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Local News

Organizations Honor Don Beneke

Don Beneke, a Laurens native, was recently honored at two award ceremonies for his dedicated service to Pocahontas, where he has resided for more than 50 years, and to Iowa, where he has lived his entire life.

Beneke served on the Pocahontas Hospital Board for over two decades and received a plaque to commemorate his service at a ceremony in February. Attended by board trustees and hospital department heads, he was thanked for his individual leadership, dedication, and foresight.

Beneke also received a special award from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF), an organization he was associated with as a board member for 28 years. Delivered by Board Chair John Fisher and INHF President Joe McGovern, they honored Beneke for his years of service. During that time, INHF has protected 159,625 acres of land through 1,222 projects. Included on the award: "Thanks for your dedication to protect and restore Iowa's land, water, and wildlife."



INHF Recognition Photo L-R: Joe McGovern, Don Beneke and John Fisher.



PCH Recognition Pictured L-R: Jody Lyon, Rick Winegarden, Don Beneke, James Roetman and Kim Wood.

At the Library with Glenda Mulder March 1, 2023

Oh my goodness, our nonfiction department has never looked so good! Our weeding of this section is now complete. Our remaining nonfiction books can now breathe! And they are so much more appealing, with the books out that weren't circulating anyway. It's rather like when you clean all those clothes out of your closet that no longer fit, or that you don't wear anymore. What a good job to have finished!

New novels this week include: *Old Babes in the Wood* by Margaret Atwood, *Secretly Yours* by Tessa Bailey, *Writing Retreat* by Julia Bartz, *Storm Watch* by C.J. Box, *Forget What You Know* by Christina Dodd, *Off the Map* by Trish Doller, *Weyward* by Emilia Hart, *Pineapple Street* by Jenny Jackson, *All That is Mine I Carry with Me* by William Landay, *Sister Effect* by Susan Mallery, *Remember Me* by Traci Peterson, *Victory City* by Salman Rushdie, *Queen of Dirt Island* by Donal Ryan, *Shadow State* by Frank Sennett and *Worthy Opponents* by Danielle Steel.

We also received *The Levee* by one of our favorite authors, William Kent Krueger. It is a novella, described as a "powerful, captivating story of a family, a storm, a complicated rescue, and the true cost of survival." Interestingly, this is only published in the audiobook format. So, his fans might have to try something new!

This March our Book Club will be reading *Following Atticus: Forty-eight High Peaks, One Little Dog, and an Extraordinary Friendship* by Tom Ryan. The reviewers say, *Following Atticus* is an unforgettable true saga of adventure, friendship, and the unlikeliest of family, as one remarkable animal opens the eyes and heart of a tough-as-nails newspaperman to the world's beauty and its possibilities. Grab a copy at the Library!



YOU are invited to join Pastor Deb for a Lenten Bible Study beginning on Monday, February 27 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Laurens United Methodist Church. The study will be on *Finding Jesus in the Psalms*. The Lenten Study will meet on **Monday evenings @ 6:30 p.m.** and last for six weeks.

February 27
March 6
March 13
March 20
March 27
April 3


ALL are welcome to join us!

Dates to Remember

- March 7 Take it Tuesday - Kids & Adult St Patrick's Day Craft
- March 15 @ 5:30 p.m. - Evening Tot Time
- March 27 @ 7 p.m. - Book Club *Following Atticus* by Tom Ryan
- March 28 @ 6:30 p.m. - Cardmaking
- April 19 @ 7 p.m. - Villisca Axe Murders Program
- July 8 - Local Authors Fair

Silent Auction on wooden Noah's Ark piece made by Dwight Van Genderen!
Come place your bid on this nicely crafted piece during the United Methodist Men's Soup Supper this Wed., March 1st from 4:30-7 p.m.!







**Havelock Am Vets
Post 39**

**STAG/STAGETTE
NIGHT**

THURSDAY
March 2, 2023—7:00 p.m.
Happy Hour—6:00 p.m.


Lenten Lunch 2023 Schedule:

March 1 ~ Laurens Care Center

March 8 ~ Bethany Lutheran Church

March 15 ~ United Methodist Church

March 22 ~ NO Lenten Lunch

March 29 ~ First Christian Church


Wednesdays @ 11:30 A.M.
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**Please join us for the
United Methodist Men's
Soup & Pie Supper**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023
from 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Laurens United Methodist Church
201 W. Main St.**

**Serving Chili, Chicken Noodle
& Broccoli Cheese Soup.**

FREE WILL DONATION

**The Laurens United Methodist Men
help support many local & global projects.**

**IMMEDIATE KITCHEN VACANCY
LAURENS - MARATHON CSD
2022 - 2023**

FULL TIME COOK

Interested applicants need to send a resume/application to:

Kevin Wood, Superintendent
Laurens-Marathon CSD
300 W Garfield St
Laurens, Iowa 50554
712-841-5000

Position will be opened until filled
E.O.E/AA

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DAY / EVENING HOURS**

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This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Wednesday: March 1, 2023

4:30-7:00 PM ~ United Methodist
Men's Soup & Pie Supper at UMC
6:30 PM ~ Lenten Evening Service at
BLC

Saturday: March 4, 2023

8:00 AM ~ Men's Group at BLC

Sunday: March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS
9:30 AM ~ Youth SS & Coffee
Fellowship
10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion

Monday: March 6, 2023

4:00 PM ~ W/M Mtg.
7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: March 7, 2023

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group
9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Wednesday: March 8, 2023

11:30 AM ~ Lenten Lunch at BLC

*Worship, Love,
Accept~ Together in
Christ's Name*



Bethany
LUTHERAN CHURCH
North American Lutheran Church

Biggest Little Paper In Town!

This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Deb Parkison

Wed., March 1:

United Methodist Men's Soup & Pie
Supper 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Fri., March 3:

NO AA meeting held at UMC

Sat., March 4:

NO United Methodist Men's mtg
Funeral services for Matthew Woodin
@ 11:00 a.m. at Laurens UMC with
visitation from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Sun., March 5:

Sunday School @ 9:10 a.m.
Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m. w/
Holy Communion & Choir sings
Potluck following worship service
Laurens Area Community Youth
Group meeting 5-6:30 pm at First
Christian Church

Mon., March 6:

Town & Country Quilters Club meet
here @ 2 p.m.
Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Deb
@ 6:30 p.m.



The
United
Methodist
Church

This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Wednesday, March 1

11:30 a.m. - Ladies Lunch at the
Rusty Spoke followed by C.W.F. at
the church
11:30 a.m. - Lenten Lunch at Laurens
Care Center
7:00 p.m. - Mission Council

Sunday, March 5

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship



Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church

**Pocahontas, IA -- Pastor: Very
Rev. Craig Collison, VF**

MASS TIMES:

Daily Mass as scheduled in the
weekly bulletin
Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at
10:30 AM

Confessions: Saturday 4:15 pm at
Resurrection

City Council Minutes

February 20th, 2023

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20th, 2023. Mayor Pro Tem John Jamison called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Hannah Zylstra, Aaron Christenson, Jean Swanson, City Manager Hilary Reed, City Clerk Joan Hoben, Chief of Police Ben Aschenbrenner, and Officer Sam Richison. Council Member Loren Booth was absent.

Swanson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the February 6th, meeting, and the list of claims. Zylstra seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

CLAIMS 02-20-2023

AMAZON BUSINESS	BOOKS & DVDS	135.56
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	MARCH GROUP INSURANCE	232.08
BADGER METER	TECH SUPPORT	48.65
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	502.78
CENGAGE	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	212.17
CONNECTIONS, INC.	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	40.68
VISUAL EDGE IT, INC.	MONTHLY COPIES	61.61
DELTA DENTAL	MONTHLY DENTAL INSURANCE	837.46
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER TESTING	548.75
HEMPHILL LAW OFFICE	LEGAL EXPENSES	217.00
INSPIREPOCO/ANGELA DUITSMAN	NUISANCE HOUSING MEETING	25.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	5,528.50
IOWA DIVISION OF LABOR	ELEVATOR INPSECTION	225.00
JAKE GRAFF	PRINTER INK	92.97
JCL SOLUTIONS	HAND TOWELS	100.60
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	GARBAGE TRUCK REPAIRS	521.51
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	MEMBERSHIP	50.00
LMPC	MONTHLY PHONE & INTERNET	140.84
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	813.04
LAURENS PLUMBING SERVICES	SUPPLIES	597.38
LAURENS SUN	LEGALS/ADS	223.57
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE & SUPPLIES	54.72
POC CO SECONDARY ROAD	SALT/SAND MIX	1,356.49
POCAHONTAS CO SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL FEES	5,901.99
RSM US, LLP	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	450.00
SCHOON CONSTRUCTION	TRIMMING TREES	200.00
SHAMROCK RECYCLING	CURBSIDE RECYCLING	1,840.00
ULINE	OFFICE SUPPLIES	561.13
US BANK	POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES	747.59
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY CELL PHONES	408.65
WELLMARK	MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE	9,653.20
WEX BANKS	PD MONTHLY FUEL	2,111.65
ZIEGLER, INC.	SHOP SUPPLIES	439.73
	TOTAL	<u>34,880.30</u>

PAYROLL	2/6/2023	
001 GENERAL		6,278.38
210 ROAD USE TAX		1,395.93
600 WATER		3,104.89
610 SEWER		2,520.25
670 GARBAGE		2,568.22
	TOTAL	15,867.67
	PAYROLL TOTAL	<u>15,867.67</u>
	PAID TOTAL	<u>50,747.97</u>

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001	GENERAL	15,337.29
110	ROAD USE TAX	3,842.20
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,880.05
600	WATER	6,260.83
610	SEWER	6,262.97
670	GARBAGE	13,164.63
TOTAL BY FUND		<u>50,747.97</u>

After discussion, Swanson moved to approve the sewer forgiveness request for John Newgard at 519 Lake St. as there is no basement at the residence and the water went into the ground. Zylstra seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Zylstra moved to approve resetting the date for the FY24 Max Tax Levy Public Hearing to March 20th, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Zylstra moved to adjourn at 5:24 p.m. Christenson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

John Jamison, Mayor Pro Tem

Hilary Reed, City Clerk

February 23, 2023

The Utility Board of Trustees of Laurens, Iowa met in regular session at the Municipal Building, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa, at 4:00 p.m. on the above date. Present were Trustees Richard Main, Jerry Runneberg, and Ben Storms. Also present was General Manager Chad Cleveland.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the agenda for the February 23, 2023 regular meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2023 Board meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the summary of receipts for January 2023 in the amount of \$435,083.08 and the list of expenses for January 2023 in the amount of \$390,559.78. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts

A/R- Electric	\$ 305,444.57
A/R- Communications	\$ 64,949.70
Merchandise/Services- Electric	\$ 190.00
Merchandise/Services- Communications	\$ 106.00
Carrier Access Fees- Communications	\$ 3,526.48
Treasury Overpayment Refund- Electric	\$ 1.92
LIHEAP Refund Disconnected Accounts- Electric	\$ 520.00
ACP/Lifeline/ERATE Reimbursement- Communications	\$ 429.00
LIHEAP Energy Assistance- Electric	\$ 8,029.50
Deposits- Electric	\$ 1,749.31
Deposits- Internet	\$ 400.00
Deposits- Telephone	\$ 40.00
Deposits- Cable TV	\$ 144.00
Treasury Account Interest Earned- Electric	\$ 3.34
Marathon Energy Sales- Electric	\$ 11,725.16
E911 Fees- Telephone	\$ 643.26
Tower Lease- Communications	\$ 3,036.00
Attachment H Revenues- Electric	\$ 26,089.60
Sale of Willow Creek Wind RECs- Electric	\$ 8,050.18
Miscellaneous- Communications	\$ 5.06
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 435,083.08

Electric Receipts	\$ 361,803.58
Communications Receipts	\$ 73,279.50
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 435,083.08

List of Expenses

A & M Laundry	Dust Mops & Mats	\$ 178.56
AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$ 299.84
Ahlers & Cooney	Legal Services	\$ 301.00
Alliant Energy	Natural Gas	\$ 407.69
Amaril Uniform	FR Clothing	\$ 883.59
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Switching/Transport	\$ 714.93
Avesis	Group Vision Insurance	\$ 103.45
Bally Sports North	Programming Fees	\$ 1,199.70
Big 10 Network	Programming Fees	\$ 448.80
Border States Electric	Supplies	\$ 374.80
CDS Global	Credit Card Processing	\$ 36.65
Clanton Creek Connections	FTTP Project- Customer Installs	\$ 13,575.00
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting Expense	\$ 233.75

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Community First Auto Parts	Generator Filters	\$	90.12
Community First Broadcasting	Radio Advertising	\$	52.50
Community State Bank	Safe Deposit Box Rent	\$	30.00
Community State Bank	Service Charges	\$	124.70
Consortia Consulting	Consulting Contract	\$	1,125.00
Customers	Deposit Refunds	\$	615.94
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$	34,768.91
DGR Engineering	Relay Upgrades/SCADA Project	\$	4,520.25
Display Systems International	Programming Fees	\$	165.76
Echo Group	FTTP Project- Install Supplies	\$	333.32
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding- Administration	\$	120.00
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding- Claims	\$	42.50
Fiserv	Credit Card Processing	\$	49.89
Goldfield Telecom	FTTP Project- Cable Mgmt Trays	\$	167.33
Grainger	Tools/Mop Heads/Switches	\$	960.36
Gray Media Group	Programming Fees	\$	817.50
Graybar Electric	FTTP Project- Fiber Jumpers	\$	1,726.21
Horsestech	Shipping Fees	\$	20.80
ICMA RC	Employee Contributions	\$	1,000.00
Internal Revenue Service	Payroll Taxes	\$	8,778.06
Internal Revenue Service	Excise Tax	\$	549.04
Interstate TRS Fund	TRS Fund Assessment	\$	137.76
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Tank Management Fee	\$	65.00
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$	6,370.02
Iowa Department of Revenue	State Withholding	\$	1,270.51
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	24.40
Iowa Public Employees Retirement System	IPERS Contributions	\$	5,816.63
Laurens Chamber	Membership Dues	\$	100.00
Laurens, City of	Utility Billing	\$	94,317.34
Laurens Food Pride	Supplies	\$	240.91
Laurens House of Print	Envelopes/Paper	\$	260.55
Laurens Municipal Power & Communications	Communications Bill	\$	364.81
Laurens Municipal Utilities	Utility Bill	\$	104.03
Laurens Plumbing	Heater/Supplies	\$	416.30
Laurens Sun	Publications/Advertising	\$	251.56
Long Lines	Communication Services	\$	9,812.05
Lumen Access Billing	Access Charges	\$	551.50
Lumen Lexcis	Directory Listings	\$	36.45
Merchant Bankcard	Credit Card Processing	\$	1,030.37
Mid-America Communications II, LLC	FTTP Project- Customer Installs	\$	8,359.75
MidAmerican Energy	Neal 4 Operations	\$	61,000.00
National Cable Television Cooperative	Programming Fees	\$	27,979.07
National Child Safety Council	L-M School Safety Program	\$	262.00
NIMECA	Power Bill	\$	44,730.93
NIMECA	IADG Fees/Corn Belt Meter Maint.	\$	6,814.77
Norsolv	Norsolv Service	\$	273.87
Payroll	Salaried, Hourly & Overtime	\$	25,183.66
PLIC-SBD Grand Island	Life/Disability Insurance	\$	671.35
Pop Media	Programming Fees	\$	37.49
Postmaster	Postage	\$	333.71
Pro Cooperative	Fuel/Diesel/Kerosene	\$	528.97
R&D Industries	Network Support	\$	670.50
RB Lumber Company	FTTP Project- Install Supplies	\$	59.92
Richardson's Service	Vehicle Maintenance	\$	38.78
Roettger, Caleb	Safety Footwear	\$	200.00
Schultz, Ethan	Tuition Reimbursement	\$	625.00
Scott's Lawn Service	Vegetation Control	\$	75.00

Secure Shred Solutions	Paper Shredding	\$	26.00
Spencer Municipal Utilities	Fiber Lease	\$	450.00
Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.	LIHEAP Refunds	\$	1,696.29
US Card Systems	Credit Card Terminal Lease	\$	29.95
Verizon	Wireless Phone Service	\$	206.68
Visa	Domains/Tools/Query/Training	\$	1,055.51
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Group Health Insurance	\$	13,264.44
	Total Expenses	\$	390,559.78

Electric Expenses	\$	324,289.13
Communications Expenses	\$	66,270.69
Total Expenses	\$	390,559.78

Trustees reviewed the Utility Funds Report, Balance Sheet, and Income Statement for January 2023. No specific action was taken.

Fiber-To-The-Premise Project Update: We are actively transitioning customers to the new fiber system. Customers are being contacted by phone to schedule appointments for our installation teams. As of today we have transitioned 400 customers over to the new fiber system.

Board Member Runneberg introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE PROPOSITION OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LEHIGH-WEBSTER TRANSMISSION AND WEBSTER TERMINALS FACILITIES AND OPERATING AGREEMENT" and moved that the Resolution be adopted.

Board Member Storms seconded the motion. The roll was called, and the vote was,
 Ayes: Main, Runneberg, and Storms Nays: None

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the measure duly adopted.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE PROPOSITION OF
 WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LEHIGH-WEBSTER
 TRANSMISSION AND WEBSTER TERMINALS FACILITIES AND OPERATING
 AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Municipal Electric Utility of the City (the "Utility") has entered into an Asset Purchase agreement with MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican") for the sale of the Utility's ownership interest in certain transmission assets known as Lehigh-Webster Transmission ("Lehigh-Webster Transmission") owned pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement, as amended (the "Transmission Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the sale (the "Sale") of the Utility's ownership interest in the Lehigh-Webster Transmission will require an amendment of the Transmission Agreement (the "Amendment") to reflect the Utility's withdrawal therefrom and that the Utility will no longer be a participant and joint owner therein; and

WHEREAS, the remaining joint owners will amend the Transmission Agreement to reflect the Utility's withdrawal therefrom and that the Utility will no longer be a participant and joint owner therein, and the Utility will not be a party to said Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the form of the proposed Amendment, in substantially final form, is now before this Board; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 390.3 requires a public hearing be conducted for the Utility's withdrawal from and the amendment of the Transmission Agreement; and

WHEREAS, before the withdrawal and amendment may be approved, it is necessary to comply with the provisions of Iowa Code section 390.3, Code of Iowa, 2023, as amended, and to publish a notice of the proposal to withdraw from the Transmission Agreement and to conduct a hearing thereon and to receive and consider any objections and hear any evidence for or against the proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF LAURENS, IOWA:

Section 1. That this governing body shall meet at the Municipal Building, 272 N. 3rd Street, Laurens, Iowa at 4:00 o'clock P.M. on the 23rd day of March, 2023, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposition of withdrawal from the Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement, as amended.

Section 2. That the withdrawal from the Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement, as amended, the form of the Amendment reflecting the withdrawal, and the execution by the Chairman and Secretary of any documents necessary and appropriate to memorialize said withdrawal and approval of the Amendment, are hereby authorized and approved, subject to final approval following public hearing.

Section 3. The proposed amendment to the Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement, as amended, shall remain on file with the Secretary and available for public inspection prior to the hearing.

Section 4. That the Secretary is hereby directed to cause at least one publication to be made of a notice of the meeting, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published at least once weekly, and having general circulation in the City. The publication to be not less than ten clear days nor more than twenty days before the date of the public hearing on the proposition of withdrawal from the Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement, as amended.

Section 5. The notice of the proposed action shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF THE CITY OF LAURENS, IOWA, ON THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSITION OF THE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LEHIGH-WEBSTER TRANSMISSION AND WEBSTER TERMINALS FACILITIES AND OPERATING AGREEMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Electric Utility of the City of Laurens, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the 23rd day of March, 2023, at 4:00 o'clock P.M. at the Municipal Building, 272 N. 3rd Street, Laurens, Iowa, at which meeting the Board proposes to take final action for the withdrawal from the Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement, as amended (the "Transmission Agreement").

At the above mentioned meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Electric Utility proposes to take final action on the matter of approving the withdrawal from the Transmission Agreement, and approving the amendment of the Transmission Agreement to reflect withdrawal of the Utility from the Transmission Agreement.

The proposed form of the amendment to the Transmission Agreement, in substantially final form, is on file with the Secretary for public inspection.

At the above meeting the Board shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City, to the above action. After all objections have been received and considered, the Board will at this meeting or at any adjournment thereof, take final action on the approval of the withdrawal from the Transmission Agreement, and approval of the amendment of the Transmission Agreement to reflect that the Utility is no longer an owner or party thereto.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Electric Utility of the City of Laurens, Iowa, as provided by Section 390.3 of the Code of Iowa, as amended.

Dated at Laurens, Iowa this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of
the Municipal Electric Utility of the
City of Laurens, Iowa

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of February, 2023.

Richard Main
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Chad Cleveland
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Discussion was held on distributed generation and what our avoided costs are. Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to set our avoided cost rate at \$0.0249 from March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Trustee Runneberg introduced the following resolution entitled "RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL ELECTRIC RELIABILITY PLAN FOR LAURENS MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT" and moved for adoption. Trustee Storms seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: Ayes: Main, Runneberg, and Storms. Nays: None.

Chairman Main declared the following Resolution duly adopted:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL ELECTRIC RELIABILITY PLAN FOR
LAURENS MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa administrative rule 199 – 27.10, municipal electric utilities are required to review, adopt, and approve, by their governing body, an annual electric reliability plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa administrative rule 199 – 27.10, the approved annual electric reliability plan must be filed with the Iowa Utilities Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LAURENS MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT:

That the Annual Electric Reliability Plan of Laurens Municipal Light and Power Plant is hereby approved; and

That the Laurens Municipal Light and Power Plant shall maintain an official copy of the Annual Electric Reliability Plan for public inspection and for filing with the Iowa Utilities Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of February 2023.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Discussion was held on the rates charged for the communication services we offer today. After reviewing the cash flow projections prepared by the General Manager, the Board was in agreement that some rate changes for Cable TV services are needed.

Trustee Runneberg introduced the following resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RATES CHARGED FOR SERVICES OF THE LAURENS MUNICIPAL BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS UTILITY" and moved for adoption. Trustee Storms seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: Ayes: Main, Runneberg, and Storms. Nays: None.

Chairman Main declared the following Resolution duly adopted:

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RATES CHARGED FOR SERVICES OF THE LAURENS MUNICIPAL BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS UTILITY

WHEREAS, pursuant to an election held in the year 1997, the Municipal Broadband Communications Utility in and for the City of Laurens, Pocahontas County, Iowa was established; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an election held in the year 1997, the management and control of the Laurens Municipal Broadband Communications Utility was put in the hands of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees may, by resolution, establish, impose, adjust and provide for the collection of rates to be charged for the use of communication services provided by the Laurens Municipal Broadband Communications Utility.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the City of Laurens, Pocahontas County, Iowa that the following rates for communication services shall go into effect on April 1, 2023, and shall be as follows:

CABLE TV SERVICES:	<u>NEW RATES</u>	<u>OLD RATES</u>
Broadcast Starter	\$35.00 a month	\$32.00 a month
Basic Plus	\$59.00 a month	\$54.00 a month
Variety Plus	\$21.00 a month	\$21.00 a month
Sports Plus	\$ 9.00 a month	\$ 9.00 a month
HBO	\$18.00 a month	\$18.00 a month
Cinemax	\$15.00 a month	\$15.00 a month
Starz	\$12.00 a month	\$12.00 a month

CABLE TV EQUIPMENT FEES:		
DTA Box	\$ 6.00 a month	\$ 5.00 a month
TiVo DVR	\$16.00 a month	\$15.00 a month
TiVo Mini	\$11.00 a month	\$10.00 a month

CABLE TV CITY FRANCHISE FEE: 5.00% of subscribed Cable TV services

OTHER PROVISIONS:

PENALTY: The communication services bill shall be due and payable upon receipt. If the communications bill is not paid by the 5th of the month after billing, a late payment fee of 1.5% of the balance due will apply. If the 5th of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the deadline for payment without penalty will be extended to the next working day.

DELINQUENT NOTICE: A \$5.00 charge will be incurred on all delinquent accounts that require the preparation and delivery of a delinquent notice.

24-HOUR DISCONNECT NOTICE: A \$15.00 charge will be incurred on all delinquent accounts that require the preparation and delivery of a 24 hour disconnect notice.

SALES TAX: Sales tax will be added to all communication services bills so as to be in compliance with the provisions of the laws of Iowa.

RECONNECTION FEES: If a customer, whose service has been disconnected, either by his/her order (example: Snowbirds), or by reason of delinquency, requests a reconnection of such service within twelve (12) months of the time of disconnection, a reconnection charge shall be collected.

The reconnection charge shall be as follows:

Residential Internet	\$10.00
Residential Cable TV	\$10.00
Residential Telephone	\$10.00
Business Internet	\$20.00
Business Cable TV	\$20.00
Business Telephone	\$20.00

This resolution shall be effective April 1, 2023 upon approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2023.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Discussion was held on Cable TV service offered today and the options available to our customers if they would like to make some changes to help save some money. The discussion focused on popular streaming options that have the look and feel of what we offer today. LMPC customers are encouraged to stop by our offices in City Hall and we can demonstrate how some of these streaming options work. No specific action was taken.

Discussion was held on the LMPC Employee Handbook, specifically sections dealing with Overtime, Vacation, and Sick Leave.

Trustee Storms introduced the following resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LMPC EMPLOYEE POLICY HANDBOOK" and moved for adoption. Trustee Runneberg seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: Ayes: Main, Runneberg, and Storms. Nays: None.

Chairman Main declared the following Resolution duly adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Laurens Municipal Power & Communications of the City of Laurens, Iowa:

Section 1. The Board is approving and adopting the proposed new language for Section 10.6: Overtime.

Section 2. The Board is approving and adopting the proposed new language for Section 12: Vacation.

Section 2. The Board is approving and adopting the proposed new language for Section 13: Sick Leave.

This resolution shall be effective January 1, 2023 upon approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2023.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees