Greenfield Energy and Technology (GCET)

Minutes Date: September 8, 2026 Time: 6:00 PM
Attendance: Commissioners Farrell, Stromsten, Goodwin, Russell
Also in attendance. J. Lunt, W. St. Denis
Location: Hybrid (GCET Offices and Virtual)

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6pm and noted that the meeting was being recorded. Any person objecting to the recording was asked to notify the Chair.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Goodwin to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Member Goodwin moved to have a typo corrected (“partnership” to “partner” under Outside Plant Equipment Update) and then moved to adopt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stromsten and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment

Madison was attending virtually but did not choose to comment. The meeting moved on to business.

New Business (updates only, no votes)

- **Weldon Residential Retrofit (105 units):** Wiring is on track. Free public Wi-Fi spaces (cafeteria and break room) are being prepared, and the cement-ceiling issue has been resolved. Residents get up to two years of free 100/100 Mbps internet under the digital equity grant, and there is strong interest in optional TV packages. A new property manager is on site, and staff want to meet the new managers so residents get accurate information. Crews will post weekly floor-by-floor schedules, and one final outreach is planned.
- **Outside Plant Equipment:** A specialized fleet repair shop fixed the construction truck and has since serviced the splicer truck, with no issues in the past month. A second shop now services the van. The extra cost is outweighed by the cost of downtime.

- **North Build:** Lashing is nearly done, laterals are about to be pulled, and power and equipment installs are well along. Network configuration is being finished, with security a key reason for the custom setup. Customer connections follow after the configuration is complete.
- **GAP Networks Grant:** The bid (IFB) phase is under way. Q&A and bid form changes went to city procurement, the new bid date is about two weeks out, and award is expected this fall. About 90% of equipment is ordered, and global memory and fiber shortages are causing delays. Three major projects are running, two of them at once, using subcontractors for Weldon and GAP.

Budget Appropriation and Capital Access

- The budget book contained an error in GCET's appropriation. The city agreed to put forward a supplemental to match the voted amount (no additional money). Councilor Bullock requested in writing that it go on this month's council agenda. If not fixed, the chair may go to the council.
- GCET covered all expenses and debt payments from its own revenue last year and expects to at least double projected earnings.
- GCET has been unable to access capital for about six years, and no bond requests have reached the council in at least three years, while water and sewer can borrow. Commissioners agreed to keep advocating publicly and respectfully that capital investment is normal for a business, while building a record of sustainable operation and exploring other options.

Executive Session: Yes. Motion to enter Commissioner Stromsten, second by Commissioner Goodwin. Roll call unanimous.

Adjournment: Came out of Executive Session only to adjourn.