MALDEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER – 607 N DOUGLAS

Board President Clark Duckett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT
Board President Duckett	X	
Board Member Bennett	X	
Board Member Coleman	X	
Board Member Trinkler		X
Members Present		3

OTHERS ATTENDING: City Administrator/Utility Director Jeff Mitchell, City Council Liaison Phil Santie, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Krepps, Electric Distribution Supervisor Todd Jenkins, Power Plant Superintendent Drew Miller, City Attorney Jonce Chidister, Board Secretary Cathy Merritt

GUEST PRESENT: Richard Cochran

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: By Board Member Coleman to Approve the Regular Session Minutes of July 28, 2026, Special Called Minutes of August 11, 2026, Closed Session Minutes of August 11, 2026, Special Called Minutes of August 13, 2026, and the Closed Session Minutes of August 13, 2026.
SECOND: By Board Member Bennett.
MOTION PASSED

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Board President Duckett informed the Board the July financial reports were in the packet but Mrs. Merritt handed out a new Utility Funds Cash Comparison Statement reflecting balances as of July 31, 2026.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Electric Department
Mr. Jenkins informed the Board October 1, 2026 is his official retirement date and September 30, 2026 will be his last day of work.

Board President Duckett informed Mr. Jenkins the Board appreciates his 36 years of service and wished him well and good luck in his retirement.

Power Plant
Mr. Miller informed the Board they are just finishing up annual oil samples, capability test runs are done except for one for engine #5 / 1 megawatt which he is having issues on. Mr. Miller informed the Board he's positive it's an air intake, exhaust or both and has reached out to Fair Banks Morris for a quote to diagnose the issues.

Mr. Miller informed the Board he wanted to resubmit the quote from Mid-South Products of $16,726.00 to upgrade the software at the Fuel Depot.

MOTION: By Board Member Bennett to Approve the quote from Mid-South Products of $16,726.00 to Upgrade the Software at the Fuel Depot.
SECOND: By Board Member Coleman
MOTION PASSED

Mr. Miller informed the Board he has a quote for a complete diagnosis of the Pielstick, which is the largest unit at the power plant. Mr. Miller informed the Board the quote is for 1 day with 2 techs to complete a full, intrusive diagnosis at $11,702.45.

MOTION: By Board Member Bennett to Approve the quote of $11,702.45 from MSHS Power Group for a complete diagnosis of the Pielstick.
SECOND: By Board Member Coleman
MOTION PASSED

Water/Wastewater Department
Mr. Krepps informed the Board they're working routine maintenance, getting ready to lay 12-inch pipe at well #6.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Utility Director Mitchell informed the Board he spoke with Michaela from Weaver Popcorn regarding expansions and she is going to send him their plans for all future expansions.

Utility Director Mitchell informed the Board that the Evergy contract has been signed and is executed with copies given to himself, Cathy, and Drew.

Utility Director Mitchell informed the Board he has spoken to a certified public accounting company, Koffman & Company concerning the BPW financials and they are supposed to draw up a consulting engagement letter. Utility Director Mitchell informed the Board we would be able to call them with questions and they will take a look at our BPW finances.

Utility Director Mitchell informed the Board he spoke with Scott Van de Ven (CPA) regarding moving funds from one account to another and he informed us on how to fix and do that.

Office Reports
Utility Director Mitchell informed the Board that a pallet of water meters were needed. Mrs. Merritt informed the Board there are around 80 meters that will not pick up due to them being the oldest meters first installed when we went electronic route and are no longer compatible with the updated software. Kr. Krepps informed the Board he needed about 60 to change out the manual meters. Mr. Krepps informed the Board the meters are $309 each but with the purchase of a pallet we will get $3 discount on each meter but the overall cost will be around $40,000.

MOTION: By Board Member Coleman to Approve the Purchase of a Pallet of Water Meters from Schulte Supply.
SECOND: By Board Member Bennett
MOTION PASSED

Mr. Krepps informed the Board he got pricing on the pump for Davis Lift Station which technically was a manhole but when it collapsed he built that into a lift station. Mr. Krepps informed the Board the pump is an electric driven diesel pump with an electric motor and has its own electric panel box and once you put it on a skid it's basically there forever. Mr. Krepps informed the Board the price will be $75,000-$80,000 with a lead time of 6-8 weeks for it to come in.

MOTION: By Board Member Coleman to Purchase Pump for Davis Lift Station.
SECOND: By Board Member Bennett.
PASSED

OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY

Richard Cochran informed the Board after looking at everything when looking at wells 1 & 2 it will take a treatment plant to remove all the iron and manganese which would cost several of millions of dollars just for the treatment plant. Mr. Cochran informed the Board wells 4,5, & 6 all have much better-quality water with iron and manganese levels below secondary standards, the ammonia does not have a secondary maximum contaminate level but the ammonia will eat the chlorine.

Mr. Cochran informed the Board the plans and specs for gas chlorine have been submitted to DNR and they have been reviewed and the last comment was in regard to having a backup kc ejector so I switched out the repair kit for a spare ejector so that if it can just be swapped out if needed which seemed good with DNR and we can probably have the construction permit in a few weeks.

Mr. Cochran informed the Board the well-houses are not in great shape and one of his recommendations is to do something with them as well. Mr. Cochran informed the Board there are not any low-pressure zones but when looking at the fire flows there are a lot of areas with 2- & 4-inch lines that don't handle the minimum fire flow and that can hurt the ISO rating and the distribution system needs work due to lines that are cast iron, galvanized, asbestos, cement and they're breaking and rusting causing a 37% water loss in the system. Mr. Cochran informed the Board that getting the 12-inch main from the Industrial Park looped in to the south two different ways would be beneficial and well 1 & 2 could be done away with. Mr. Cochran informed the Board the tank reports show they are in good shape, the vents and access hatches need a little bit of work. Mr. Cochran informed the Board total cost for the entire water system would be around $20 million.

The Board requested a plan along with prices concerning the wells, chlorination, and buildings to be brought back to the Board so decisions can be made.

With nothing further to discuss a motion to Adjourn the Regular Session Meeting of August 25, 2026 was entertained.

MOTION: By Board Member Bennett to Adjourn the Regular BPW Session Meeting of August 25, 2026 @ 5:45P.M.
SECOND: By Board Member Coleman.
MOTION PASSED

Adjourned Regular Session at 5:45P.M. on August 25, 2026.

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 5:46P.M.

Director Mitchell discussed with the Board filling Mr. Jenkins' spot since he's is retiring. Utility Director Mitchell informed the Board he would have to post the job internally on the union board at the warehouse. Director Mitchell informed the Board he has thought of a position title of Electric Utilities Coordinator which would also include the position to look over the power plant employees when Mr. Miller retires. Director Mitchell informed the Board there would also need to be a second in command.

The Board requested the Utility Director to bring this discussion to the next board meeting when it can all be discussed thoroughly.

With nothing further to discuss a motion to Adjourn the reopened Regular Session Meeting of August 25, 2026 was entertained.

MOTION: By Board Member Coleman to Adjourn the reopened Regular BPW Session Meeting of August 25, 2026 @ 6:01P.M.
SECOND: By Board Member Bennett.
MOTION PASSED

Adjourned the reopened Regular Session at 6:01P.M. on August 25, 2026.

ATTEST:

BOARD SECRETARY

BOARD PRESIDENT