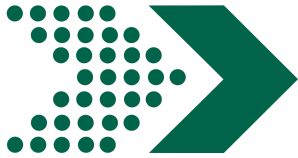


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Progress Muscatine Releases “Transparency and Accessibility at Muscatine Power & Water,” the Second Episode of *Know Better. Do Better.*

(Muscatine, Iowa) Utilities across the country are changing how they produce electricity. MPW is preparing for this generational shift and is expected to vote on a major piece of the local transition plan on Tuesday, June 25, at the MPW Board of Trustees meeting.

On March 28, MPW Board of Trustees voted to change the public meeting time from 5:30pm to 4:00pm.

“Changing the meeting time to 4:00pm three months before a once in a generation vote is a strategic way to keep the public away from the room where decisions are made,” said Jessica Brackett, President of Progress Muscatine.

Progress Muscatine requested MPW take two additional steps to increase transparency and accessibility while managing public assets: provide an information packet with the agenda, a common practice of boards managing publicly owned assets; and record board meetings and put them on CIVIC-TV, a public access channel owned by MPW and used by other publicly funded entities to share their board meetings. MPW refused.

“This is particularly egregious because no media regularly, or semi-regularly, attend MPW board meetings, so the public only gets a well manicured version of the situation. This is a bright red flag and should prompt people to ask what MPW is trying to hide from the public,” said Brackett.

Know Better. Do Better. a 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.* Each episode will feature issues in three priority areas, LGBTQIA+ Equality, Good Governance, and Energy Independence and Transition at Muscatine Power and Water.

All videos can be found at www.ProgressMuscatine.org or on Progress Muscatine's [YouTube channel](#).

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