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Progress Muscatine Releases, “Iowa’s Renewable Energy Success Story” Episode Four of *Know Better. Do Better.*

(Muscatine, Iowa) “Iowa’s Renewable Energy Success Story” is the fourth episode of Progress Muscatine’s educational series, *Know Better. Do Better.* This episode compares Iowa’s Renewable Energy Success Story with energy production at Muscatine Power & Water, a community-owned utility.

“Muscatine Power & Water’s plan is out of alignment with Iowa’s renewable energy success story,” said Jessica Brackett, President, Progress Muscatine.

Since 2016, up to 6% of electricity at Muscatine Power & Water is offset by renewable energy produced at South Fork Wind Farm in Jackson County, Minnesota. Renewable powered electricity could increase to around 17% when MPW’s Solar 1 is complete. Delays within Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), the energy market place, could delay completion of Solar 1 until 2026 or later.

Currently, 67% of electricity in Iowa is powered by renewable energy, while MidAmerican Energy, one of two investor-owned utilities in Iowa, reached 100% renewable energy powered electricity for Iowa customers in 2022. Additionally, “Iowa remains one of 10 states with the lowest average electricity prices,” according to the U.S Energy Information Administration (EIA).

The next two MPW board meetings will be on Tuesday, May 28 and Tuesday, June 25. The June meeting will include two significant votes; one regarding a natural gas powered CHP plant, a strategy in alignment with 4% of all new U.S. grid capacity in 2024; and a steam sales contract with Grain Processing Corporation, the one MPW customer in need of steam from the CHP plant.

In April 2024, the board meeting time changed from 5:30pm to 4:00pm. All meetings are in the MPW auditorium. Public comments are welcome.

Know Better. Do Better. is an educational video series prompting viewers to observe a problem or situation, learn something, and visualize a better path forward. Every Tuesday through June, Progress Muscatine will release an episode of the Know Better. Do Better on their website and

YouTube channel. Each episode will feature issues in one of three priority areas, LGBTQ+ Equality, Good Governance, and Energy Independence and Transition at Muscatine Power and Water.

Progress Muscatine is a multi-issue 501c3 non-profit organization. The mission of Progress Muscatine is to empower Muscatine County residents to identify problems and work toward sustainable solutions for the common good.

All episodes of *Know Better. Do Better.* can be found at www.ProgressMuscatine.org or on [YouTube](#).