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Creepy Animals at the Library

Pocahontas County Naturalist Adam Mann entertained and educated about creepy animals at the Laurens Public Library recently. He is shown telling the kids about salamanders, who live in our area. He also brought a baby snake and a coyote pelt – both of which are Iowa animals. He also brought a stuffed Cobra, and some live hissing cockroaches, neither of which (thankfully) live in Iowa! He had the kids draw picture of their own creepy animals, using features from many different creepy animals. At the end he invited brave kids who wanted to hold a cockroach to come up to the table.





“Natalia Tugay; Ukrainian Citizen; Her Story” Presented to Laurens Woman’s Club

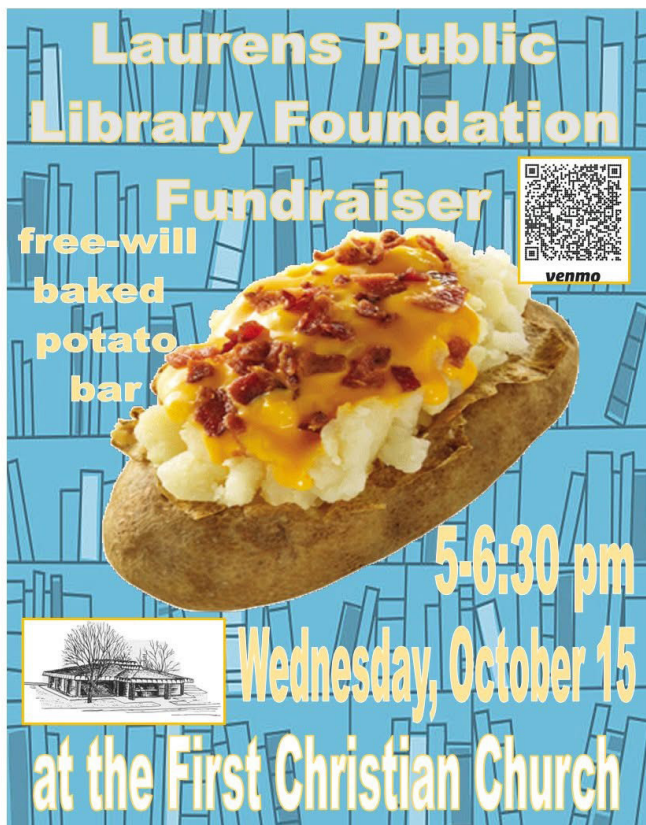
On October 10, 2025, a program entitled “Natalia Tugay; Ukrainian Citizen; Her Story” was presented to the Laurens Women’s Club at the Laurens Care Center. Natalia is a friend of member Grace Hertz and her family. Natalia and her husband Andrey,



a firefighter by profession and now an occupational health and safety specialist, are both coping in Ukraine with the 4 year war with Russia. They live east of Kyiv (Kiev). Their family consists of boys ages 28, 18, and 14, who are doing okay. There are frequent blackouts resulting in no heat in colder months or electricity.

Natalia, a teacher by profession, has previously volunteered with a school parent group to help with scarce supplies for soldiers. They knitted camouflage nets and warm woolen socks, made trench fences, and baked long lasting cookies and energy bars. She says that this effort is no longer necessary. Natalia has hobbies of knitting and gardening. She sells her knitting at Etsy on line for extra money. At Christmas, she buys practical items for her family such as flashlights and power banks, which can be used during blackouts, and warm clothes and shoes.

Natalia chooses to stay in Ukraine. Men between the ages of 18 and 60 must stay by law, even if they are exempt from military service due to their profession or disability. Many women and girls have left the country and have found new families. In their village, every 5th house is either empty or destroyed. Natalia and Andrew are hopeful that Ukraine will be fine someday. Below is a sample of creations of miniature sweaters by Natalia that are sold through Etsy. The members present all received one as a gift from Grace.



Administrator of Laurens Care Speak at Women's Club Meeting

At the September Women's Club meeting, Jamie Dodd, Administrator of the Laurens Care Center, spoke to the Laurens Women's Club at West Iowa Bank. The Laurens Care Center is owned by a non-profit corporation and was purchased in 1972 for one dollar by the Laurens Senior Pioneers. The current Board of Directors is: Marlin Egertsen-President, Dennis Miller, Kaye Van Genderen, Kelly Horsman, Jerlynn Svuba and Rick Woodley.

There are two levels of care at the Laurens facility. The level of Skilled Care is entirely paid by Medicare Part A. When needed, services of physical, occupational, and speech therapy are provided. There is an in-home assessment to facilitate transition upon discharge. Outpatient therapy services can also be provided and are covered 80 percent by Medicare Part B.

The other level of care is Intermediate Care, which is paid by either private pay or Medicaid. Further, this includes three levels of care: Minimum, Moderate and Maximum, which cost from \$290 per day to \$300 per day. There

are no additional fees unless the resident wishes to have TV.

Jamie Dodd cautioned everyone about changing one's health care coverage.

The Laurens Care Center accommodates up to 30 people. They strive to be an elder care facility. Trying to meet needs of both older and younger residents can be very challenging.

When Jamie Dodd began as Administrator in January of 2023, the Laurens Care Center was a two star facility. They had a good facility even then. Ron Hersom was one of the Directors who interviewed her at that time. However, now Laurens Care Center is a 5 star facility, being the only one within about a 40 mile radius. The 5

star rating was accomplished by focusing on details such as having enough staff, programming to maintain residents at their present level of functioning, planning for care to avoid ER visits, and updating the survey manual. The 5 star rating has resulted in lower insurance premiums for the Laurens Care Center.

Another cost saving measure is that Kristen Alstott serves as both a social worker and activity director. She replaced Deb Shaw and Susie MacRunnel who have retired.

The presentation by Jamie Dodd was very interesting, enjoyable and educational for the club members.



At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
October 15, 2025

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Well at least at the Library it is. Today I my favorite day. Fundraiser supper & a program at the Library. From 5-6:30 pm the Library Foundation will be hosting a Potato Bar Supper at the First Christian Church. Come load your potato with lots of yummy toppings and help fund Foundation projects! Continuing projects include Themed Tubs and New Baby Packets. New projects include: Additional e-book & audiobook titles on Bridges/Libby; a Little Free Library; New set of books for our Book Club; Craft Classes & Programs; Shipping for the Rigby memorial sculpture (coming soon to the south of the Library.) and refurbishing the swing bench that sits beside it.

After your tummies are full, we invite you to come across the street to the Library to her Spooky Stories with master storyteller Darren Crow. Enjoy a mix of tall tales, American folk tales, and a few creepy tales thrown in for good measure. Darren is a talented entertainer who we are excited to invite back to our Library!

We've had delivery issues with our major book supplier, and now we have been told that Baker & Taylor will be out of business by the end of the year. We have started working with a couple new suppliers, and ask your patience if there is a gap in the delivery. Rest assured, we still have plenty of books to keep you reading!

October Book Club selection is *Almost Amish* by Kathryn Cushman. The book description reads, "Struggling to count her blessings in spite of exhaustion, Julie leaps at a chance to spend a summer in Amish country to help her domestic diva sister-in-law with a reality television program, an opportunity that forces Julie to confront the pervasiveness of the cameras, her sister-in-law's perfectionism and her views about family life." Stop by and pick up a copy of this book, then hopefully, you will want to join our discussion on October 27 at 7 pm.

Mark Your Calendar

October 15 - Library Foundation Potato Bar Supper 5-6:30 pm

October 15 - 7 pm Spooky Stories with Darrin Crow

October 20 @ 5:30 Evening Tot Time

October 27 @ 7 pm Book Club *Almost Amish* by Kathryn Cushman

October 31 @ 7 pm Halloween Magician

November 4 @ 6:30 p.m. Take it Tuesday

November 4 After School – Kids Make & Take

December 9 - Hugo Kringle/The Dulcimer Guy

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This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Wednesday: October 15, 2025

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation class

Thursday: October 16, 2025

2:00 PM ~ Circle Group

Sunday: October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS & Youth SS

9:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/

Communion, SS sing

11:30 AM ~ Potluck

4:00 PM ~ 4-H Club Mtg.

