless Phone Service	$	116.04
Visa	Office Supplies	$	48.62
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Group Health Insurance	$	12,076.78
Woodbury County Treasurer	Property Taxes	$	1,292.50
	Total Expenses	**$**	**328,311.10**

Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report, Investment Schedule, Income Statement, and Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2026. No specific action was taken.

Trustees reviewed the summary of discounts and adjustments for March 2026. No specific action was taken.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Horsman to approve the renewal of the Employers Mutual Package Insurance Policy through Woodley Insurance. The cost of the renewal is $73,027.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Horsman to approve paying the City of Laurens half the cost to renew the Cyber Security Insurance Policy. Half of the cost is $2,087.44. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Horsman and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the IAMU Mutual Aid Program Agreement. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Horsman to approve Pay Request #2 of $48,086.28 to Harold K. Scholz Company for the work completed on the Relay Upgrades & SCADA System Replacement Project. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Horman and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve Pay Request #1 of $332,206.88 to Acterra Group LLC for the work completed on the Generation Plant Fuel System Modifications Project. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Horsman to approve Change Order #2 for the Generation Plant Fuel System Modifications Project. This change order adds $45,566.15 to the original contract price of $588,587.86 for a new total contract price of $634,154.01. This Change Order covers the cost of removal and disposal of contaminated soil from the project site. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Generation Plant Fuel System Modifications Project and the damage the contractor did to Lake Street. Blacktop Service Company has provided the City of Laurens with a cost proposal to repair Lake Street. The cost of repairs is $41,785.40. The Trustees are in agreement to pay for the repairs but wanted to get some assurances from the City of Laurens that it is okay for fuel trucks to drive on Lake Street. No specific action was taken.

Discussion was held on the City Hall Office Renovation Project. Here are the latest items:

- The project area of the Municipal Building was tested for asbestos and there is some asbestos abatement needed. The cost of the asbestos abatement will not exceed $3,125.00.
- Woodruff Construction has submitted a change order to extend the completion date of the project to October 3, 2026. The City Council has approved this change order.
- Walsh Door & Security has submitted their proposal for installing the access controls on the doors for this project. The base cost is $42,975.00.

The Trustees reviewed this information and will support the City Council on decisions made related to this project.

Motion by Trustee Hosman and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve sending a letter of support for the MISO Tranche 2.1 transmission projects. The Board Chairman is authorized to sign the letter of support. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Horsman to approve the proposal from Altec to add a radio remote system and docking station to our recently purchased digger derrick truck. The cost of this proposal is $16,228.20. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

General Manager's Update:

- Discussion was held on selling/disposing of the 1967 Ford Boom truck and the 1973 Chevrolet Digger Derrick truck. The Board suggested we visit with The Sale Barn about the date of their next consignment auction.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Ben Storms
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees