

Minutes of Proceedings  
of the  
Algona Municipal Utilities' Board of Trustees

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algona Municipal Utilities was held at the Algona Municipal Utilities office, 104 W. Call Street, Algona, Iowa, on April 4, 2026, at 11:00 A.M.

The board members present were Julie Murphy, Chairperson; Jay Geving, Don Heupel, Mike Sabin, Karen Schaaf, Trustees.

Others present: John Bilsten, General Manager; Robert Harrington, Secretary and Chief Financial Officer; Abby Wolf, Senior Accountant; Steve Grandgenett, Energy Efficiency and Safety Coordinator.

Chairperson Murphy called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

The consent agenda included a roll call, adoption of the agenda, approval of the minutes from March 4, 2026, and approval of the monthly vouchers and uncollectible accounts. Trustee Geving moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Trustee Heupel. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' opportunity to address the Board of Trustees – no citizens in attendance or on the phone.

The Chief Financial Officer presented the February 2026 Financial Statements/Operations Trend Charts. Trustee Schaaf moved to approve and place the statements on file, seconded by Trustee Sabin. The motion carried unanimously.

The General Manager updated the Board on winter storm Fern's impact on energy prices; data center and bitcoin utility, community, and financial impacts; Southwest Power Pool operating statistics; and the upcoming work on the Fiber to the Home project.

Trustee Sabin moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-07 – Resolution Setting Bid Date, Public Hearing, and Approving Plans, Specs, Form of Contract, and Cost Estimate - 2026 Water Main Improvements, seconded by Trustee Heupel. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Heupel moved to approve Change Order #2 for the 2025 Backwash Ponds Project – (\$8,312.10), seconded by Trustee Schaaf. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Sabin moved to Pay Request #3 for the Backwash Ponds Project with Erpelding Excavating Enterprise for \$41,935.81, seconded by Trustee Geving. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Heupel moved to Pay Request #4 for the AMU Office Exterior Remodeling with Sande Construction for \$20,401.33, seconded by Trustee Schaaf. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Schaaf moved to approve Brian Hatten as Power Plant Manager; Jason Fett as Lead Operator; and Drew Meuller as a seasonal employee, seconded by Trustee Geving. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Board of Trustees meeting(s) are scheduled for:

- April 22, 2026 – Public Hearing and Meeting – 11:00 AM
- May 6, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting – 11:00 AM

Trustee Schaaf moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Sabin. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 PM.

/s/ Julie Murphy  
Julie Murphy, Chairperson

Attest:

/s/ Robert Harrington  
Robert Harrington, Secretary

The following vouchers were approved:

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
AMU PAYROLL	PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$80,164.22
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOL	DEFERRED COMPENSATION	5,485.14
EFT - SALES TAX TRANSFER	WATER SERVICE EXCISE TAX	8,336.60
EFTPS TRANSFER	PAYROLL TAXES	26,903.07
CARD CENTER	EXPENSES	3,784.23
CARD CENTER	EXPENSES	3,061.99
CARD CENTER	EXPENSES	1,276.42

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	NEAL 4	184,000.00
CHASE MANHATTAN BANK	EXPENSES	473.81
SISCO	FLEX/MED REIMBURSEMENT	4,024.34
AMU PAYROLL	PAYROLL EXPENSE	77,738.20
SISCO	FLEX/MED REIMBURSEMENT	3,636.57
SISCO	RHRA REIMBURSEMENT	1,322.27
UPS	SHIPPING	12.55
ONLINE SERVICES	COLLECTION SERVICES	73.83
ONLINE SERVICES	COLLECTION SERVICES	315.08
NATL CABLE TELEVISION COOP	SUPPLIES	214.58
NATL CABLE TELEVISION COOP	MEMBERSHIP	105.00
TRINITY WIND, LLC	POWER PURCHASED	8,535.00
EFT - FEDERAL EXCISE TAX	FEDERAL EXCISE TAX	666.23
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE WITHHOLDING	6,889.68
IPERS	EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYS.	37,365.50
NATL CABLE TELEVISION COOP	SUPPLIES	777.76
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOL	DEFERRED COMPENSATION	5,385.14
EFTPS TRANSFER	PAYROLL TAXES	26,426.57
AFLAC	PREMIUMS	724.78
USAC	SUPPORT MECHANISM	1,734.00
INTERSTATE TRS FUND	TRS FUND CONTRIBUTION	703.23
US CELLULAR	SERVICE	466.90
SISCO	FLEX/MED REIMBURSEMENT	8,384.39
CITY OF ALGONA	FRANCHISE FEE	4,810.10
ALGONA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	SERVICIES	13,456.07
ALGONA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	SERVICES	3,663.38
SISCO	PREMIUMS	49,145.62
AMU PAYROLL	PAYROLL EXPENSE	80,048.52
SISCO	FLEX/MED REIMBURSEMENT	1,477.84
NIMECA	POWER BILLING	441,897.54
EFT - SALES TAX TRANSFER	SALES TAX REMITTANCE	32,910.09
EFT - SALES TAX TRANSFER	WATER SERVICE EXCISE	8,264.10
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOL	DEFERRED COMPENSATION	5,185.14
FORCE FITTERS	EMP CLOTHING	724.62
154I, LLC	WEBSITE HOSTING	480.00
ALGONA HIGH SCHOOL	ADVERTISING	25.00
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	984.60
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	152.80
CONSORTIA CONSULTING, INC.	CONSULTING SUPPORT	1,200.00
COOKS SCRAP IRON & METAL	SUPPLIES	32.15
FASTENAL COMPANY	SUPPLIES	66.32
GRAYBAR ELECTRIC CO INC	MATERIALS	1,033.69
HAWKINS INC.	CHEMICALS	3,527.13
IRBY	MATERIALS	4,795.20
J.H. LARSON COMPANY	MATERIALS	14,894.40
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	PARTS	7.70
KOSS CO EXTENSION OFFICE	ADVERTISING	45.00
KOSSUTH CTY AG MUSEUM	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	1,000.00
KOSSUTH CTY TSFR STATION	WASTE REMOVAL	85.25
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	SERVICE	473.67
NIMECA	DUES	7,766.38
NORTHWEST COMM NETWORK	BANDWIDTH	616.50
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	PARTS	37.43
PHELPS UNIFORM SPECIALISTS	SERVICE	43.84
PITNEY-BOWES INC.	LEASE	946.44
SMALL-TIME ENTERPRISE LLC	CLEANING LINE SHOP	3,745.00
TANTALUS	METER MODULES	5,823.71
TERRY-DURIN CO	MATERIALS	3,649.30
UNIVERUS MEDIA, INC	WEATHER GRAPHICS	550.00
VAN WERT INC	REMOTE DISCONNECT METERS	2,634.08
WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC.	MATERIALS	2,546.56
ALGONA PUBLISHING CO.	ADVERTISING	1,118.21

BGHS	ADVERTISING	25.00
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	97.14
COOKS SCRAP IRON & METAL	NITROGEN	39.05
HACH CHEMICAL CO.	CHEMICALS	984.34
JCL SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	217.37
KEMCO TIRES, INC.	REPAIR SERVICES	37.00
KLGA & KLGZ	ADVERTISING	1,291.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	SERVICE	37.37
NEONOVA NETWORK SERVICES	SECURE IT PLUS	29.40
NORTHERN IOWA COMM	PROGRAMMING	115,608.06
SANDE CONSTRUCTION	OFFICE SIDING PROJECT	35,936.03
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD	APPLICATION CROSSING FEE	750.00
RONALD DALBEY	CREDIT BALANCE REFUND	35.82
ALYSSA JEFSON	CREDIT BALANCE REFUND	135.31
KLAYTON KRAMER	CREDIT BALANCE REFUND	58.45
VIKY R MASON	CREDIT BALANCE REFUND	201.35
JACOB MILLER	CREDIT BALANCE REFUND	29.68
BRENDA MILLIGAN	CREDIT BALANCE REFUND	46.11
DELORES M TELFORD	CREDIT BALANCE REFUND	17.08
ACCESS SYSTEMS	LICENSE FEES	723.50
ALGONA CHAM. OF COMMERCE	MEMBERSHIP	3,000.00
ALGONA MACHINE & SUPPLY	PARTS AND SERVICE	118.73
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	PARTS	60.05
AUREON NETWORK SERVICES	NETWORK SERVICES	6,819.92
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES	MATERIAL	1,122.22
COOP RESPONSE CENTER	SERVICE	1,870.20
DGR ENGINEERING	RATE STUDY	34,549.00
EAGLE HILLS	ADVERTISING	500.00
ED'S SERVICE STATION	FUEL	1,718.80
FAREWAY STORES	SUPPLIES	10.63
HYGIENIC LABORATORY - AR	TESTING SERVICES	115.50
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATING SERVICES	94.10
IRBY	SUPPLIES	17.76
JOHNSTON AUTOSTORES	PARTS	54.57
KOSSUTH COUNTY SPEEDWAY	ADVERTISING	200.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO.	SERVICES	503.09
MPOWER TECHNOLOGIES, INC	CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERV	450.00
NATL INFO SOLUTIONS COOP	BILLING SERVICES	18,372.54
OAK HILL CONSULTING	FIBER PROJECT	2,393.00
SPENCER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	TELEPHONE SWITCH/SIP	206.25
THREADS	EMPLOYEE CLOTHING	42.80
UNITYPOINT CLINIC	TESTING SERVICES	42.00
WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC.	MATERIALS	15,991.85
MARK E BIERSTEDT	WINDOW REBATE	1,162.40
JARROD L FITZGERALD	CREDIT BALANCE REFUND	200.77
SANDRA R HOOVER	WINDOW REBATE	1,500.00
MURPHY FARM SERVICES	LED LIGHTING REPBATE	942.20
LENIUSKA REYES ZAMORA	CREDIT BALANCE REFUND	622.24
STEVE A SPENCE	WINDOW REBATE	968.83
AUDITOR-STATE OF IOWA	ANNUAL FILING FEE	1,250.00
SOROPTIMIST INTL/ALGONA	TICKETS	180.00
AIR FILTER SALES & SERVICE	SUPPLIES	370.42
ALGONA PLG. & HTG.	SUPPLIES	23.30
ALGONA PUBLIC LIBRARY	ADVERTISING	250.00
JOHN BILSTEN	EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	18.00
BMI, INC.	LICENSING FEE	500.00
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES	SUPPLIES	401.38
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES	551.28
CENTURYLINK	SERVICE	97.14
CINTAS CORPORATION #754	SUPPLIES	240.47
COLORS BY DESIGN	PAINT	83.56
COOKS SCRAP IRON & METAL	SUPPLIES	27.82

CULVER - HAHN ELECTRIC	SUPPLIES	244.73
DAN-D LASER CARTRIDGES	SERVICES	525.30
DUMP IT INC.	SANITATION SERVICES	443.79
EAGLE HILLS	ADVERTISING	500.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	MATERIAL	158.78
JASON FETT	EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	181.25
FORGE & BUILD UH LLC	SUPPLIES	93.56
JH FOSTER	PUMP	8,851.30
HAWKINS INC.	CHEMICALS	3,746.96
IGLASS NETWORKS	NETWORK MONITORING	500.00
J.H. LARSON COMPANY	MATERIALS	2,537.66
JETCO INC	SERVICES	6,623.76
KOSSUTH SHRINE CLUB	ADVERTISING	100.00
METLIFE SMALL BUSINESS	PREMIUMS	7,450.66
NORTH IOWA MECHANICAL	SUPPLIES	10.70
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	PARTS	139.99
PHELPS UNIFORM SPECIALISTS	SERVICE	43.84
SAFETEY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC	SERVICE	294.69
SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS, LLC	SHREDDING SERVICES	54.00
SKARSHAUG TESTING LABS	TESTING SERVICES	194.44
VANTAGE POINT	CONSULTING SUPPORT	187.50
WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC.	MATERIALS	3,195.45