6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

Monday: October 20, 2025

7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

Tuesday: October 21, 2025

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

Wednesday: October 22, 2025

7:00 PM ~ Confirmation class

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



Bethany
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This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Deb Parkison

Sunday, October 19:

Sunday School @ 9:15

Adult Sunday School @ 9:30 AM

Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 AM

Worship Service @ 10:30 AM

Administrative Council Meeting @

11:30 AM in the Wesley Room

Monday, October 20:

Northwest District Charge

Conference in Emmetsburg at the

Emmetsburg UMC @ 6:00 PM



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This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Wednesday, Oct. 15

5-6:30 p.m. - Laurens Library

Foundation Baked Potato Bar here

Thursday, Oct. 16

2-5 p.m. - Clothes Closet Open

Sunday, Oct. 19

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship



Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church

**Pocahontas, IA -- Priest:
Father Paul Nguyen**

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

Save the Date: Continuing Siouxland's Legacy of Workforce Opportunity Conference

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will host the Continuing Siouxland's Legacy of Workforce Opportunity Conference on December 2 in Sioux Center. This event is designed to bring together employers, economic development professionals, community leaders, and others working to source, train, and retain workforce talent to help rural communities thrive.

The conference will feature Georgia Van Gundy, Deputy Director of Iowa Workforce Development, as the opening speaker. She'll kick off the day with insights into workforce trends and opportunities across Siouxland.

In the afternoon, Dr. Jason Henderson, Vice President of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, will help attendees explore how jobs, wages, and workforce trends shape the broader economy—and why understanding labor at the macro level is key to building resilient communities and policies. Following Dr. Henderson, Lee Dutfield, Development Services Specialist for Storm Lake, will share perspectives on housing and workforce development in rural communities.

Two panels will also be presenting during the conference comprised of professionals from leading businesses and organizations, including: Casey's General Stores, VT Industries, Hy-Vee, Associated Milk Producers of Iowa, Storm Lake Community School, Sioux Center Health, Bomgaars, and Center Fresh.

Pre-register now at go.iastate.edu/WORKFORCE2025. Registration is \$50 for the first attendee. If you're registering more than one person, each additional person is \$35.

"This conference is about building connections and creating actionable solutions for workforce challenges in the Siouxland area," said Terry Janssen, Regional Director for ISU Extension and Outreach. "We're excited to bring together voices from across industries to strengthen the future of Siouxland's workforce."

Manage Fire Risks During Harvest

Early planting combined with warm spring and fall conditions has led to an earlier-than-usual corn harvest in Iowa. Crops are also drier than normal, creating a greater risk of field fires during harvest.

The primary factor related to field fires is higher air temperature. It dries out crops more quickly and creates conditions favorable for field fires to ignite and spread. Wind speed affects the risk of a field fire spread by aiding combustion as well as by carrying heat and burning embers to new fields:

- Below 15 miles per hour: low risk of spreading
- Between 15 and 20 miles per hour: medium risk
- Over 25 miles per hour: high risk

"Fires often originate when corn leaves or residue come in contact with a hot surface," said Kris Kohl, field agricultural engineer with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "Common ignition sources include exhaust systems, overheated bearings and high temperature sources in the engine compartment."

To reduce fire risk, Kohl recommends farmers:

- Use a leaf blower or compressed air to regularly remove fine chaff from equipment surfaces.
- Keep a fully charged fire extinguisher in the combine cab to contain small fires and consider mounting a larger fire extinguisher at ground level outside the cab for larger blazes.
- Be cautious of truck exhausts, which can ignite dry cornstalks.

"Any ignition source in combination with dry plant residue presents a potential hazard," Kohl said.

Once a field fire starts, it can be difficult and dangerous to contain. Personal safety should always take priority over property. "Know your 911 field (street) address, and always call 911 first to minimize damage," Kohl said. "If it is safe to do so, attack the fire with extinguishers or make a tillage pass on the edge of the field to prevent a fire from spreading."

Kohl also advises farmers to consider avoiding combining on high-wind days and to remain vigilant about keeping equipment clean throughout the harvest season. For more information, contact Kris Kohl at kkohl1@iastate.edu.

Learn about Parkinson's Disease and Support for Families: Virtual Classes Begin in November

Growing older is the greatest risk factor for acquiring Parkinson's disease and many people live with symptoms for several years before being diagnosed. Frequently the spouse or other relatives first notice slight problems with a loved one's movements, said Carol Ehlers, a health and human sciences educator with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"Often people in early stages of Parkinson's disease assume their symptoms are part of normal aging or are due to other health conditions they may have, such as arthritis. Early symptoms may not be very apparent and may even come and go," Ehlers said.

To help Iowans learn about Parkinson's disease, its effects and possible treatments, ISU Extension and Outreach offers "A Journey through Parkinson's Disease." This three-part educational series will be offered virtually beginning Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. The series is offered at no cost to participants and online registration is required by Oct. 31.

"During this series you will learn about the signs of Parkinson's disease and how to seek medical care, as well as the cause of the disease and how specific treatments work. You will also learn about alternative therapies and in-home activities that can delay the progression of the disease, which is very important for continuing to live a full and happy life," said Ehlers.

The educational series consists of three one-hour sessions held once a week. Health and human sciences educators with ISU Extension and Outreach teach the classes, which include interactive lessons and discussions.

In-person sessions of "A Journey through Parkinson's Disease" are scheduled through ISU Extension and Outreach county offices. A list of upcoming, in-person sessions is available on the Health and Human Sciences Extension and Outreach website.

"If you're struggling with Parkinson's disease or know someone who is, it's helpful to know where to find support on the journey," Ehlers said.

This program is supported by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, with funding provided by the State of Iowa, Iowa State University and through appropriations from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture under the Smith-Lever Act.

Grant Writing 101 Workshop Scheduled for Webster County

Representatives of nonprofits, local government, schools and community volunteers are encouraged to register for a Grant Writing 101 workshop, which will be presented in the Triton Cafe Meeting Room at Iowa Central Community College, One Triton Circle, Fort Dodge, IA 50501 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Thursday, November 6th, 2025.

Grant Writing 101 is designed for those who are new to the world of grant writing or need a refresher. It will provide a thorough overview of the entire grant writing process, from finding appropriate grant opportunities to submitting successful grant applications. The workshop is sponsored in partnership by Iowa Central Community College and Webster County Extension and Outreach. The registration fee is \$45, which includes a meal from the Triton Cafe. Participants may register to attend through the following URL: <https://registration.extension.iastate.edu/emc00/PublicSignIn.aspx?&at=4b755a7a58384f5035707a49674238706b732f7531664c327a2b72456e70615659714132712b764c4a62343d>

Or, by calling the Webster County Extension office at (515) 576-2119. The deadline to register is November 4th at 11:59pm.

Grant Writing 101 will be presented by Lindsay Henderson, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Community Development Specialist. She has extensive experience writing and reviewing grant applications and working with various federal, state, local and private foundation grant programs. Henderson will assist workshop participants in exploring various public and private funding sources and provide instruction and tips on planning projects and writing successful grant applications.

For more information about the workshop, contact Lindsay Henderson at lindsayh@iastate.edu or 515-835-6605.

Register Now for Stay Independent: Thriving in Place

Thriving in Place, a healthy aging program focused on safe and convenient housing will be held on Wednesday, October 29 at 10 a.m. at Pocahontas County Extension, 305 N Main in Pocahontas. The workshop is offered through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for adults who are sixty and older.

“This workshop provides ideas and guidance that support your ability to continue independent living for the years ahead. Participants learn to identify their priorities, assess their current environment, and explore home modifications to help aging in place be safe and comfortable,” said Barb Wollan, a Health and Human Sciences Educator with ISU Extension.

Thriving in Place is one of ten workshops available under the umbrella of “Stay Independent,” focused on equipping adults to maximize their overall wellbeing as they age. Living in a home that is convenient, safe, and functional has a significant impact on a person’s ability to live independently. Information about all the available topics is available at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/stay-independent>.

The cost for the workshop is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required by October 21: register at: <https://registration.extension.iastate.edu/emc00/PublicSignIn.aspx?&aat=59544138306a5a3563582b375146536c37326974634f7a3535786b7731374244377832506930466f6773383d> or by contacting Pocahontas County Extension, 712-335-3103. Contact the Extension office with any questions.

Goodell Recognized for Extension Programming

Dorothy Goodell, program coordinator with the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Humboldt County Office, was recently recognized for her work in agricultural and natural resources programming with the County Professional Excellence Award.

Goodell has partnered with local farmers and her field agronomist to provide annual crop walks, which average 20 attendees. She created a new program titled “Next Generation Farmer,” in consultation with an advisory committee of local leaders, which she has led for four years. This program strives to involve new or young farmers and provides information on topics such as lending, estate planning, crop insurance and grain marketing. Goodell also partners with her ISU Extension and Outreach farm management specialist, as well as local entities such as insurance partners and farm loan officers, to deliver this series of workshops. She works in cooperation with adjacent counties to provide programs such as the Master Conservationist program and the well-water testing program.

“Dorothy works hard to provide ag and natural resource programs, develop new programs to meet clients’ needs and recruit new participants who may not have much experience working with ISU Extension,” said Angie Rieck-Hinz, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “She truly embodies the spirit of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to serve Iowans.”



September 25, 2025

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, Jerry Runneberg, and Ben Storms. Also present were Greg Fritz, CEO of North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association (NIMECA) and General Manager Chad Cleveland.

Motion by Trustee Horsman and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to amend the agenda for the September 25, 2025 regular meeting by adding item 13b – Set Date for October Regular Board meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Horsman to authorize and approve the Confidentiality Agreement by and between IPPA, MRES, NIMECA, SIMECA, and such cities, municipal electric utilities, joint-action agencies, and/or electric power agencies which are, or in the future become, a signatory to the Agreement, regarding electric transmission planning and construction and critical energy infrastructure, and to authorize and direct the Chairman and Secretary to execute and deliver the Confidentiality Agreement. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg that pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 21.5(1)(a), 388.9(1), and 21.5(1)(k), the Board at this time go into closed session to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential; to discuss proprietary information and information required by a noncustomer contracting party to be kept confidential pursuant to a nondisclosure agreement which relates to electric transmission planning and construction and critical energy infrastructure; and to discuss information contained in records in the custody of a governmental body that are confidential records pursuant to section 22.7, subsection 50.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Horsman, Runneberg, and Storms Nays: None

Chairman Storms stated the motion is approved to go into closed session. The time is 3:08 p.m. on September 25, 2025 and the closed session is titled: IPPA Update

Chairman Storms stated the closed session titled IPPA Update is now ended. The time is 3:52 p.m.

Greg Fritz went over some of the main issues NIMECA is dealing with this year (Generation, Transmission, and Environmental Issues) and then went over some historical data showing the kWh usage for the past 5 years. No action was taken.

Motion by Trustee Horsman and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2025 regular board meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Horsman to approve the summary of receipts and list of expenses for July 2025. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Summary of Receipts

A/R- Electric	\$ 234,469.51
A/R- Communications	\$ 38,715.60
Merchandise/Services- Electric	\$ 1,494.00
Carrier Access Fees- Communications	\$ 2,239.60
NIMECA Power Bill- Electric	\$ 16,447.88
Investments Accrued Interest- Electric	\$ 16,423.12
VECTOR Dues – Reimbursed VECTOR	\$ 9,074.00
E-Rate Reimbursement- Communications	\$ 61.20
Deposits- Electric	\$ 575.00
Deposits- Communications	\$ 282.00
RESCO Patronage- Electric	\$ 586.36
Marathon Energy Sales- Electric	\$ 10,645.29
E911 Fees- Communications	\$ 643.26

Tower Leases- Communications	\$ 2,191.09
Attachment H Revenues- Electric	\$ 27,990.23
Broadband Lifeline Support- Internet	\$ 9.00
Voice Lifeline Support- Telephone	\$ 11.00
Fuel Tax Refund- Electric	\$ 237.23
Fuel Tax Refund- Communications	\$ 129.40
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 362,224.77

List of Expenses

A&M Laundry	Dust Mops & Mats	\$ 89.28
AFLAC	Employee Contributions	\$ 142.86
Aureon	CALEA/SS7/Transport/Switching	\$ 135.10
Calix Inc	Operations Cloud/Service Cloud/Foundation	\$ 1,761.22
City of Laurens	Utility Billing	\$ 94,844.62
Cleveland, Chad	Meeting Expense	\$ 23.10
Customers	Credit Refunds	\$ 181.85
Department of Energy	WAPA Power Bill	\$ 38,739.10
Echo Group	LED Flood Lights for City	\$ 594.81
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding Administration	\$ 120.00
Employee Benefit Systems	Self-Funding Claims	\$ 333.27
Gordon Flesch Company	Copier Usage True-up	\$ 37.60
Grainger	Impact Driver/Misc Supplies	\$ 293.80
HCP Splicing Services	Fiber Splicing – Security Cameras	\$ 385.00
Internal Revenue Services	Payroll Taxes	\$ 9,669.48
Iowa Department of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$ 3,982.93
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 24.30
Laurens Chamber of Commerce	Corn Hole Board Sponsor	\$ 150.00
Laurens House of Print	Late Notices/Paper	\$ 128.40
Laurens Plumbing	Misc Supplies	\$ 62.02
Laurens Sun	Publications/Advertising	\$ 850.18
Long Lines	Transport Fees	\$ 170.00
LumenServe	Tower Lighting Monitoring	\$ 316.24
Mid America Computer Corporation	Utility Billing	\$ 947.36
NIMECA	Annual MRES Settlement Payment	\$ 8,656.65
Paymentus Group Inc	CC Processing Fees- Communications	\$ 183.97
Paymentus Group Inc	CC Processing Fees- Electric	\$ 183.66
Payroll	Hourly, Salaried, & Overtime	\$ 24,518.88
PLIC-SBD Grand Island	Group Life/Disability Insurance	\$ 629.83
Pro Cooperative	Vehicle Fuel	\$ 302.19
Qwest dba CenturyLink-IA	Access Charges	\$ 95.15
RESCO	LED Cobra Head Fixtures	\$ 1,281.36
RSM US LLP	Network Support/Duo/Sophos	\$ 3,015.20
Schultz, Ethan	Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 625.00
Secure Shred Solutions	Paper Shredding	\$ 27.00
Sieper Auto Repair	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 83.66
Stuart C Irby	Distribution Transformers	\$ 10,571.60
TP Anderson & Company	Surplus Funds Calculation	\$ 130.00
US Cardsystems	Consulting Fees	\$ 149.95
Verizon	Wireless Phone Service	\$ 155.55
Visa	Office Supplies/Tools	\$ 179.56
Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield	Group Health Insurance	\$ 12,435.94
	Total Expenses	\$ 217,207.67

The Board reviewed the Utility Fund Report, Income Statement, and balance sheet for July 2025. The Board also reviewed the July and August 2025 Investment Schedule. No action was taken.

Trustee Horsman introduced the following Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE

THE TRANSACTION” and moved that it be adopted. Trustee Runneberg seconded the motion to adopt, and the roll being called thereon, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Horsman, Runneberg, and Storms

Nays: None.

Whereupon, Chairman Storms declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE
ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Laurens Municipal Power & Communications of the City of Laurens, Iowa 50554:

Section 1. That Laurens Municipal Power & Communications (the “Utility”) shall agree to purchase the real property described in the Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Pocahontas County, Iowa for \$10,860.00.

Section 2. That the Board Chairman of the Utility is authorized to sign the Real Estate Purchase Agreement.

Section 3. That the Board Chairman, General Manager, and administrative officers of the Utility are authorized to take all actions necessary to complete the above-described transaction, including execution of ancillary documents.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of September, 2025.

Ben Storms

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Attest: Chad Cleveland

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Horsman to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Change Order #1 for the Generation Plant Fuel System Modifications Project.

Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the health insurance renewal information provided by Woodley Insurance. No action was taken.

Discussion was held on purchasing a used or new digger derrick truck with a bucket on it to replace the old digger derrick and boom truck. No action was taken.

Motion by Trustee Horsman and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to change the October Board meeting date from Thursday, October 23, 2025 to Wednesday, October 22, 2025. The meeting will still start at 3:00 p.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Ben Storms

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Attest: Chad Cleveland

Secretary, Board of Trustees