

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC,
AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA
FEBRUARY 27, 2007**

The Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing in Muscatine Power and Water's Administration/Operations Building, 3205 Cedar Street, Muscatine, Iowa, on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The roll was called and the following members of the Board were present: Trustees Joan Axel, Warren Heidbreder, Don Mead, and Doyle Tubandt. Trustee Scott Ingstad was absent.

Also present were Mr. Jay D. Logel, General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water; Mr. Donald W. Kerker, Board Secretary; Mr. Duane J. Goedken, Board Attorney; Mr. Charles Lorensen, 1808 Briarwood Ln.; Mr. Charles Potter, KWPC/KMCS Radio Station; Messrs. Sal LoBianco, Ray Danz, Gary Wieskamp, Tracy Hatfield, and Mses. Erika Cox and Ann Jones of MP&W.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive any written or oral comments for or against the Horizontal Directional Drilling – 2007 and 2008 Projects.

At 5:28 p.m. the Secretary opened the public hearing for the Horizontal Directional Drilling – 2007 and 2008 Projects.

Chairperson Axel asked Secretary Kerker if any written or oral comments had been received regarding this project, and the Secretary replied that no comments had been received. The Chairperson asked the Secretary if publication of the notice of hearing and taking of bids in connection therewith had been published as required by the Code of Iowa and the Secretary replied that they had been published.

The Secretary asked if anyone in attendance wished to make any comments regarding this project. There were no comments. The following resolution was submitted.

RESOLUTION 07-06

WHEREAS, the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa had given tentative approval to plans and specifications for the Horizontal Directional Drilling – 2007 and 2008 Projects; and,

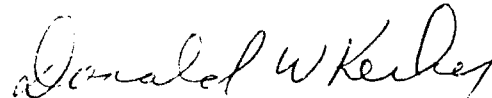
WHEREAS, bids had been received and there were no written or oral objections to proceeding with this project; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, that the plans and specifications for the Horizontal Directional Drilling – 2007 & 2008 Projects be adopted.

Trustee Mead moved, seconded by Trustee Heidbreder, that the said resolution should be passed, approved, and adopted this 27th day of February 2007. On roll call Trustees Axel, Heidbreder, Mead, and Tubandt voted aye. Voting nay, none. Trustee Ingstad was absent.

The Secretary closed the hearing.

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Donald W. Kerker
Board Secretary

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC,
AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA
FEBRUARY 27, 2007—5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at Muscatine Power and Water's Administration/Operations Building, 3205 Cedar Street, Muscatine, Iowa, on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., CST.

Chairperson Axel called the meeting to order. Members of the Board were present as follows: Trustees Joan Axel, Warren Heidbreder, Don Mead, and Doyle Tubandt. Trustee Scott Ingstad was absent.

Also present were Mr. Jay Logel, General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water; Mr. Donald W. Kerker, Board Secretary; Mr. Duane Goedken, Board Attorney; Mr. Charles Lorensen, 1808 Briarwood Ln.; Mr. Charles Potter, KWPC/KMCS Radio Station; Messrs. Sal LoBianco, Ray Danz, Gary Wieskamp, Tracy Hatfield, and Mses. Erika Cox and Ann Jones of MP&W.

Chairperson Axel opened the meeting and asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Lorensen asked to address the Board of Trustees regarding the Muscatine Journal not publishing the meeting agenda in the newspaper for citizens' information. He stated that a water rate increase was apparently discussed at a previous meeting and in this evening's paper was a notice regarding the increase. Citizens should have an opportunity to discuss these issues. The Board's meeting minutes were not published in a timely fashion. Mr. Lorensen left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

There were no other comments. Chairperson Axel asked for the record what the public notification procedure for the Board meetings was. Staff noted that a notice of the meeting was submitted to the radio station, newspapers, and the Community College one week in advance of the meeting. On the Friday prior to the meeting the meeting agenda was submitted to the newspapers by either email or hand delivered. Within fourteen days after the Board meeting a summary of the Board's actions was published as a legal notice in the Muscatine Journal.

