



**Halstad Municipal Utilities Commission met 3/2/2026 at 1:00 PM at the Utilities Office.**

Commissioners Tom Maroney, Ron Gotteberg, Darin Johnson  
Staff- Lucas Spaeth- Superintendent and Secretary, Alli Tice Office Coordinator, Amanda Nelson, Josh Poehls. Engineer Stephen Slick, Neil Breidenbach

Additions to agenda –none

Approval of agenda – Move to approve agenda by Maroney, Seconded Johnson M/C

Approval of minutes 1-9-2026 Motion to approve minutes by Gotteberg, Seconded Johnson, M/C

Halstad Water project goals presentation by AE2S Engineer Stephen Slick. Slick reviewed the Small Cities Development Project (SCDP) grant- Engineering was finalizing SCDP planning for distribution metering, rural connection vault, water mains looping from new vault. Slick then reviewed the draft financing for the project through MN State Revolving Fund (SRF.) Engineers estimates were presented for budgeting the financing. AE2S has met with Mn Department of Health (MDH) about the Halstad project and were in agreement of the Water Access Charge (WAC) with ECRWD. MDH would review project scope and design after March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Slick reviewed draft agreement with East Central Regional Water District (ECRWD) with City of Halstad and HMU. Breidenbach answered questions about the agreement and the water line planning for Halstads addition from ECRWD water plant in Hillsboro. Motion by Gotteberg to approve Engineers project building estimates of \$2.8 Million for MN SRF financing and HMU would pay the debt service payments for City of Halstad through rate setting of the HMU Commissioners. Seconded by Maroney M/C

Check and credit card approval- Move approve checks and credit card payments through January 2026 by Johnson, Seconded by Gotteberg, Discussed M/C

Profit & Loss Statement; Balance Sheet; and Budget to Actual- reviewed financial profit and loss year to date 2026. Review of unaudited financial statements from 2025.

Northern Municipal Power Agency (NMPA) Spaeth Operations report from NMPA and presented that the expectation of rate increases would start April 2026. NMPA is also celebrating 50 years with all participating cities. NMPA will hold an Anniversary celebration in Thief River Falls MN October 7th 2026. NMPA is still discussing future agreements and would be contacting cities for input.

Roof Discussion Spaeth said he was still working on estimates with contractors.

Load Control Agreement was presented for Off Peak electric users. Maroney Motioned to approve the Load Control Agreement Seconded by Gotteberg. M/C

Tice presented utility rate structures changes to Commissioners. Gotteberg Moved to approve rates as presented Seconded by Johnson.

Superintendents report was given. Spaeth reported MN Grant Solar on Public Buildings was continuing. Update of meetings attended and daily operations. Spaeth updated Commission on the metering studies for new water and electric. Spaeth provided information about changes to generator insurance; Insurance company would be coming with new standards and options for HMU to keep receiving discount in their O&M program as well as premium rate increases for insurance coverage.

Next regular council meeting, March 9th

Next Regular HMU Meeting Date – March 30, 2026 10:00 AM

No other business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned 3:30 PM

Secretary- Lucas Spaeth