

The Harlan Municipal Utilities' Board of Trustees met in electronic session, January 08, 2026, pursuant to the rules and regulations as set forth in the office of the Secretary to approve Minutes of the December 22, 2025, Board Meeting; Abstract of Claims No. 1299 in the amount of \$806,109.21; and Upcoming Board Meetings as follows:

* Board Meeting January 22, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting

* Board Meeting February 12, 2026 – 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; Ickes – Aye and Lucke - 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.

CHAIRPERSON, Michelle Erickson (*first term 2028*)

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

TRUSTEE, Allan Ickes (*first term 2030*)

Trustee, Jenny Barnett, (*first term 2031*)

TRUSTEE, Kevin Lucke (*fill-in term 2029*)

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

Absent: Kevin Lucke.

Staff Present: Joseph Rueschenberg, Jenney Kelly, Brian Dotzler, Coburn Warner, Brian Krehbiel and Donald Cote.

Legal Counsel: None. Public/Guests: Gervas Mgonja.

Chairperson, Erickson called the meeting to order in the HMU Boardroom at 4:00 pm. Moved by Barnett, seconded by Ickes, to approve the agenda.

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

- A. Minutes of January 8, 2026 Board Meeting
- B. Abstract of Claims No. 1300 in the amount of \$1,033,441.09
- C. Upcoming Board Meetings:
 - February 12, 2026 Electronic Board Meeting
 - February 26, 2026 In Person Board Meeting
- D. Sewer & Landfill Reports December
- E. Treasurer's Report November;
- F. Treasurer's Report December;
- G. Free Services for City of Harlan FY 2025-2026
 - Christmas Lights (13434) \$5,776.65
 - Other (10222) - \$1,616.49
 - Street Lights (10001) \$9,209.63
 - Grandma B's Dream Playground (10221) \$1,704.14
 - Grandma B's Dream Playground (30221) \$4,727.45

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

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Barnett, to approve Gas Department Changes to the Operations & Maintenance Plan and IAMU Operator Qualification Plan. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Shelton – Aye; Ickes –Aye, Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Ickes, to Elect the Officers Effective February 1, 2026 as follows with no changes from the current year. Chairperson, Michelle Erickson, Vice-Chairperson, Jim Shelton. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Shelton – Aye; Ickes –Aye, Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Ickes, to keep the Board Committee Assignments effective February 1, 2026, with no changes.

	Kevin Lucke	Allen Ickes	Jenny Barnett	Jim Shelton	Michelle Erickson
Electric, Gas, Water	X	X		ALT	
Telecommunications/ Customer Service/Marketing	ALT		X		X
Administration/Ins/Ad Hoc		ALT		X	X
Budget/Financial			X	X	ALT

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

Moved by Ickes seconded by Barnett, to approve the quote for replacement of air compressor from Bobcat pending legal counsel review. Quotes were given by Bobcat and Ziegler in the amounts of \$28,398.00 and \$30,180.00, respectively. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Shelton – Aye; Ickes –Aye, Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Ickes, to approve final payment to Leinen Construction in the amount of \$44,412.60 for overhead door replacement at the 2412 Southwest Ave. Truck Bay. Includes Change order for relocation of wash bay door controller. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Shelton – Aye; Ickes –Aye, Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Barnett, to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion #2 for the Raw Water System Improvements: Sections 1,,2,3, & 4 Project(Well #35). A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Shelton – Aye; Ickes –Aye, Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Motioned by Barnett, seconded by Ickes, to approve Eric Rose to serve 3-year term on IAMU Gas Committee with term ending 01/01/2028. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Shelton – Aye; Ickes –Aye, Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Barnett, to approve the recommendation from AI Powers of P&E Engineering for Pay Application No. 19(Final) for the 2023-2024 Overhead to Underground Conversion Project in the amount of \$126,351.13. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Shelton – Aye; Ickes –Aye, Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Ickes, to approve Resolution 105-2026 to Discontinue Community Water Fluoridation effective June 1, 2026. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Shelton – Aye; Ickes –Aye, Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Barnett, to Approve Proposal and Master Service Agreement for Internet transport from WIN Technology for \$1,800.00 per month to replace current Transport from Zayo for \$3,000.00 per month(Pending Legal Council Review). A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Shelton – Aye; Ickes –Aye, Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved by Barnett, seconded by Ickes, to Receive and File 2026-2027 Budget. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Shelton – Aye; Ickes –Aye, Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Only Items were presented as follows: A) DGR Engineering, Electric System Study - \$5,850.00; B)Decked Bed Tool Box, Cab Protector, Strobe Lights and Seat Covers, Electric 2500 Pickup; C) Decked Bed Tool Box, Cab Protector, Strobe Lights and Seat Covers, Water 3500 Pickup.

Information Only Items: Eric Rose to serve 3-year term on IAMU Gas Committee.

Following the CEO’s report the meeting was adjourned. These minutes are recorded by the Secretary and are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

CHAIRPERSON, Michelle Erickson (*first term 2028*)

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

TRUSTEE, Allan Ickes, (*first term 2030*)

TRUSTEE, Jenny Barnett (*first term 2031*)

TRUSTEE, Kevin Lucke (*fill-in term 2029*)

The Harlan Municipal Utilities’ Board of Trustees met in electronic session, February 12, 2026, pursuant to the rules and regulations as set forth in the office of the Secretary to approve: Minutes of the January 22, 2026, board meeting; Abstract of Claims No. 1301 in the amount of \$1,369,344.96; Upcoming Board Meetings: February 26, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting; March 12, 2026 – Electronic Board Meeting; Publication of 2025 Wages as follows: Lefeber, Kelly, 460.00; Gessert, Dean a, 12,340.00; Gessert, Stephen J, 115,742.11; Swank, David T, 107,784.26; Fredericks, Dalton D, 99,582.15; Derby, Frank C, 103,740.54; Meeker, Reide M, 76,765.11; Towne, Corey, 76,292.77; Jochims, Jacob M, 17,325.00; Newcomb, Jordan, 17,240.00; Doonan, Troy, 79,198.51; Warner, Colburn L., 98,864.53; Rose, Eric D., 83,878.64; Hively, Todd I, 68,630.85; Wilwerding, David R, 62,264.65; Lasher, Brian I., 69,471.44; Bissen, Kevin J, 67,643.29; Cote, Donald R, 101,107.04; Harrison, Trevor J, 82,531.85; Berney, Matthew, 77,443.60; Kreikemeier, Christopher J, 74,710.19; Zornes, Dylan, 70,910.39; Kloewer, Zachary S, 32,194.48; Dotzler, Brian R, 91,911.86; Musich, Kevin M., 90,739.51; Miller, Shannon, 69,231.77; Petsche, James E, 60,196.36; Rueschenberg, Joseph P, 133,314.46; Garcia, Genesis, 24,994.32; Gaer, Kathryn, 51,734.16; Burroughs, Patricia K, 61,441.23; Chadwick Kelly, Jennifer L, 97,589.02; Mclaughlin, Debra A., 75,841.89; Wingert, Paul A, 65,780.60; Correa, Jolynn, 50,505.02; Struck, Emma, 32,103.38; Neumann, Amber, 2,593.35; Zimmerman, Curt, 46,342.56; Krehbiel, Brian I, 138,090.67; North, Jonathan J, 56,383.16. 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; Ickes – Aye and Lucke - Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: None.

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CHAIRPERSON, Michelle Erickson (*first term 2028*)

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

TRUSTEE, Allan Ickes (*first term 2030*)

Trustee, Jenny Barnett, (*first term 2031*)

TRUSTEE, Kevin Lucke (*fill-in term 2029*)

The Harlan Municipal Utilities' Board of Trustees met in regular session, February 26, 2026, 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: *Kevin Lucke, *Al Ickes, Jenny Barnett, and Michelle Erickson.

Absent: Jim Shelton.

Staff Present: Joseph Rueschenberg, Jenney Kelly, Brian Dotzler, Coburn Warner, Brian Krehbiel and Donald Cote.

Legal Counsel: None. Public/Guests: Gervas Mgonja. Jeremy Carroll from Manning Municipal Utilities. Bill Lindley from Clayton Energy as guest speaker.

Chairperson, Erickson called the meeting to order in the HMU Boardroom at 4:00 pm. Moved by Ickes, seconded by Barnett, to approve the agenda.

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

- A. Minutes of February 12, 2026 Board Meeting
- B. Abstract of Claims No. 1302 in the amount of \$991,588.39
- C. Upcoming Board Meetings:
 - March 12, 2026 Electronic Board Meeting
 - March 26, 2026 In Person Board Meeting
- D. Sewer & Landfill Reports January
- E. Treasurer's Report January;
- F. Free Services for City of Harlan FY 2025-2026
 - Christmas Lights (13434) \$5,776.65
 - Other (10222) - \$1,616.49
 - Street Lights (10001) \$9,880.99
 - Grandma B's Dream Playground (10221) \$1,704.14
 - Grandma B's Dream Playground (30221) \$4,727.45.

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

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Lucke, to approve joining the Natural Gas Prepay Option and bringing contracts to the board for approval at the March 26, 2026. Bill Lindley stated that the contract will be with the Public Energy Facilities Authority (PEFA) group not Clayton Energy. However, he is the Manager of the group. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Ickes, to approve the Amendment to Master Service Agreement for Internet transport from WIN Technology for \$1,800.00 per month to replace current Transport from Zayo for \$3,000.00 per month. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes – Aye; Lucke – Aye; Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Lucke, to receive and file the Revised 2026-2027 budget. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Ickes, to approve the Standards of Apprenticeship through Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Lucke, to approve the Lease Agreement for Iowa Communications Network and Harlan Library for time period July 1, 2026-June 30, 2031. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Lucke, to approve Change Order No. 9 for the HMU Water System Improvements: Sections 1, 2, 3 & 4 with a deduct amount of \$100,000.00. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Ickes, to Approve Resolution No. 40-2026 Rates for Cable TV/IPTV/Internet Services (Changes and/or Additions). Internet speeds are increasing with no change in price and new offerings are listed. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes – Aye; Lucke – Aye; Barnett – Aye and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Only Items were presented as follows: A) McClure Invoice in the amount of \$3,303.75; B) McClure Invoice for December in the amount of \$7,785.64.

Following the CEO’s report the meeting was adjourned. These minutes are recorded by the Secretary and are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

CHAIRPERSON, Michelle Erickson (*first term 2028*)

VICE-CHAIRPERSON, James Shelton (first term 2027)

TRUSTEE, Allan Ickes, (first term 2030)

TRUSTEE, Jenny Barnett (first term 2031)

TRUSTEE, Kevin Lucke (fill-in term 2029)

The Harlan Municipal Utilities' Board of Trustees met in electronic session, March 12, 2026, pursuant to the rules and regulations as set forth in the office of the Secretary to approve: Minutes of the February 26, 2026, board meeting; Abstract of Claims No. 1303 in the amount of \$962,501.22; Upcoming Board Meetings: March 12, 2026 – Electronic Board Meeting; March 26, 2026 – Regular 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; Ickes – Aye and Lucke - Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: None.

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

TRUSTEE, Allan Ickes (*first term 2030*)

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Board Present: Kevin Lucke, Al Ickes, and Michelle Erickson.

Absent: Jim Shelton and Jenny Barnett.

Staff Present: Joseph Rueschenberg, Jenney Kelly, Brian Dotzler, Coburn Warner, Brian Krehbiel and Donald Cote.

Legal Counsel: None. Public/Guests: Gervas Mgonja. Brent Scheve, *Jenny Scharrick, *Mindy Wells, Angie Kenkel, Anna Schwarte, Tina Holdworth, Paula Becker, Luke Wilson, Marina Bretey.

Chairperson, Erickson called the meeting to order in the HMU Boardroom at 4:00 pm. Moved by Ickes, seconded by Lucke, to approve the agenda.

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Ickes, to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Minutes of March 12, 2026 Board Meeting
- B. Abstract of Claims No. 1304 in the amount of \$941,970.87
- C. Upcoming Board Meetings:
 - April 9, 2026- Electronic Board Meeting
 - April 23, 2026 In Person Board Meeting
- D. Sewer & Landfill Reports January
- E. Treasurer's Report January;
- F. Free Services for City of Harlan FY 2025-2026
 - Christmas Lights (13434) \$5,776.65
 - Other (10222) - \$1,977.22
 - Street Lights (10001) \$11,288.60
 - Grandma B's Dream Playground (10221) \$1,704.14
 - Grandma B's Dream Playground (30221) \$4,727.45
 - Ragbrai 10224, 30224.