The minutes of the January 30, 2007 regular meeting were presented as previously submitted to all Board members in written form. Trustee Mead moved, seconded by Trustee Tubandt, that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion carried. All Trustees present voted aye.

The list of expenditures and transactions for January was previously submitted to all Board members in written form. Mr. Logel advised the January expenditures included annual insurance renewals, bond, and interest payments that resulted in a higher monthly expenditure total. Discussion was conducted on the utilization of temporary employees. Ms. Erika Cox, Director of Employee Services, indicated that temp employees were hired when there was a high level of work or if an employee was off-work for an extended leave. The average was probably three to five temp employees.

Trustee Tubandt moved, seconded by Trustee Mead, to ratify payment of \$7,048,563.43 for the Electric Utility, \$356,842.35 for the Water Utility, and \$1,442,677.21 for the Communications Utility or a total amount of \$8,848,082.99 for all three Utilities. Motion carried. All Trustees present voted aye.

Mr. Logel reviewed the previously submitted memorandum to all Board members recommending that contracts be awarded for the Horizontal Directional Drilling – 2007 and 2008 Projects. The request for bids included four major categories; first, bids for the 2007 projects approved by the Board; second, bids for unit prices for any miscellaneous work that developed throughout 2007; third, bids were requested for the 2008 proposed projects subject to the Board's approval; and fourth, bids for any miscellaneous work throughout 2008. Plans and specifications were submitted to eighteen potential bidders and eight bids were received for each category ranging from \$116,549.00 to \$202,808.25. Staff reviewed the low bids in the amount of \$116,549.00 for the 2007 projects and in the amount of \$127,485.50 for the proposed 2008 projects. The 2007 and 2008 bids for miscellaneous projects were also evaluated by staff but these items do not require Board approval. The lowest bid for the 2007 projects was in the amount of \$116,549 and the lowest bid for the 2008 projects in the amount of \$127,485.50 were both received from CDB Utility Contractors.

The bid documents for the 2007 and 2008 miscellaneous work requested unit pricing to be utilized for any additional directional boring requirements that may occur during the two year period. This work would be a separate annual purchase order and would not be a portion of the Board awarded contracts for directional drilling. CDB Utility Contractors submitted the lowest bids for 2007 and 2008 miscellaneous work also.

It was staff's recommendation that contracts be awarded to CDB Utility Contractors in the amount of \$116,549.00 for Horizontal Directional Drilling – 2007 Projects and in the amount of \$127,485.50 for the proposed 2008 Projects. Purchase orders will be issued to CDB for the 2007 and 2008 miscellaneous work.

General discussion was conducted on the recommendation and the following resolution was submitted:

RESOLUTION 07-07

WHEREAS, it appears in a written report from the Board's staff that the bids as submitted by CDB Utility Contractors in the amount of \$116,549.00 for Horizontal Directional Drilling – 2007 Projects and in the amount of \$127,485.50 for Horizontal Directional Drilling proposed 2008 Projects were the best and lowest bids received; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, that the proposals of CDB Utility Contractors in the amount of \$116,549.00 for Horizontal Directional Drilling – 2007 Projects and the proposal of CDB Utility Contractors in the amount of \$127,485.50 for the proposed 2008 Projects were hereby accepted as submitted; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson and Secretary of the Board be and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute the contracts in the

sums heretofore approved by the said Board of Water, Electric and Communications Trustees; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bid security be returned to the unsuccessful bidders.

Trustee Heidbreder moved, seconded by Trustee Mead, that the said resolution should be passed, approved, and adopted on this 27th day of February 2007. Trustees Axel, Heidbreder, Mead, and Tubandt voted aye. Voting nay, none. Trustee Ingstad was absent.

Mr. Logel reviewed staff's memorandum regarding a request for a permanent easement on the South Substation property for the expansion of Wiggins Road. Muscatine County's Secondary Road Department was in the process of reconfiguring the intersections of Wiggins Road, Ogilvie Avenue, and Stewart Road to improve traffic flow. The new configuration will extend Wiggins Road directly to Stewart Road across the existing South Substation property. Board Attorney Goedken stated that it was not necessary to conduct a public hearing on the conveyance of the property as the transaction was between two public governmental entities for a public purpose.

Staff has verified that the conveyance of this easement will not interfere with current or future operation at the South Substation. Muscatine County has proposed to compensate the Board of Trustees in the amount of \$6,272 for the loss of use of this easement property. It was staff's recommendation that the Board of Trustees grant the permanent easement to Muscatine County for the purpose of extending Wiggins Road to Stewart Road. A proposed resolution was submitted to all Board members for consideration. After discussion the following resolution was submitted.

RESOLUTION 07-08
A RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO GRANT
AN EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS REAL ESTATE OF THE
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC, AND COMMUNICATIONS
TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA

WHEREAS, a request has been made to the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa ("Board") by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors ("County") that the Board grant a permanent easement to the County over and across real estate owned by the Board in Section 29, Township 76 North, Range 2 West of the 5th P.M.

WHEREAS, the County has requested the Board to grant a permanent easement for road purposes and for use as a Public Highway in, to, on, over, and across real estate aka South Substation in Muscatine County, Iowa described as follows:

A parcel of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 76 North, Range 2 West, of the 5th P.M. Muscatine County, Iowa, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29; thence North 02°02'28" West 77.97 feet; thence North

63°32'00" West 45.52 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 63°32'00" West 356.65 feet; thence South 68°58'00" West 54.25 feet; thence North 21°28'00" East 180.69 feet; thence South 21°02'00" East 59.21 feet; thence South 63°32'00" East 311.09 feet; thence South 02°02'28" East 113.80 feet to the Point of Beginning.

WHEREAS, the Board after reviewing the report of its staff, finds that the granting of easement would be in the best interest of the Board and the County, and the conveyance of said easement will not adversely affect the Board's ability to provide utility services to its consumers; and,

IT IS THEREFORE, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

1. That a public hearing shall not be required as the conveyance is to a public body for a public purpose.
2. That the Board shall convey to the County of Muscatine, Iowa, for use and benefit of its Secondary Road Department the above described real estate.
3. The Board shall not be required to provide an abstract of title for the area constituting the easement.
4. The Board Chairperson and Board Secretary are authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Board the conveyance of easement to the Muscatine County, Iowa.

Trustee Tubandt moved, seconded by Trustee Heidbreder, that the said resolution shall be passed, approved, and adopted this 27th day of February 2007. On roll call Trustees Axel, Heidbreder, Mead, and Tubandt voted aye. Voting nay, none. Trustee Ingstad was absent.

Mr. Logel distributed a revised memorandum to all Board members pertaining to wholesale energy marketing approval procedure. The changes to the previously submitted memorandum were on page two, item one pertaining to liquidated damages. The legal definition and the electric industry definition of liquidated damages were different and to alleviate any confusion the reference to liquidated damages was removed from the procedure and replaced with "or are subject to damages in excess of \$500,000.00." Mr. Logel advised that the procedure was presented to the Board of Trustees at the January meeting and no other comments have been received regarding the procedure. It was management's recommendation to approve the policy for inclusion in the Board Policy Manual. General discussion was conducted on the purpose and use of the procedure.

Trustee Tubandt moved, seconded by Trustee Mead, to approve the following:

Power Supply Agreement:

1. The Board shall approve all power supply agreements for the sale of electrical energy and generating capacity that exceed six (6) months in length, or exceed \$5,000,000, or are subject to damages in excess of \$500,000. The Board shall approve all power supply agreements for the purchase of electrical energy and generating capacity that exceed six (6) months in length, or exceed \$5,000,000, or were not included in the

Operating Budget. Such agreements shall be signed by the Board Chairperson and witnessed by the Board Secretary.

2. Agreements not requiring Board approval will be approved by the General Manager, or in his absence, by unanimous agreement of the Wholesale Energy Subcommittee, comprised of the Directors of Utility Operations, Finance and Administrative Services, and Generation and Telecommunications, and signed by two Directors.
3. Dollar limits established by this policy shall be determined by the total of the agreement(s) necessary to cover a specific event and shall not be considered separately for the purpose of avoiding this limitation.

