

July 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. Also present was General Manager Chad Cleveland and the CEO of NW Communications, Gary Petersen.

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

Gary Petersen introduced himself and informed the Board of how things were going at NW Communications and what their goals were for the next few years. He wanted us to know that they are looking to grow to sustain their business so if we ever get to the point of wanting to sell off the communications utility or want to look at partnering with them, they would be interested. The Trustees thanked Gary for his time and told him they would keep this in mind.

Motion by Trustee Horsman and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the minutes of the June 23, 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 June 2026 in the amount of \$325,579.28 and the list of expenses for June 2026 in the amount of \$402,589.55. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts

A/R- Electric	\$ 208,510.02
A/R- Communications	\$ 45,205.64
Merchandise/Services- Electric	\$ 3,460.60
Carrier Access Fees- Communications	\$ 1,527.07
Write Off Recovery- Electric	\$ 249.00
Erate Reimbursement- Communications	\$ 183.60
Deposits- Electric	\$ 1,110.00
RESCO Patronage- Electric	\$ 1,818.00
Marathon Energy Sales- Electric	\$ 9,051.27
Tower Lease- Communications	\$ 4,420.38
Attachment H Revenues- Electric	\$ 32,437.55
Broadband Lifeline Support- Communications	\$ 18.00
Voice Lifeline Support- Communications	\$ 22.00
Department of Energy REC Sales- Electric	\$ 13,213.30
Blue Cross Blue Shield Settlement- Electric	\$ 3,155.81
<u>Blue Cross Blue Shield Settlement- Communications</u>	<u>\$ 1,197.04</u>
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 325,579.28

List of Expenses

AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$ 188.00
Amy's Signs	Vehicle Lettering	\$ 280.00
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Switching	\$ 129.57
Avesis- Fidelity Security Life	Group Vision Insurance	\$ 96.13
Calix, Inc.	Cloud Services	\$ 1,761.22
Calix, Inc.	GigaPoints + Warranty	\$ 4,674.82
City of Laurens	Utility Billing	\$ 104,153.47
City of Laurens	Community Support Donation	\$ 32,065.31
City of Laurens	Grass Seed- Old Pool Demo Area	\$ 349.00
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting Expenses	\$ 147.18
Consortia Consulting	Monthly Consulting Fee	\$ 1,200.00
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$ 33,432.60
DGR Engineering	Fuel System Modifications Project	\$ 1,701.00
DGR Engineering	Relay Upgrades & SCADA Project	\$ 548.45