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

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Erickson, to continue fluoridation in the public water system and rescind Resolution 105-2026 that was passed in January. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

(There was discussion from those present and via zoom regarding keeping and removing the fluoride). Full meeting can be viewed on HMU's YouTube Channel or Channel 15/1015.

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Ickes, to approve Resolution No. 106-2026 - Resolution authorizing the purchase of natural gas from Pefa, Inc.; approving the execution and delivery of a gas supply agreement and other documents relating to said purchase; approving the issuance of bonds by Pefa, Inc.; and addressing related matters. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Ickes, to approve Quote from Caterpillar 420 in the amount of \$130,715.80 for new Backhoe Loader (includes trade in value of \$17,000.00). One other quotes was submitted as follows: Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co.320 P-Tier John Deere in the amount of \$133,155.00 includes trade-in value of \$22,000.00) Budgeted Item for 2026-2027 FY. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Lucke to approve the Quote to replace Unit #17 2014 Ford Escape received for a 2026 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$39,244.00. One other quote was submitted as follows: 2026 Chevrolet Traverse in the amount of \$42,241.00. Both prices listed are after price Concession. Budgeted item for 2026-2027 FY. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously. There is no trade-in value because vehicle will be sold on auction site.

Moved by Lucke, Ickes, to receive and file the minutes from the Insurance Committee Meeting and City of Harlan Council Meeting and approve recommendation from The Agency to renew Property/Casualty Insurance with EMC Insurance. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Lucke, to approve the Boiler insurance renewal (Generator) in the amount of \$5,000.00. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Lucke, to review and approve recommendation from The Agency for the Workers' Comp Insurance with a change in provider to Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association, policy effective April 1st. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Ickes, to Approve SPP Attachment X (Credit Policy) of the Open Access Transmission Tariff and authorize Joseph P. Rueschenberg to sign Appendix A Credit Application Form and Appendix E Annual Minimum Market Participation Criteria – Risk Management Certification Form. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes – Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Lucke, to approve the Calix Annual Support Renewal in the amount of \$10,495.00 before sales tax. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lcuke, seconded by Ickes, to approve the IAMU Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$18,572.00. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Ickes, to approve P&E Engineering invoice for the Underground Conversion Project in the amount of \$914.37. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Lucke, to approve P&E Engineering invoice for the new Campsites at the Shelby County Fairgrounds in the amount of \$1,938.70. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Ickes, to approve recommendation by P&E Engineering for Payment No. 1 for the Metering System Replacement Project in the amount of \$142,025.00. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Ickes, to approve payment to Northern Municipal Distributors Group in the amount of \$4,483.59 for the Legal and Regulatory Fund Assessment. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes –Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Only Items were presented as follows: A) McClure Invoice in the amount of \$3,731.38.

Following the CEO’s report the meeting was adjourned. These minutes are recorded by the Secretary and are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

CHAIRPERSON, Michelle Erickson (*first term 2028*)

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

TRUSTEE, Allan Ickes, (*first term 2030*)

TRUSTEE, Jenny Barnett (*first term 2031*)

TRUSTEE, Kevin Lucke (*fill-in term 2029*)

The Harlan Municipal Utilities' Board of Trustees met in electronic session, April 9, 2026, pursuant to the rules and regulations as set forth in the office of the Secretary to approve: Minutes of the March 26, 2026, board meeting; Abstract of Claims No. 1305 in the amount of \$1,262,363.16; Upcoming Board Meetings: April 23, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting; May 14, 2026 – 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; Barnett – Aye; Ickes – Aye and Lucke - Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: None.

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CHAIRPERSON, Michelle Erickson (*first term 2028*)

TRUSTEE, Allan Ickes (*first term 2030*)

Trustee, Jenny Barnett, (*first term 2031*)

TRUSTEE, Kevin Lucke (*fill-in term 2029*)

Vacant

The Harlan Municipal Utilities' Board of Trustees met in regular session, April 23, 2026, pursuant to the rules and regulations as set forth in the office of the Secretary.

Board Present: Kevin Lucke, Al Ickes, Jenny Barnett and Michelle Erickson.

Absent: None. 1 vacant position.

Staff Present: Joseph Rueschenberg, Jenney Kelly, Donald Cote, Coburn Warner and Brian Krehbiel.

Legal Counsel: None. Public/Guests: Gervas Mgonja.

Chairperson, Erickson called the meeting to order in the HMU Boardroom at 4:00 pm. Moved by Ickes, seconded by Barnett, to approve the agenda. Lucke stated that he has a conflict with Item No. 9 due to the fact that he employes HMU personnel on a part-time basis.

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Ickes, to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Minutes of April 9, 2026 Board Meeting,
- B. Abstract of Claims No. 1306 in the amount of \$864,227.02;
- C. Upcoming Board Meetings:
 - May 14, 2026- Electronic Board Meeting
 - May 28, 2026 In Person Board Meeting
- D. Sewer & Landfill Reports March
- E. Treasurer's Report March;
- F. Free Services for City of Harlan FY 2025-2026
 - Christmas Lights (13434) \$5,776.65
 - Other (10222) - \$1,977.22
 - Street Lights (10001) \$12,320.12
 - Grandma B's Dream Playground (10221) \$1,704.14
 - Grandma B's Dream Playground (30221) \$4,727.45
 - Ragbrai 10224, 30224

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Barnett to Recommend and Approve Allan Ickes as Vice-Chairperson of Board of Trustees. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Barnett – Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Ickes abstained. Motion carried.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Lucke, to approve Resolution Honoring the Service of James Shelton (Res. 12-20) to the Harlan Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Barnett – Aye; Ickes – Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Lucke, to Approve Recommendation by P&E Engineering for Payment No. 2 for the Metering System Replacement Project in the amount of \$7,475.00. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Barnett – Aye; Ickes – Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Barnett, to Approve Resolution No. 106-2026 Authorizing the Harlan Municipal Utilities to apply for membership in the Iowa Municipalities Workers' compensation Association (IMWCA). A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Barnett – Aye; Ickes – Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Lucke, to Receive and File FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendments. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Barnett – Aye; Ickes – Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Barnett, to Approve Resolution 107-2026 Updating Uniform and Boot Section of the Manual of Benefits and Personnel Policies. A stipend will be given instead of 5 shirts. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Barnett – Aye; Ickes – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried. Lucke – Abstained.

Moved by Barnett, seconded by Ickes, to Approve accepting the following items for the Raw Water System Improvements: Sections 1, 2, 3, & 4:

- A. Change Order #10 in the amount of \$12,100.00
- B. Final Pay Application #23 in the amount of \$266,639.06
- C. Notice of Acceptability
- D. McCarthy Consent to Surety
- E. McCarthy Release of Claims

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

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Barnett to Approve Resolution 108-2026 Accepting Raw Water System Improvements Section 1 – Raw Water Mains & Electric /Fiber Conduit, Section 2 – Well Drilling, Section 3 – Sitework, Well Houses, Equipment & Miscellaneous Well Connections, Section 4 – Electrical & Fiber Wiring. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Barnett – Aye; Ickes – Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Lucke, seconded by Ickes, to Approve IAMU Safety Agreement Amendment to Schedule “A” Scope of Work. The amendment removes a residency requirement for the training personnel from IAMU. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Barnett – Aye; Ickes – Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ickes, seconded by Lucke, to Approve In-Kind Surveying and Engineering work by Joe Rueschenberg for Harlan Community Schools and St. Michael’s Church. Work will be done outside of HMU hours. Employment Contract Paragraph 5J isn’t clear as to what this all entails. A roll call vote was taken on the motion as follows: Ickes – Aye; Lucke – Aye; and Erickson - Aye. Barnett – Abstained. Motion carried.

Information Only Items are as follows: A. McClure Invoice in the amount of \$1,985.00; B. Letter from Linda Post disappointed the Fluoride will not be removed from the public water system; C. Broken Pole Emergency Repair in the amount of not to exceed \$54,500.00 (labor for Burns) and \$5,369.84 (for the Pole).

Following the CEO's report the meeting was adjourned. These minutes are recorded by the Secretary and are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

CHAIRPERSON, Michelle Erickson (*first term 2028*)

VICE-CHAIRPERSON, Allan Ickes, (*first term 2030*)

TRUSTEE, Jenny Barnett (*first term 2031*)

TRUSTEE, Kevin Lucke (*fill-in term 2029*)

TRUSTEE, *Vacant (fill-in term 2027)*