Motion carried. All Trustees present voted aye.

Mr. Logel reviewed staff's recommendation to set dates for receipt of bids and to conduct a public hearing for Units 7 and 8 Traveling Screen Wash Pump, Motor, and Variable Frequency Drive. This project would design and install a new screen wash system using river water instead of city potable water. It was estimated that by utilizing river water to wash the traveling screens instead of City water the Electric Utility could save approximately \$17,600 annually. The published estimate for this project will be \$38,700; the approved project amount was \$43,000.

It was recommended that bids be received March 29, 2007 at 3 p.m. and a public hearing be conducted at 5:26 p.m. on April 24, 2007. After discussion and review of the project the following resolution was submitted.

RESOLUTION 07-09

WHEREAS, plans and specifications have been prepared for Units 7 and 8 Traveling Screen Wash Pump, Motor, and Variable Frequency Drive; and,

WHEREAS, said proposed plans and specifications and proposed form of contract were now on file with the Secretary of the Board and the Board finds the same were in substantial conformity with the requirements necessary to carry out said plans; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, that the plans and specifications in the proposed form for Units 7 and 8 Traveling Screen Wash Pump, Motor, and Variable Frequency Drive were tentatively approved; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the date of March 29, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., CDT, was hereby set for receipt of bids on said project at which time the Board's duly appointed representative was hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to receive, open and read aloud all sealed bids, and receive and record all oral bids, and keep a written record of said proceedings and notice to bidders be published not less than twenty (20) days nor more than forty-five (45) days prior to said date for receipt of bids all as required by the Code of Iowa; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the hearing on said plans and specifications and proposed form of contract as provided by statute, be held in the office of the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, on April 24, 2007, at 5:26 p.m., CDT, and notice to bidders be published not less than four (4) days nor more than twenty (20) days prior to said hearing all as required by the Code of Iowa.

Trustee Tubandt moved, seconded by Trustee Heidbreder, that the said resolution should be passed, approved, and adopted on this 27th day of February 2007. Trustees Axel, Heidbreder, Mead, and Tubandt voted aye. Voting nay, none. Trustee Ingstad was absent.

Mr. Logel reviewed a previously submitted memorandum to all Board members regarding the Unit 9 Building, Crusher House, and Unit 8 Coal Silo Dust Control Project. The Board of Trustees at the December 21, 2006 meeting set dates for the receipt of bids and to conduct a public hearing for the dust control project. The plans and specifications were submitted to fourteen potential bidders and three bids were received on February 6, open publicly, and read aloud. The published estimate for this project was \$1,080,000. The bids ranged from \$1,814,250 to \$3,026,517.

Staff reviewed the bids and established that none of the bids provided a complete turn-key installation of the dust control project as specified in the bid documentation. The submitted bids contained numerous exceptions and clarifications. It was staff's recommendation that all bids be rejected due to costs in excess of the project estimate and the incomplete turnkey installations. It was also recommended that the public hearing set for the project at 5:28 p.m. on March 29, 2007 be cancelled and all bidders be notified of the rejection of bids.

General discussion was conducted on the dust control project. This was the fifth year of the six-year project. The consultant, ACS, had designed and implemented good dust control projects at the Power Plant until the last project involving Unit 9 Crusher House. This project was not successful, and it was necessary to rework the modifications for utilization of the equipment. The design was faulty and the change with ACS personnel had resulted in the poor performance. ACS was deleted from the bidders list for the dust control project due to company personnel changes and poor performance. To continue pursuing a long-term solution for the remaining areas, staff will enlist the services of a consultant with the expertise to provide engineering, design, and specifications for the remaining project scope. With the rejection of bids and the subsequent design phase of the project, the dust control project will be delayed until the 2009 spring outages for Units 8 and 9. Interim solutions will be pursued and implemented for Unit 9's crusher house. The areas of dust control to be addressed immediately were Unit 9's magnetic separator, tramp iron chute, and the operational issues related to dust collector 11's discharger hopper plugging and the disposal of collected coal dust.

Discussion was conducted on the issues with the bids received. Mr. Sal LoBianco, Director of Generation and Telecommunications, indicated that the bids excluded the turnkey solutions as requested in the bid documentation such as electrical and structural work were excluded from the bids. It would be necessary to engage another contractor for this work. After further review and discussion the following resolution was submitted.

RESOLUTION 07-10

WHEREAS, bids were received on February 6, 2007, for the Unit 9 Building, Crusher House, and Unit 8 Coal Silo Dust Control Project; and,

WHEREAS, said bids have been evaluated by the Board's staff and based upon staff's recommendation, the Board has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Utility if the said bids were rejected; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, that the bids received on February 6, 2007 for the Unit 9 Building, Crusher House, and Unit 8 Coal Silo Dust Control Project be rejected and all bidders be informed of this action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bid security be returned to all bidders; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said hearing set for 5:28 p.m. on March 29, 2007 on said plans and specifications and proposed form of contract as provided by statute be cancelled.

Trustee Mead moved, seconded by Trustee Heidbreder, that the said resolution should be passed, approved, and adopted this 27th day of February 2007. On roll call Trustees Axel, Heidbreder, Mead, and Tubandt voted aye. Voting nay, none. Trustee Ingstad was absent.

The Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and the Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR) were promulgated in March 2005. Mr. Logel stated that in order to develop an environmental compliance plan a consulting firm, Black and Veatch, was engaged to complete the Power Supply and Environmental Compliance Study. The study was presented to the Board at the February 2006 meeting. The recommended environmental plan was determined to be Muscatine Power and Water's least cost and environmentally friendly option.

The environmental compliance plan was a combination of equipment additions and modifications, as well as, the purchase of emission allowances. A recommendation to proceed was presented at the August 2006 Board meeting and the Board approved two projects; Unit 8 Environmental Compliance at an estimated cost of \$4,768,180 and Unit 9 Environmental Compliance at an estimated cost of \$6,775,380. The two projects included several individual components and specialized equipment purchases with long-lead times. The specialized equipment was being obtained by competitive quotes from all parties that were qualified to provide the equipment. Competitive bids will be requested at a later time for the installation of all the components.

Due to the unique aspects of the environmental compliance projects and the recent revision to the Iowa bidding law effective January 1, 2007, it was recommended that a public hearing be established to receive any citizens' comments regarding these projects. It was staff's recommendation to conduct a public hearing at 5:28 p.m. on March 29, 2007.

After further review and discussion the following resolution was submitted.

RESOLUTION 07-11

WHEREAS, it appears in a written report from the Board's staff that a public hearing for Units 8 and 9 Environmental Compliance Projects should be established; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, that a public hearing be conducted on the proposed Units 8 and 9 Environmental Compliance Projects in the office of the Board of Trustees on March 29, 2007 at 5:28 p.m., CDT, and notice to the citizens be published not less than four (4) days nor more than twenty (20) days prior to said hearing all as required by the Code of Iowa.

Trustee Heidbreder moved, seconded by Trustee Tubandt, that the said resolution should be passed, approved, and adopted this 27th day of February 2007. On roll call Trustees Axel, Heidbreder, Mead, and Tubandt voted aye. Voting nay, none. Trustee Ingstad was absent.

In the General Manager's report Mr. Logel reviewed the previously submitted memorandum to all Board members. As discussed at the December 2006 Board meeting, interest continues by municipal entities into exploring the building of a base load, coal-fired, generation unit. An initial study of the Board's generation site for a possible coal-fired generation unit was completed by Stanley Consultants in 2001. Stanley Consultants, Inc. will submit a proposal to update the 2001 study. The Phase One Agreement for this project has been entered into by twelve separate entities representing four hundred megawatts of capacity requirements. Once negotiations were completed to conduct the study, the kickoff meeting will be conducted in Muscatine. Missouri River Energy Services and Muscatine Power and Water were the co-leaders of this project.

The other item for the Board's information pertained to the Iowa Municipal Wind Energy Project. Mr. Logel continued that it was recognized that Iowa municipal electric utilities, including Muscatine Power and Water, will soon want to be in position to provide a portion of its electricity in the form of renewable energy. Currently MP&W provided capacity from solar arrays located at the front of the Administration/Operations property. Wind energy was very feasible within the State of Iowa; however, the best sites suited for wind generation were being obtained at rapid rate. A number of Iowa municipals want to initiate a study on sites identified to further refine and design a plan that will assure the reservations of these sites for municipal wind generation. The study phase of this project was estimated to cost from \$2,700 to \$4,000 per megawatt. MP&W would be interested in ten megawatts of wind capacity. Mr. Logel stated that a Letter of Intent, which was designed to accomplish the access reservation of Iowa sites, may be entered into subject to legal review and the Board's comments. General discussion was conducted on the project and transmission requirements for the capacity. Mr. Logel will update the Board as the work progresses.

Mr. Logel reminded the Board of Trustees that the March Board meeting will be conducted on March 29, 2007. Also the American Public Power Conference will be conducted in San Antonio, Texas June 23 through 27, 2007.

Mr. Logel stated this concluded his report, unless there were questions of himself or management by the Board. There were no other items.

The financial operating statements and balance sheets for January 2007 were previously submitted to all Board members in written form. Mr. Logel asked Mr. Don Kerker, Director of Finance and Administrative Services, to review the Electric, Water, and Communications financials

Mr. Kerker briefly reviewed the financial results for each Utility. Trustee Mead moved, seconded by Trustee Tubandt, to receive and place on file the January financial operating statements and balance sheets for Electric, Water, and Communications Utilities. Motion carried. All Trustees present voted aye.

Mr. Logel stated that a new report, entitled "Competitive Quotes for Public Improvements", was included in the Board's meeting information. The public improvement bidding law was changed during the 2006 Iowa Legislation session. Previously public improvements in the amount of \$25,000 required that a public letting be conducted, the new law changed the threshold amount to \$100,000. The new law also addressed other issues including the requirement that all seal quote items over \$25,000 but under \$100,000 would require the governing body to take action on these items. The new report included all seal quotations over \$25,000 that were received, publicly opened, and evaluated by staff during the past month. The report included the project description, the approved budget amount for the project, contract estimate, the successful contractor, the contract price, the number of contractors/bidders that received the quote documentation, and the number of bids publicly opened.

The January report included two equipment items for Units 8 and 9 Environmental Compliance Projects. A contract was awarded to Emerson Process Management Power and Water Solutions in the amount of \$460,134 for Combustion Optimization System (Neural Net). The bid documentation was submitted to two bidders and one bid was received for the project. The second contract was awarded to Ametek Land, Inc. in the amount of \$59,802.50 for CO Monitors, Blower Systems, and Calibration Gas CEL. The bid documentation was submitted to three bidders and three bids were received for the equipment.

This report will be submitted to the Board of Trustees monthly with a recommendation that the Board approve the report. After discussion Trustee Heidbreder moved, seconded by Trustee Tubandt, to approve the Competitive Quotes for Public Improvement Report. Motion carried. All Trustees present voted aye.

The January departmental reports were presented as previously submitted to all Board members in written form. Mr. Logel asked Mr. Ray Danz, Director of Operations, to review the effect of last weekend's ice storm. Mr. Danz stated that the first outage call was received about 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 24. The Electric Transmission and Distribution crews worked most of the weekend repairing and maintaining the electric system. Muscatine Power and Water was fortunate in that there was no major system damage. The tree trimming program that MP&W utilizes may have prevented some electrical outages. By Monday, February 26, the crews were completing "clean-up" work from the storm. The Water Utility and Communications Utility also experienced service problems and their crews worked most of the weekend. The Board stated that they received many positive calls and comments about the restoration work completed by MP&W's crews.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all the employees that worked last weekend to restore electric, water, and communications services. Good job done by all.

Trustee Mead moved, seconded by Trustee Tubandt, to receive and place on file the January Departmental Reports. Motion carried. All Trustees present voted aye.

With no other items of business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald W. Kerker".

Donald W. Kerker
Board Secretary