Echo Group	City Hall Office Renovation Project	\$	109.91
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding Administration	\$	120.00
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding Claims	\$	115.20
GFC Leasing – WI	Copier Leases	\$	85.32
Grainger	Safety Footwear/Tools	\$	300.56
Horsetech	UPS Shipping Fees	\$	12.06
ICMA RC	Employee Contributions	\$	100.00
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	10,451.95
Internal Revenue Service	Federal Excise Tax/PCORI Fees	\$	416.26
Interstate TRS Fund	TRS Fund Assessment	\$	250.27
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$	4,297.27
Iowa Department of Revenue	State Withholding	\$	1,139.91
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Contributions	\$	5,847.85
JCL Solutions	Office Supplies	\$	50.77
KC Nielsen Ltd	Gator/Skid Loader Maintenance	\$	608.85
Laurens House of Print	Paper	\$	62.86
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Monthly Communications Bill	\$	103.12
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Monthly Utility Bill	\$	112.70
Laurens Plumbing	Various Supplies	\$	146.33
Laurens Sun	Publications/Advertising	\$	350.67
Long Lines	Communication Services	\$	7,944.33
Lumen Access	Monthly Access Charges	\$	95.15
Lumen Lexcis	Directory Listings	\$	144.00
LumenServe	Tower Lighting Monitoring	\$	317.78
Michaelson, Inc	Finish Old Pool Demo Project	\$	2,500.00
Mid America Computer Corporation	Utility Billing	\$	862.59
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	86,000.00
Murphy Tower Service	Tower Inspection	\$	4,226.50
National Emergency Number Association	911 Numbering Plan	\$	263.00
NIMECA	Power Bill	\$	20,006.34
Paymentus Group Inc	CC Processing Fees- Communications	\$	186.61
Paymentus Group Inc	CC Processing Fees- Utility Billing	\$	188.00
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	27,557.42
Phelps Uniform Specialists	Dust Mops & Mats	\$	63.70
PLIC-SBD Grand Island	Life/Disability Group Insurance	\$	670.59
Pocahontas County 911	Quarterly E911 Fees	\$	681.44
Pro Cooperative	Vehicle Fuel/Skid Loader Tire Maintenance	\$	352.19
Record Democrat	Memorial Banner	\$	30.00
Roettger, Caleb	Safety Footwear	\$	225.00
RSM US LLP	Network Support	\$	3,183.55
Secure Shred Solutions	Paper Shredding	\$	27.00
Siepkner Auto Repair	F250 Serviced	\$	91.29
Skarshaug Testing Lab	Glove Testing	\$	149.85
Sonksen, Karla	Board Meeting Supplies	\$	14.88
Stuart C Irby	Locating Flags	\$	770.40
TP Anderson & Company	Audit Fees	\$	12,000.00
US Card Systems	Consulting Fee	\$	149.95
Van Wert Inc	Meter Reader Upgrade	\$	10,146.25
VECTOR	Annual Membership Dues/Group Liability Insurance	\$	5,373.46
Verizon	Wireless Phone Service	\$	116.01
Visa	AutoCAD Renewal	\$	107.00
Visa	Board Meeting/Office/Parade Supplies	\$	183.73
Walsh Door & Security	City Hall Office Renovation Project	\$	476.15
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Group Health Insurance	\$	12,076.78
	Total Expenses	\$	402,589.55

Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report, Investment Schedule, Income Statement, and Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2026. Motion by Trustee Horsman and seconded by Trustee Storms to have the Investment Committee reinvest CD #9026360 upon maturity. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Horsman to approve Change Order #3 for the Generation Plant Fuel System Modifications Project in the amount of \$11,191.04. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Horsman to set the date of Public Hearing on the Lease Agreement with Laurens Infrastructure Partners, LLC on Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Horsman introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION" and moved that the same be adopted. Trustee Storms seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Horsman and Storms. Nays: None

Chairman Storms declared the resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Jerry Runneberg was a valued member of the Board of Trustees of Laurens Municipal Power & Communications, and

WHEREAS, Jerry Runneberg became a member of the Board of Trustees in 2010 and served continually until June 2026, and

WHEREAS, Jerry Runneberg's judgment, leadership, and understanding of the Utility operations have served to carry on a successful enterprise by and for the citizens of Laurens, and

WHEREAS, Jerry Runneberg always demonstrated a spirit of cooperation and generosity that has benefited the Utility, citizens, and businesses of Laurens and is recognized by all, and

WHEREAS, Jerry Runneberg's commitment to excellence, loyalty, and dedication to Laurens Municipal Power & Communications are gratefully recognized and appreciated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Laurens Municipal Power & Communications, Laurens, Iowa does hereby unanimously express its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Jerry Runneberg for his many years of dedicated service, leadership, and contributions to the Utility and the Laurens community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to Jerry Runneberg so that he will be informed of the high esteem in which he is held by this utility and community, and to express our appreciation for the opportunity and honor to have been associated with such an outstanding gentleman of distinction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution become a part of the permanent record in the minutes of Laurens Municipal Power & Communications at its meeting on July 28, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of July 2026.

Bens Storms

Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Horsman to regretfully accept the resignation of General Manager Chad Cleveland effective January 15, 2027. The Trustees expressed their appreciation for his 28.5 years of dedicated service to Laurens Municipal Power & Communications and wished him well in his retirement. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Employment and Retention Agreement with Chad Cleveland. Board Chairman Ben Storms and General Manager Chad Cleveland signed the agreement. No other action was taken.

Discussion was held on the job description for the General Manager position. No specific action was taken.

Discussion was held on finding a replacement for Board Trustee Jerry Runneberg. No specific action was taken.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Ben Storms

Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees