

The Harlan Municipal Utilities' Board of Trustees met in electronic session, January 9, 2025, pursuant to the rules and regulations as set forth in the office of the Secretary to approve Minutes of the December 26, 2024, Board Meeting; Abstract of Claims No. 1275 in the amount of \$901,416.22; and Upcoming Board Meetings as follows:

Board Meeting January 23, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

Board Meeting February 13, 2025 – Electronic Board Meeting

The board met in electronic session due to the nature of the agenda being only consent agenda items. An electronic roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Erickson – Aye; Shelton – Aye; Barnett – Aye; Maass – Aye and Ickes – Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: None.

These minutes are as recorded by the Secretary and are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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CHAIRPERSON, Michelle Erickson (*first term 2028*)

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VICE-CHAIRPERSON, James Shelton (*first term 2027*)

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TRUSTEE, Michael Maas (*first term 2029*)

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Trustee, Allan Ickes (*first term 2030*)

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TRUSTEE, Jenny Barnett, (*fill-in term 2025*)

The Harlan Municipal Utilities' Board of Trustees met in regular session, January 23, 2025, pursuant to the rules and regulations as set forth in the office of the Secretary. The zoom option was available as a convenience for those unable to attend in person. All attendance is on-site unless noted (\*Present via Zoom).

Board Present: Michelle Erickson, Allan Ickes, Jenny Barnett, and Jim Shelton.

Absent: None. Maass resigned January 23, 2025.

Staff Present: Joseph Rueschenberg, Jennifer Kelly, Donald Cote, Colburn Warner, and Brian Krehbiel.

Legal Counsel: None.

Public/Guests: Bill Lindley of Clayton Energy and Todd Valline.

Chairperson, Erickson called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the HMU Boardroom. Moved by Barnett, seconded by Shelton, to approve the agenda.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Barnett, to approve the consent agenda which included:

- A. Minutes of January 9, 2025, Electronic Board Meeting;
- B. Abstract of Claims No. 1276 in the amount of \$1,115,161.02;
- C. Upcoming Board Meetings  
February 13, 2025 – Electronic Board Meeting;  
February 27, 2025 – Board Meeting;
- D. Treasurer's Report November & December
- E. Sewer & Landfill Report November & December
- F. Free Services for the City of Harlan FY 2024-2025  
Christmas Lights - \$6,683.37  
Other Free Services - \$3,049.30  
Street Lights - \$13,025.95

A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes – Aye; Barnett – Aye, Erickson – Aye, and Shelton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Lindley of Clayton Energy gave a presentation on gas pricing and the different components. He also state that he has been in the business 32 years and has never lost a customer from his group. He has 60 municipal utilities and last month HMU's gas prices price was in the bottom 25% of his group. [Side Note: If you would like more information please watch the presentation on the HMU You Tube Channel]

Moved by Shelton, seconded by Ickes, to approve Resolution No 102-2025 updating the Manual of Benefits and Personnel Policies regarding the Change of Schedule for HMU Office Hours and Employees. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes – Aye; Barnett – Aye, Erickson – Aye, and Shelton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Shelton, to approve Resolution approving and authorizing a form of Loan Agreement and authorizing and providing for the issuance of Taxable Water Revenue Capital Loan Notes and providing for a method of payment of the Notes in the amount of \$8,008,000. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes – Aye; Barnett – Aye, Erickson – Aye, and Shelton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Shelton, seconded by Barnett, to approve the Highway 59 Service Extension Pay App in the amount of \$58,131.45. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes – Aye; Barnett – Aye, Erickson – Aye, and Shelton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Shelton, seconded by Ickes, to approve the down payment for old light plant roof replacement of 40% per contract in the amount of \$67,468.46.. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes – Aye; Barnett – Aye, Erickson – Aye, and Shelton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Barnett, to approve the HMU Old Building Project Change Order for Repairs to OHD Jambs in the amount of \$546.69 submitted by Leinen Construction (Original contract \$86,732.87). A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes – Aye; Barnett – Aye, Erickson – Aye, and Shelton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Shelton, to approve the recommendation from AI Powers of P&E Engineering for Pay App No. 8 for the 2023-2024 Overhead to Underground Conversion Project in the amount of \$32,530.83. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes – Aye; Barnett – Aye, Erickson – Aye, and Shelton – Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

- Information Only – A. MC Clure bill \$7,442.45
- B. McCarthy Invoice \$12,050.00 (storm sewer on Utility Ave)
- C. Leinen Construction \$710.20 Main shop area
- D. Maintenance on the Avoca 69Kv line in the amount of \$62,236.36 (complete)

Following the CEO’s Report the meeting was adjourned.

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VICE-CHAIRPERSON, James Shelton (*term 2027*)

VACANT – RESIGNED 01-23-2025

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TRUSTEE, Jenny Barnett (*fill-term 2025*)

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TRUSTEE, Michael Maass (*term 2029*)

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TRUSTEE, Allan Ickes (*Term 2030*)