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#### **AGENDA**

There will be a Regular Meeting of the Water Works and Lighting Commission in the conference room on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 1:00 PM.

Listed below is the agenda for this meeting.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Approval, additions, or corrections to the minutes of the following meeting
  - 2.1. Regular Commission Meeting held March 9, 2022
- 3. Action items
- 4. Department updates
  - 4.1. Safety Committee
  - 4.2. Line Superintendent
  - 4.3. Water Department Operations
  - 4.4. Customer Support Supervisor
  - 4.5. Director of Finance
  - 4.6. Information Systems Administrator
  - 4.7. Conservation Manager
  - 4.8. Electrical Engineer
  - 4.9. Director of Engineering & Electric Operations
  - 4.10. General Manager
- 5. Review of accounts payable
- 6. Adjourn

# Regular Meeting of the Water Works and Lighting Commission Wednesday, March 9, 2022

#### There were present:

Commissioner John Bergin Commissioner Rick Merdan Commissioner Tom Nowak Commissioner Jay Bemke

Also in attendance: Jem Brown, Roxanne Gronski, Todd Weiler, Jeff Kuhn, Josh Elliott, Dale Scheunemann, Matt Stormoen, Tyler Sneen, Shawn Reimer, Lynn Schroer and Sean Wall

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Tom Nowak called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Commissioner John Harper was excused from today's meeting.

## 2. Approval, additions or corrections to the minutes of the following meeting

## 2.1 Regular Commission Meeting held February 9, 2022

There was a motion made by Rick Merdan, seconded by Jay Bemke, and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting held on February 9, 2022, and to place them on file. There were no nay votes recorded.

#### 3. Action items

# 3.1 Request to hire summer help

After discussion there was a motion made by John Bergin, seconded by Rick Merdan, and carried to approve a request from Water Superintendent Dale Scheunemann to hire one limited term summer employee to work with the water department as a laborer, and a request from Office Manager Lynn Schroer to hire one limited term summer employee to assist in the office. No nay votes were recorded.

#### 3.2 Simplified Water Rate Case

Director of Finance Jeff Kuhn stated that as part of the 2022 water operating budget, we anticipated requesting approval to file a simplified rate case with the Public Service Commission (PSC). The simplified water rate case will

raise monthly charges and volume charges by three percent across the board. This would equate to an additional \$1.13 per month for water service for a typical residential customer using six units of water per month. Based on the date the application will be filed with the PSC, the new rates would most likely be effective in May 2022.

There was a motion made by Rick Merdan, seconded by John Bergin, and carried to file a simplified water rate case with the Public Service Commission in the amount of three percent. No nay votes were recorded.

## 4.0 Department updates

## 4.1 Safety Committee Report

The commissioners reviewed the safety committee minutes and safety coordinator's monthly report. Sean Wall stated that the excavating and trenching program was reviewed and that training will most likely be taking place in April before the construction/trenching season starts.

#### 4.2 Line Superintendent's Report

This report was reviewed and Josh Elliott answered questions regarding the February after hour call-ins.

#### 4.3 Water Department Operations Report

This report was reviewed and February water projects were discussed. Dale Scheunemann answered questions regarding the water main breaks stating that it is not uncommon this time of year and is usually caused by the ground shifting due to freezing and thawing.

# 4.4 Customer Support Supervisor's Report

This report was reviewed and current water disconnections were discussed.

# 4.5 Director of Finance's Report

This report was reviewed and pole attachment projects and agreements were discussed.

# 4.6 Information System's Administrator's Report

This report was reviewed and Matt Stormoen answered questions regarding February projects.

## 4.7 Conservation Manager's Report

This report was reviewed and Shawn Reimer answered questions regarding on-site visits that were made to key accounts in February. Shawn also discussed Focus on Energy incentives available on residential solar installations under 20kW.

#### 4.8 Electrical Engineer's Report

This report was reviewed and Tyler Sneen gave an update on the filter plant MCC project. Tyler stated that as soon as we can acquire non-silicone protective dielectric grease it will be put on the connections on the drive electronics to protect the copper from corroding.

#### 4.9 Director of Engineering & Electric Operations

This report was reviewed and Todd Weiler stated he attended multiple meetings with US Cellular regarding their wishes to install equipment on several WW&LC locations to create 5G hot spots.

#### 4.10 General Manager's Report

This report was reviewed and was discussed. Jem Brown answered questions regarding a meeting with Davey Tree Service. We are very pleased with their line clearance work and their customer service. Jem also stated that we were made aware of a 13% increase in their services for 2022.

## 5. Review of accounts payables

A listing of all invoices and checks covering February was provided to the commission for review.

#### 6. Adjourn

There was a motion made by Rick Merdan, seconded by John Bergin, and carried to adjourn at 1:45 PM. No nay votes were recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Merdan, Secretary

#### **SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 6, 2022**

Discussion with: Dale Scheunemann, Adam Breunig, Josh Elliott, Justin Armagost, Randy Rosicky, Todd Weiler, Kuba Jestadt, Beth Knobeck, Jason Warren and Sean Wall

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jason Warren reminded the committee of the importance of performing the daily pre-trip truck inspections, especially on vehicles that may not be used every day. No other items were brought forward at this time.

#### SAFETY TRAINING/DISCUSSION

The members reviewed the Occupational Noise Exposure hearing conservation program and found no changes at this time. The members also talked about the upcoming trainings that include tornado awareness and practice drills which will take place soon, along with fire drills and procedures.

Dale Scheunemann reminded the group that with springtime comes soft ground and the need to be extra careful with trucks and outrigger placements, and ground shifts.

#### **UPCOMING TRAININGS**

Sean Wall outlined the upcoming trainings: April 18<sup>th</sup> – respiratory training, trenching and excavation training; April 27th – hearing conservation training; May 11<sup>th</sup> – work zone training; and May 19th – forklift recertification.

Safety Committee meeting ended at 7:30 AM.



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# Wisconsin Rapids Water Works & Lighting Commission March 2022

Prepared By: Sean T. Wall, MEUW Senior Regional Safety Coordinator

# **SAFETY REPORT**

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### 1. Training

a. CPR / AED / First Aid / Bloodborne Pathogens hands on training (Session 4 of 4)

#### 2. Audits/Inspections

a. No inspections done in February

#### 3. Compliance/Risk Management

- a. Attended Safety Committee meeting
- b. Attended Commission meeting
- c. Completed and sent out Q2 schedule and training schedule
- d. Revised Hearing Conservation program for March Safety Committee meeting

#### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### 1. Training

- a. Respiratory Protection & Excavation safety training (Water)
- b. Hearing Conservation safety training (Electric & Water)

#### 2. Audits/Inspections

a. No audits / inspections planned

#### 3. Compliance/Risk Management

- a. Attend Safety Committee meeting
- b. Attend Commission meeting (missing this meeting due to WI Safety Council Annual Safety Conf.)
- c. Continued work with Matt S. to get MSDSOnline links on all available PC desktops



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# LINE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT March 2022

#### **Work Performed**

During March, the Electric Department processed 12 work orders, 4 electric service orders, and 54 trouble slips.

#### Other Projects

- Continued replacement of single phase older wooden poles.
- Continued tree trimming.
- Replaced missing/damaged guy guards throughout service territory.
- Continued 2022 construction season planning.
- Began work on Cherry/Smith Street area for City construction crew.

#### **After Hours Calls**

In March there were 4 after hour call-ins.



The call-in for "Failed Equipment" was for a bad connection. The call-ins for "Other" were both for communication lines down.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Elliott Electric Line Superintendent



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# WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS REPORT March 2022

#### **WATER PROJECT**

During March, the water department worked on the following projects.

- Crews repaired 4 water breaks: 251 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue North; 2531 Sampson Street; North Avenue and Edgewood Place; 2511 Sampson Street.
- Crews replaced a 10" valve on the effluent line coming from pump #8; this valve failed requiring the replacement.
- Crews assisted the contractor as needed on the 18" effluent valve leaving the plant to the system. This valve had failed and four flange joints also had leaking gaskets.
- Crews continue working with office staff to hang notices and to shut off water for nonpayment.

#### **TROUBLE CALLS**

In March the water crews investigated 31-meter trouble slips.

#### WATER ELEVATIONS AT MV - 4 MONITORING WELL FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS

The readings given below were taken during the last week of March of the year noted:

2022 – 18'8" 2020 – 15'4" 2018 – 16'3" 2021 – 15'7" 2019 – 15'1"

The highest elevation for MV – 4 was 12'7" on July 2, 2004. The lowest elevation for MV – 4 was 21.5 on September 11, 2009.

Sincerely,

# Dale Scheunemann

Water Superintendent



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#### CUSTOMER SUPPORT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT MARCH 2022

#### **COLLECTIONS**

Below is the comparison of active and inactive accounts receivable for March.

ALL PROVIDERS – Active and Inactive Accounts											
	March, 2020	March, 2022									
30 day	245,219	207,179	194,847								
60 day	106,727	102,818	73,359								
90 day	135,543	366,583	73,010								
Current	1,859,467	1,858,196	2,029,469								
<b>Total Active</b>	2,346,956	2,534,776	2,370,685								
<b>Total Inactive</b>	143,162	73,311	34,280								
Total AR	2,490,118	2,608,087	2,404,965								

In March, 219 accounts were notified of a pending water disconnection. 106 customers paid or made a payment arrangement before a final notice was placed on their door. After a tag was placed on the remaining locations, 15 locations were disconnected and 9 were reconnected. We also mailed 112 water disconnection letters for an April disconnection.

Electric disconnections will begin on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> with the initial call notifications starting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Every year we also have a meeting in March with employees directly involved in the electric disconnection process. We discuss any changes or concerns that need to be addressed from the previous year and go over our calendar to ensure efficient communication between departments.

In March there were 30 commercial properties past due. All customers were notified of a pending disconnection, and all paid prior to disconnect.

Tax Refund Interception Program (TRIP) and State Debt Collection (SDC)

We received \$15,836 through SDC in March and \$5,672 from TRIP for a total of \$34,837 in 2022 thus far. For comparison, in March 2019 SDC and TRIP totaled \$31,228 and in March 2020 the total was \$22,290. In 2021, when we were unable to disconnect electric or water in 2020, our TRIP and SDC total at the end of March was \$68,828.

#### **CUSTOMER PHONE CALLS**

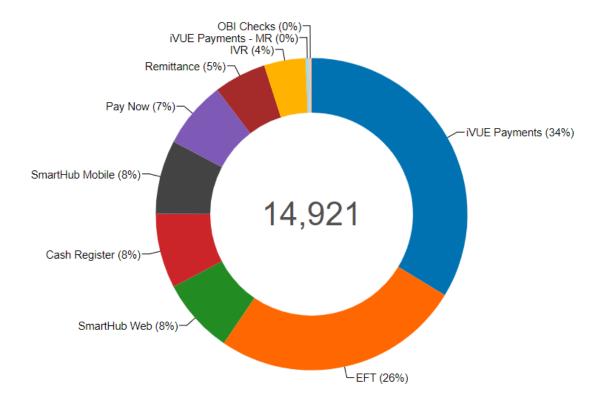
In March our office answered 1,987 customer phone calls. Calls were answered in approximately 7 seconds and the average call lasted 2 ½ minutes.

#### **OFFICE INFORMATION**

- ♣ The office staff processed three new electric services in March. In addition, 163 electric and 94 water move orders were processed. Twenty-four of these orders were received electronically.
- ♣ Fifty-seven welcome letters were sent to new customers.
- ♣ Seventy-six properties were inspected for cross connection.
- Our upcoming Currents & Waves Spring 2022 Newsletter is attached.

#### **OFFICE PAYMENTS**

Of the 14,921 payments received in March, 58 percent were received via one of our electronic payment options.



#### SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE ANALYTICS







We posted three messages on Facebook generating 3,462 views. Two tweets were also posted on Twitter generating 462 impressions (total amount of times people viewed a tweet). Our website had 2,052 active users in March with 2,950 sessions.

Respectfully submitted, *Lyrun Schroer*Customer Support Supervisor



# Public Power in Wisconsin Rapids

Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission (WW&LC) is one of 81 municipally owned utilities in the state of Wisconsin (and one of 2,000 in the country). A public power utility serves one in every seven Americans. You may wonder why this is good for you and the community.

First, customers of municipal electric utilities pay, on average, about **11%** less than customers of investor-owned utilities. For an average household in the United States, this means about **\$15.00 per month** in energy cost savings. WW&LC has set its goal to be in the lowest one-third of residential electric rates in Wisconsin. We have been able to meet this goal for several years. In 2021, our average electric residential customer had the 27<sup>th</sup> lowest residential rate in the state (out of 92 that reported rate information to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission). The American Public Power Association also publishes a report on annual electric utility rates throughout the country. The most recent report (2020) shows the average WW&LC residential customer paid **10.6** cents per kWh of electricity used. This rate is much lower than our neighboring utilities, Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative (**15.9** cents), WPS (**13.8** cents), and Alliant Energy (**15.6** cents).

Public power also takes pride in delivering reliable electric service. Outside of storms and other major adverse events beyond the utility's control, public power utilities are able to keep the lights on. In 2021, a WW&LC customer, on average, did not have power for 135 minutes throughout the year. This figure includes the December 15<sup>th</sup> windstorm outage. If this outage is removed, the average customer was without power for only **48 minutes** of the year. The 48-minute average means our customers had power available 99.96% of the year. Employees living locally can respond to outages quickly and restore power sooner.

Public power utilities also provide support to local government in the form of payments in lieu of taxes, or PILOT. For example, in 2021, WW&LC paid nearly \$2,000,000 to the City of Wisconsin Rapids in PILOT, which is used to run the City's government and provide services to the city's residents. Without this payment, local property taxes would likely increase.

While one outage seems like too many and electric rates seem high regardless of the cost, it is important to remember that WW&LC is working for you to deliver safe and reliable power to all our customers at an affordable rate. Our customers should take pride in knowing a municipally owned public utility serves them.



Electric disconnection for non-payment will begin on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to remit payment for your past due charges, we encourage you call our office at 715-423-6300 to set up a payment arrangement. To apply for Energy Assistance, call 715-421-8654 or submit your application online at: https://energybenefit.wi.gov.



#### What are PFAS?

PFAS are considered emerging contaminants. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, PFAS are a group of manufactured chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products since the 1940s. There are thousands of different PFAS. Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) are two of the most widely used and studied chemicals in the PFAS group. PFAS are found in non-stick cookware, water-repellent clothing, stain resistant fabrics and carpets, some cosmetics, some firefighting foams, and products that resist grease, water, and oil.

#### **PFAS Testing Information**

In 2021 Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission worked with Northern Lake Service, Inc. to voluntarily test our city well water for per- and poly- fluoroalkyl substances, also known as PFAS. The well water tested contained PFAS levels considerably lower than the EPA Health Advisory level of 70 parts per trillion. Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission is not in violation of any drinking water standards or regulations and has taken actions proactively to inform and protect the health of its customers.

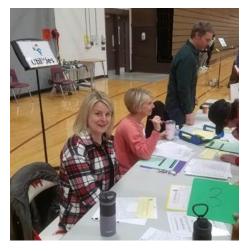
#### Who do you contact if you have questions?

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has a list of specialists to contact if anyone has questions concerning PFAS. Additional information is available on our website <a href="https://www.wrwwlc.com/water/pdf/PFAS">https://www.wrwwlc.com/water/pdf/PFAS</a> Information.pdf.

#### **Reality Check at Lincoln High School**

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, three Water Works and Lighting Commission employees participated in Lincoln High School's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Reality Check Financial Simulation. The Reality Check is a fun yet effective way for students to learn about budgeting, personal accounting, financial responsibility, and life choices all while interacting with business and community members.

Over 300 students participated in the simulation moving between 20 booths making financial decisions to pay for life's necessities and wants. The goal of the simulation was to have between \$5 and \$200 left in their monthly check register after entering expenses, investing, and savings. Many students ended up having a net loss at the end of the month and had to reevaluate their financial decisions.



**Utility Booth Simulation** 



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# Water Works & Lighting Commission

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# **Director of Finance Report**

March 2022

# **Financial Reports**

Included for your review are the interim February 2022 financial statements. The electric utility has a positive net operating income of \$137,711 for the first two months of 2022. As mentioned last month, electric crews did spend more time on maintenance activities in January and February than they did in 2021, causing expenses to be higher. Maintenance and distribution labor totaled 41.5% (or 2,352 hours) of productive time charged to the electric department in 2022, compared to 33.7% (or 1,849 hours) in the first two months of 2021. This, along with increased tree trimming rates for 2022, are the reasons the maintenance expenses are higher in the current year.

The water utility still has a net operating loss in 2022 of \$67,231, better than the net operating loss of \$137,188 in January. The decrease in operating income are the same reasons that were discussed last month (health insurance billing slower in 2021, the increase in cross-connection inspections that our water inspector has completed in 2022, and the filter plant board failures and replacements). Total sales of water are 3.1%, or \$18,144, above last year's figures.

# **Software Subscriptions**

Last month's Commission meeting included a discussion on software subscriptions the utility has in place. While there are some lower dollar software subscriptions used at the utility, the primary software subscriptions are:

Software	Annual Amount
NISC (CIS, Mapping and Accounting Software)	\$153,445
Elster (Meter Reading Software)	\$24,062
Microsoft	\$17,969
Monthly Offsite Backup Storage	\$10,845
IP Keys/nSentinal (Cybersecurity)	\$7,500
SCADA Software	\$6,287
Antivirus Software	\$3,189
Online Utility Exchange (Customer Verification)	\$3,136
VMWare Software	\$792

# **Streets Utility Integration**

During March, the utility had several meetings and discussions with the City and our software provider to determine the best way to implement the streets utility into our software system. We are confident we will have a solution in place by July 1, when the billing is scheduled to start.

Jeff Kuhn
Jeff Kuhn

**Director of Finance** 

# Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission Cash Flow Summary for Month Ending March 31, 2022

	Current Month	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
Cash Receipts:			
Utility Receipts, Net of Returns	\$ 3,294,549	\$ 9,822,508	\$ 9,176,242
Interest and Dividends	\$ 58	\$ 739	\$ 1,213
Transfer from Investments	\$ 571,859	\$ 1,217,045	\$ 1,200,185
ATC Dividend Payment	\$ -	\$ 135,001	\$ 132,484
Total Cash Receipts	\$ 3,866,466	\$ 11,175,293	\$ 10,510,124
Disbursements			
AP Payments	\$ (1,970,349)	\$ (4,733,282)	\$ (4,238,808)
GLU Power Bill	\$ (1,610,722)	\$ (4,658,936)	\$ (4,311,675)
Transfer to Investments	\$ (225,000)	\$ (925,000)	\$ (735,000)
ATC - Voluntary Capital Call	\$ -	\$ (132,538)	\$ -
Sales Tax Payment	\$ (40,159)	\$ (103,755)	\$ (101,601)
Payroll	\$ (436,914)	\$ (1,174,559)	\$ (987,080)
Service Fees	\$ (4,536)	\$ (13,161)	\$ (11,175) <sub>_</sub>
Total Disbursements	\$ (4,287,680)	\$ (11,741,232)	\$ (10,385,339)
Net Cash Flow	\$ (421,214)	\$ (565,939)	\$ 124,785

# Wisconsin Rapids Water Works & Lighting Commission Investment Report

# 2/28/2022

INSTITUTION	FACE VALUE	FACE VALUE & ACCRUED INT	RATE/ YIELD	MATURITY DATE	DATE ACQUIRED	TYPE
	17102 171202			571.2		
Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)	387,590.10	387,590.10	0.0900%			
Prevail Bank	6,843,535.33	6,843,535.33	0.7500%			
Ehlers Investments						
WESTON, WI	90,000.00	91,800.00	4.0000% *	3/1/2022	5/20/2020	NOTE
NEW YORK STATE DORMITORY AUTHORITY	75,000.00	75,250.00	2.0000% *	7/1/2022	12/31/2020	NOTE
VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS GO NOTE	15,000.00	15,125.00	2.5000% *	5/1/2022	12/29/2020	NOTE
PLEASANT PRAIRIE WI	50,000.00	50,125.00	3.0000% *	8/1/2022	5/19/2020	NOTE
MORGAN STANLEY PRIVATE BANK	250,000.00	252,065.41	1.8500%	9/19/2022	10/11/2019	CD
ALLY BANK	248,000.00	250,066.89	1.9500%	9/26/2022	9/20/2019	CD
SOUTH DAKOTA HOUSING AUTHORITY	65,000.00	65,486.20	2.2440% *	11/1/2022	12/29/2020	NOTE
LIVE OAK BANKING COMPANY	215,000.00	215,288.63	1.7900%	11/28/2022	11/25/2019	CD
SALLIE MAE BANK	250,000.00	251,013.70	1.8820%	12/12/2022	12/12/2019	CD
WELLS FARGO NATIONAL BANK WEST	248,000.00	248,012.91	1.9000%	1/30/2023	1/30/2020	CD
WISCONSIN STATE FINANCE AUTHOIRTY	70,000.00	71,750.00	5.0000% *	3/1/2023	12/29/2020	NOTE
COLORADO HOUSING AND FINANCE AUTHORITY	150,000.00	150,036.67	1.1000%	5/1/2023	1/31/2022	NOTE
WISCONSIN STATE GENERAL FUND REV BOND	210,000.00	211,434.30	2.0490%	5/1/2023	1/30/2020	NOTE
HOCKING TECHNICAL COLLEGE OHIO	300,000.00	300,509.00	0.7880%	7/1/2023	11/23/2020	NOTE
OKLAHOMA STATE HIGHWAY CAPITAL IMPROVE	50,000.00	50,440.83	5.2900% *	7/1/2023	12/29/2020	NOTE
ILLINOIS HOUSING AUTHORITY	50,000.00	50,079.17	1.9000% *	8/1/2023	12/29/2020	NOTE
NEW YORK STATE DORMITORY AUTHORITY	100,000.00	102,083.33	5.0000% *	10/1/2023	12/29/2020	NOTE
SYNCHRONY BANK	245,000.00	245,398.12	0.4500%	10/23/2023	10/28/2021	CD
WEB BANK	205,000.00	205,261.16	0.7500%	12/29/2023	12/29/2021	CD
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK	300,000.00	300,465.50	0.6000%	2/23/2024	11/30/2021	NOTE
CITY OF WATERFORD GO BOND	200,000.00	201,583.33	1.9000% *	4/1/2024	1/30/2020	NOTE
FALLBROOK (CA) PUB UTILITY DIST REV BOND	200,000.00	200,727.00	0.7250%	9/1/2024	1/27/2021	CD
UNITED STATES TREASURY	251,000.00	250,105.33	0.9500%	11/15/2024	12/15/2021	NOTE
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK	250,000.00	250,643.75	0.9000%	11/18/2024	10/28/2021	NOTE
COWETA COUNTY (GA) WATER STSTEM REV BON	300,000.00	301,500.00	2.0000% *	6/1/2025	6/9/2021	NOTE
CLAYTON WIS WATER SYSTEM REV BOND	250,000.00	253,722.22	2.0000% *	6/1/2026	6/1/2021	NOTE
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK	500,000.00	500,972.78	1.0290% *	6/23/2026	6/2/2021	NOTE
SCHWAB TREASURY INVESTMENT	80,000.00	80,000.00				MM
FDIC INSURED MONEY MARKET	613,376.21	613,376.21				MM
		5,854,322.44				
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	13,061,501.64	13,085,447.87				
ACCOUNT BALANCES POST-JOURNAL ENTRY						
ELECTRIC UTILITY DEPRECIATION FUND						
0-1261-00		4,616,965.78				
ELECTRIC REVENUE BOND REDEMPTION						
0-1252-00		539,060.63				
WATER UTILITY DEPRECIATION FUND 2-1261-00		6,685,990.47				
		-,,300				
TAX ESCROW FUND						
0-1361-00		543,644.36				
2-1361-00		485,837.19				
GENERAL FUND						
0-1365-00		181,675.30				
2-1365-00		32,274.14				
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		13,085,447.87				

# Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission Combined Utility Income Statement Year to Date for Months Ending February 2022 and 2021

Charges for Services Other Operating Revenues Total Operating Revenues
Operating Expenses Depreciation Expense Taxes Expense Total Operating Expenses
Operating Income (Loss)
Non-Operating Income
Interest Charges Other Non-operating Exp
Net Income (Loss)

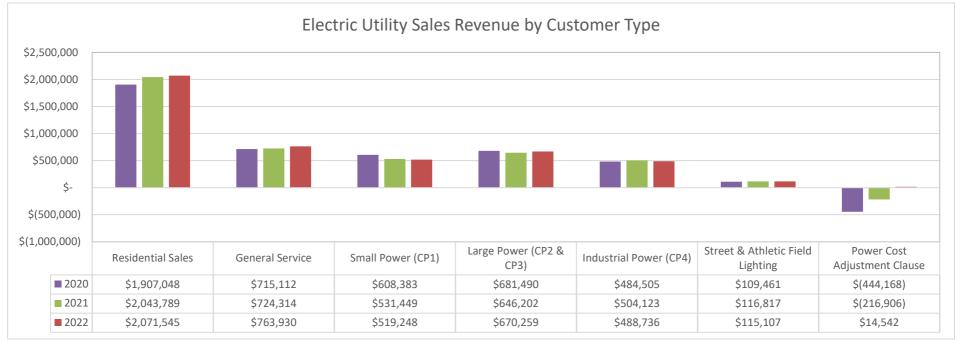
	Cu	rren	t Year to D	ate			P			
	Electric		Water		Total		Electric	Water		Total
\$	4,643,367	\$	600,482	\$	5,243,849		\$ 4,349,787	\$ 582,338	\$	4,932,125
\$	152,367	\$	296,380	\$	448,747		\$ 145,158	\$ 293,070	\$	438,228
\$	4,795,734	\$	896,862	\$	5,692,596		\$ 4,494,946	\$ 875,408	\$	5,370,353
	3,996,829		641,939		4,638,768		3,420,370	526,522		3,946,892
	385,545		153,355		538,899		376,756	167,413		544,168
	275,650		168,800		444,450		256,500	157,500		414,000
	4,658,023		964,094		5,622,117		4,053,626	851,435		4,905,061
\$	137,711	\$	(67,231)	\$	70,479		\$ 441,320	\$ 23,973	\$	465,293
	2,491		11,902		14,393		13,710	11,146		24,856
	27,841				27,841		29,427			29,427
	66,964		16,392		83,356		62,999	17,539		80,538
\$	45,397	\$	(71,722)	\$	(26,325)		\$ 362,604	\$ 17,579	\$	380,183

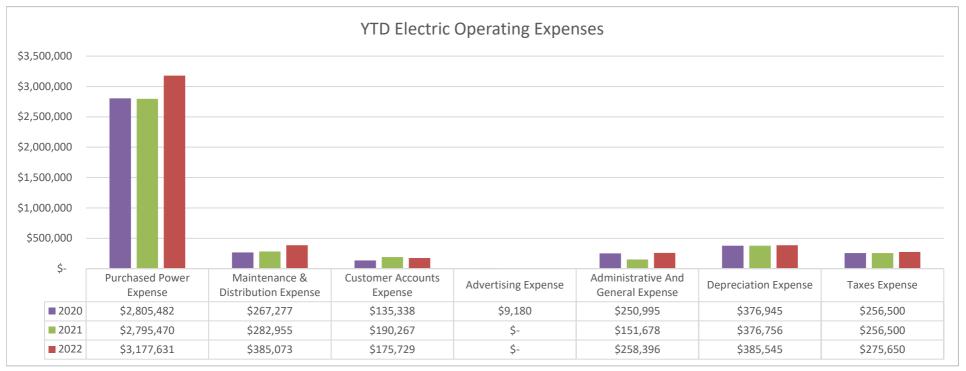
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	Electric	Water	Total
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3	5.0%	1.1%	2.4%
3	6.7%	2.5%	6.0%
2	16.9%	21.9%	17.5%
3	2.3%	(8.4%)	(1.0%)
)	7.5%	7.2%	7.4%
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3	(68.8%)		(84.9%)
5	(81.8%)	6.8%	(42.1%)
7	(5.4%)		(5.4%)
3	6.3%	(6.5%)	3.5%
3	(87.5%)		
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# Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission Electric Income Statement Year to Date for Months Ending February 2022, 2021, 2020

			2022 2021		2020		Remaining	
	Curi	rent Budget	YTD YTD		YTD		Budget	
Sales of Electricity								
Residential Sales	\$	11,298,000	\$	2,071,545	\$ 2,043,789	\$ 1,907,048	\$	9,226,455
General Service	\$	4,145,000	\$	763,930	\$ 724,314	\$ 715,112	\$	3,381,070
Small Power (CP1)	\$	3,220,000	\$	519,248	\$ 531,449	\$ 608,383	\$	2,700,752
Large Power (CP2 & CP3)	\$	4,270,000	\$	670,259	\$ 646,202	\$ 681,490	\$	3,599,741
Industrial Power (CP4)	\$	3,690,000	\$	488,736	\$ 504,123	\$ 484,505	\$	3,201,264
Street & Athletic Field Lighting	\$	642,500	\$	115,107	\$ 116,817	\$ 109,461	\$	527,393
Power Cost Adjustment Clause	\$	(275,000)	\$	14,542	\$ (216,906)	\$ (444,168)	\$	(289,542)
Total Sales of Electricity	\$	26,990,500	\$	4,643,367	\$ 4,349,787	\$ 4,061,831	\$	22,347,133
Other Operating Revenues								
Misc Service Revenues - Reconnect Fees	\$	30,000	\$	105	\$ =	\$ 140	\$	29,895
Rent From Electric Property	\$	274,000	\$	136,334	\$ 132,808	\$ 129,113	\$	137,666
Forfeited Discounts	\$	92,000	\$	15,608	\$ 12,031	\$ 13,605	\$	76,392
Other Electric Revenues	\$	3,500	\$	320	\$ 319	\$ 385	\$	3,180
Total Operating Revenues	\$	27,390,000	\$	4,795,734	\$ 4,494,946	\$ 4,205,074	\$	22,594,266
Operating Expenses								
Purchased Power Expense	\$	18,468,200	\$	3,177,631	\$ 2,795,470	\$ 2,805,482	\$	15,290,569
Maintenance & Distribution Expense	\$	1,659,000	\$	385,073	\$ 282,955	\$ 267,277	\$	1,273,927
Customer Accounts Expense	\$	776,200	\$	175,729	\$ 190,267	\$ 135,338	\$	600,471
Advertising Expense	\$	24,000	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 9,180	\$	24,000
Administrative And General Expense	\$	1,326,600	\$	258,396	\$ 151,678	\$ 250,995	\$	1,068,204
Depreciation Expense	\$	2,340,000	\$	385,545	\$ 376,756	\$ 376,945	\$	1,954,455
Taxes Expense	\$	1,463,364	\$	275,650	\$ 256,500	\$ 256,500	\$	1,187,714
Total Operating Expenses	\$	26,057,364	\$	4,658,023	\$ 4,053,626	\$ 4,101,717	\$	21,399,341
Operating Income	\$	1,332,636	\$	137,711	\$ 441,320	\$ 103,357	\$	1,194,925
Merchandise and Jobbing	\$	40,000	\$	(8,195)	\$ 993	\$ (3,031)	\$	48,195
Interest and Dividend Income	\$	703,900	\$	11,111	\$ 12,718	\$ 21,665	\$	692,789
Miscellaneous Non-Operating Income	\$	160,000	\$	(425)	\$ -	\$ 1,163	\$	160,425
Total Other Income Additions	\$	903,900	\$	2,491	\$ 13,710	\$ 19,796	\$	901,409
Interest Charges	\$	163,117	\$	27,841	\$ 29,427	\$ 32,241	\$	135,276
Other Income Deductions	\$	382,000	\$	66,964	\$ 62,999	\$ 62,316	\$	315,036
Total Net Income	\$	1,691,419	\$	45,397	\$ 362,604	\$ 28,596	\$	1,646,022

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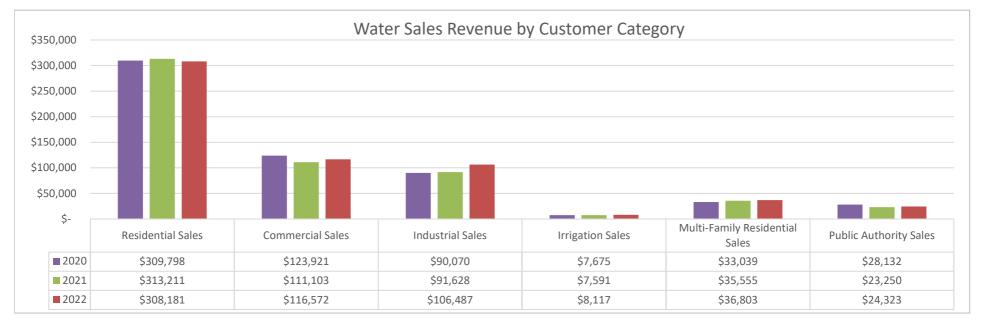


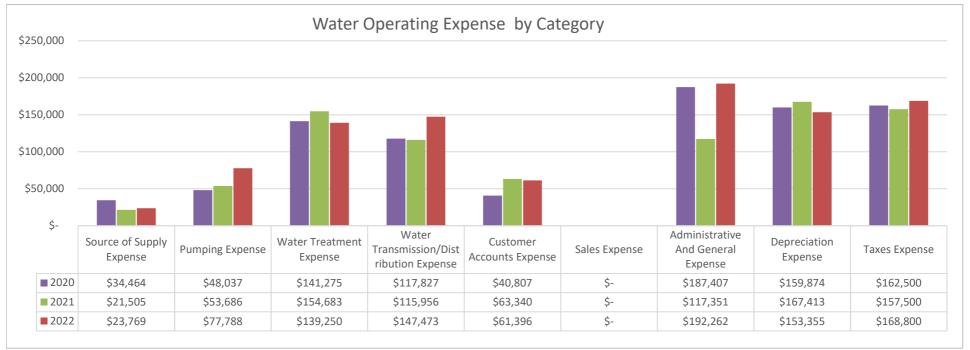


# Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission Water Income Statement Year to Date for Months Ending February 2022, 2021, 2020

			2022		2021		2020		Remaining	
	Curr	ent Budget	YTD	YTD YT		YTD	TD Budget			
Metered Sales of Water										
Residential Sales	\$	1,938,000	\$ 308,181	\$	313,211	\$	309,798	\$	1,629,819	
Commercial Sales	\$	763,000	\$ 116,572	\$	111,103	\$	123,921	\$	646,428	
Industrial Sales	\$	415,000	\$ 106,487	\$	91,628	\$	90,070	\$	308,513	
Irrigation Sales	\$	367,000	\$ 8,117	\$	7,591	\$	7,675	\$	358,883	
Multi-Family Residential Sales	\$	216,000	\$ 36,803	\$	35,555	\$	33,039	\$	179,197	
Public Authority Sales	\$	188,000	\$ 24,323	\$	23,250	\$	28,132	\$	163,677	
Total Sales of Water	\$	3,887,000	\$ 600,482	\$	582,338	\$	592,635	\$	3,286,518	
Other Operating Revenues										
Private Fire Protection	\$	58,000	\$ 9,540	\$	9,538	\$	9,685	\$	48,460	
Public Fire Protection	\$	1,305,000	\$ 212,493	\$	211,599	\$	208,159	\$	1,092,507	
Forfeited Discounts	\$	25,000	\$ 6,389	\$	5,668	\$	7,090	\$	18,611	
Miscellaneous Service Revenues	\$	2,000	\$ 420	\$	-	\$	700	\$	1,580	
Rent From Water Property	\$	87,000	\$ 14,811	\$	13,865	\$	13,468	\$	72,189	
Other Water Revenues	\$	78,000	\$ 52,728	\$	52,401	\$	52,971	\$	25,272	
Total Operating Revenues	\$	5,442,000	\$ 896,862	\$	875,408	\$	884,709	\$	4,545,138	
Operating Expenses										
Source of Supply Expense	\$	279,100	\$ 23,769	\$	21,505	\$	34,464	\$	255,331	
Pumping Expense	\$	248,100	\$ 77,788	\$	53,686	\$	48,037	\$	170,312	
Water Treatment Expense	\$	603,200	\$ 139,250	\$	154,683	\$	141,275	\$	463,950	
Water Transmission/Distribution Expense	\$	802,400	\$ 147,473	\$	115,956	\$	117,827	\$	654,927	
Customer Accounts Expense	\$	134,700	\$ 61,396	\$	63,340	\$	40,807	\$	73,304	
Sales Expense	\$	1,000	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,000	
Administrative And General Expense	\$	1,002,000	\$ 192,262	\$	117,351	\$	187,407	\$	809,738	
Depreciation Expense	\$	941,021	\$ 153,355	\$	167,413	\$	159,874	\$	787,666	
Taxes Expense	\$	913,886	\$ 168,800	\$	157,500	\$	162,500	\$	745,086	
Total Operating Expenses	\$	4,925,407	\$ 964,094	\$	851,435	\$	892,190	\$	3,961,313	
Operating Income	\$	516,593	\$ (67,231)	\$	23,973	\$	(7,481)	\$	583,824	
Merchandise and Jobbing	\$	1,500	\$ -	\$	93	\$	60	\$	1,500	
Interest and Dividend Income	\$	32,700	\$ 11,902	\$	11,053	\$	12,167	\$	20,798	
Miscellaneous Non-operating Income	\$	670,000	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	670,000	
Total Other Income Additions	\$	704,200	\$ 11,902	\$	11,146	\$	12,227	\$	692,298	
Other Income Deductions	\$	125,000	\$ 16,392	\$	17,539	\$	17,511	\$	108,608	
Total Net Income	\$	1,095,793	\$ (71,722)	\$	17,579	\$	(12,765)	\$	1,167,515	

# Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission Selected Water Utility Financial Charts Year to Date for Months Ending February 2022, 2021, 2020





#### Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission Electric and Water Utility Balance Sheet Balances as of February 2022 & 2021

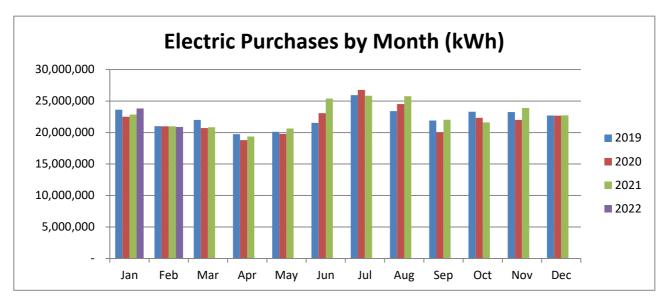
		2022			2021	
			Combined			Combined
	Electric Utility	Water Utility	Utilities	Electric Utility	Water Utility	Utilities
ASSETS						
Utility Plant	=					
Utility Plant in Service	66,438,509	45,809,525	112,248,034	64,398,318	44,875,706	109,274,024
Utility Plant in Service - Common	7,894,496	2,689,445	10,583,942	7,844,878	2,669,469	10,514,348
Property Held for Future Use	500	104,255	104,755	500	104,255	104,755
Construction Work in Progress	612,261	123,960	736,221	457,483	268,109	725,592
Total Utility Plant	74,945,767	48,727,185	123,672,952	72,701,179	47,917,540	120,618,719
Less: Accumulated Depreciation						
Accumulated Depreciation	(27,899,700)	(18,452,866)	(46,352,566)	(26,419,052)	(17,617,944)	(44,036,996)
Accumulated Depreciation - Common	(5,633,133)	(1,786,344)	(7,419,477)	(5,407,375)	(1,711,388)	(7,118,763)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(33,532,833)	(20,239,210)	(53,772,043)	(31,826,427)	(19,329,332)	(51,155,758)
Net Utility Plant	41,412,934	28,487,975	69,900,909	40,874,753	28,588,208	69,462,961
Current and Accrued Assets						
Cash	567,755	570,979	1,138,733	(221,531)	1,349,540	1,128,009
Working Funds	940	-	940	940	-	940
Rate Stabilization Deposit	501,577	-	501,577	507,168	-	507,168
Temporary Cash Investments	725,320	518,111	1,243,431	505,100	456,264	961,364
Customer Accounts Receivable	3,226,940	638,633	3,865,573	3,556,469	736,301	4,292,770
Other Accounts Receivable	187,118	407,735	594,854	256,306	523,284	779,590
Receivable From Municipality	10,207	-	10,207	27,866	-	27,866
Notes Receivable	500,000	-	500,000	500,000	-	500,000
Sewer Fee For Collections	-	315,367	315,367	-	309,138	309,138
Due To (From) Municipality	11,157	72,137	83,294	-	90,054	90,054
Plant Materials & Supplies	1,747,648	339,521	2,087,169	1,327,163	227,490	1,554,653
Stores Expense	30,939	22,963	53,902	24,102	19,475	43,576
Prepayments	306,793	60,494	367,287	375,945	(2,542)	373,403
Interest Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current and Accrued Assets	7,816,393	2,945,940	10,762,333	6,859,528	3,709,005	10,568,533
Other Investments						
Depreciation Fund	4,616,966	6,685,990	11,302,956	4,157,838	4,691,739	8,849,578
Other Investments	8,511,855	-	8,511,855	8,178,844	-	8,178,844
Other Special Funds	539,136	7,650	546,786	531,532	11,050	542,582
Total Other Investments	13,667,956	6,693,640	20,361,597	12,868,214	4,702,789	17,571,003
Deferred outflows of Resources						
Unamortized Debt Disc & Expense	483,638	-	483,638	552,387	-	552,387
Preliminary Survey & Investigation Charges	2,808	-	2,808	2,808	-	2,808
Clearing Accounts	31,673	18,618	50,291	15,661	(3,679)	11,982
Deferred Outflows Related To Pension	2,457,774	1,323,414	3,781,188	1,605,371	864,429	2,469,800
Misc Deferred Debits	259,260	139,549	398,809	207,385	95,107	302,493
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	3,235,153	1,481,581	4,716,734	2,383,612	955,857	3,339,470
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows	66,132,436	39,609,137	105,741,573	62,986,106	37,955,860	100,941,966

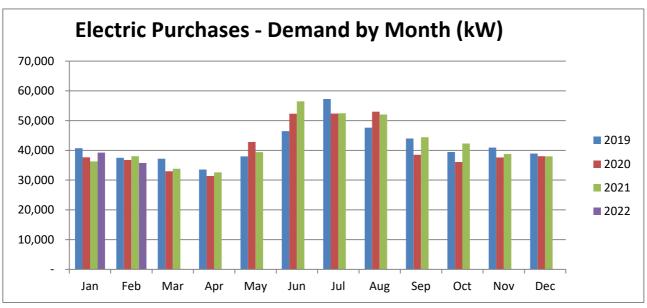
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		2022	Combined		2021	Combined
	Electric Utility	Water Utility	Utilities	Electric Utility	Water Utility	Utilities
LIABILITIES	,	,		,	,	
Current and Accrued Liabilities	_					
Accounts Payable	2,783,429	-	2,783,429	2,759,155	-	2,759,155
Payables To Municipality	-	(32)	(32)	-	-	-
Customer Deposits	429,560	-	429,560	412,329	-	412,329
Taxes Accrued	968,315	719,007	1,687,322	997,234	716,318	1,713,553
Interest Accrued	59,161	-	59,161	9,983	-	9,983
Tax Collections Payable	77,440	-	77,440	72,200	-	72,200
Misc Current And Accrued Liabilities	2,009,800	915,927	2,925,727	829,341	139,208	968,549
Total Current and Accrued Liabilities	6,327,704	1,634,902	7,962,607	5,080,242	855,527	5,935,769
Long Term Debt						
Long Term Debt - Bonds	4,515,000	-	4,515,000	4,515,000	-	4,515,000
PROPRIETARY CAPITAL						
Capital Paid In By Municipality	1,030,967	798,819	1,829,787	1,030,967	798,819	1,829,787
Retained Earnings	51,672,743	35,851,001	87,523,744	49,276,265	34,578,793	83,855,059
Total Proprietary Capital	52,703,710	36,649,820	89,353,531	50,307,233	35,377,613	85,684,845
Deferred Inflows of Resources						
Customer Advance For Construction	33,961	-	33,961	50,227	-	50,227
Wholesale Rate Refund & Public Benefits	330,244	-	330,244	295,730	-	295,730
Unamortized Premium On Debt	46,005	-	46,005	52,538	-	52,538
Other Deferred Credits	2,175,811	1,324,415	3,500,226	2,685,135	1,722,720	4,407,856
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,586,021	1,324,415	3,910,436	3,083,631	1,722,720	4,806,352
Total Liabilities, Equity and Def Inflows	66,132,436	39,609,137	105,741,573	62,986,106	37,955,860	100,941,966

## Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission Monthly Electric Purchases 2019-2022







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# INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT March 2021

# **Cyber Security**

Marco has finished their portion of the Multi-Factor Authentication set up. I am still working on the configuration of the workstation computers.

I have filled out all of the paperwork and applied to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to join their Cyber Hygiene program. This is a federal agency under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and their program is free for Local Government entities to provide cyber security services such as penetration testing and web application security testing. They prioritize their services based on national security needs and I have not heard back yet as to where we are on that list.

#### **Projects**

- 1. Cyber Security Multi-Factor Authentication
- 2. SCADA Server Replacement
- 3. Network Hardware Replacement
- 4. Cameras for Water Towers

Sincerely,

Matt Stormoen Information Systems Administrator



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# Conservation Manager Report March 2022

#### <u>Lincoln High School Reality Check</u>

Accompanied by Joanna Mack and Lynn Schroer, we participated in LHS Financial Literacy Simulation. Reality Check is a Personal Financial Literacy graduation course requirement. Students learn about budgeting, personal accounting, financial responsibility, and life choices while interacting with business and community members. Three hundred and ten LHS seniors were given a life scenario and moved between 20 booths making financial decisions to pay for necessities and wants. This simulation is unique in that it teaches students that they may have to reevaluate their financial decisions throughout their lives.

## **Farmland Management Services**

Back in 2020, a thorough load analysis was performed on all electric services at the cranberry marsh location. One of the recommendations was to exercise their variable frequency drives as much as their irrigation flow would allow. This was suggested mainly to shave Energy and Demand charges, however will also reduce motor maintenance costs. The Marsh Manager and I discussed when and how to exercise these pumps, primarily during off peak times, while operating their diesel generators for short periods rolling over to On-Peak hours. This discussion led to a change in practice having a positive impact on their power costs to this service. The result, allows them to move down a rate class being below 50 kW for a twelve month period. The new rate will eliminate all demand charges, while attaining an anticipated 40% reduction in power costs in upcoming years.

<u>Onsite Visits:</u> This month, partnered with Energy Advisors from Focus on Energy (FOE), we visited these industrial customers. Discussions focused on energy efficiency measures, best electric rate options, and FOE incentive money available for energy efficiency equipment.

- Mariani Cold Storage
- Mariani Packaging

- ECC Corrosion
- Matalco

Mariani Cold Storage – The cold storage facility was recently purchased from Mariani, and was essential to discuss the On-Peak Demand data to emphasize again the significance of cooling their three storage facilities during Off-Peak time periods. Running their process during Off-Peak times will reduce energy charges by 23% and would eliminate costly Demand Charges during this time period. The impact of this practice will offer a significant dollar savings considering their facility is one of our largest power users in our service territory. FOE will be assisting with the lighting program application/incentive for their original, oldest building that is the only building lacking LED fixtures.

**Mariani Packaging** – FOE will assist the packaging facility, to validate that their recently purchased LED fixtures will qualify for incentive money through the FOE Program. Program applications will be submitted when time allows for the fixtures to be installed in-house and the project is completed.

**ECC Corrosion** – The facility provides advanced fiberglass technologies and offers corrosion reduction services on equipment. The facility was built in 2008 and missed the era of LED lighting. A recommendation to replace all current T-8 lighting to LED lighting was highly recommended. The office area would replace the entire fixtures with a new LED fixture (incentive \$15/fixture). The shop area will have a custom incentive and will be based on the total energy savings. The FOE Program pays, (\$100/kW and \$0.04/kWh saved. This will lower their energy usage, maintenance costs, and offer a better work environment while increasing employee productivity and efficiency.

Due to new contracts in manufacturing over the road chemical tankers, it is a strong possibility the facility will be adding on to their existing building. They will be in contact with WW&LC and FOE if/when the project is put into motion, and we will assist with the New Construction Program incentives available, plus review the best rate option if applicable.

A further recommendation to switch to a Time of Day (TOD) rate was discussed. A load analysis was performed that confirmed a 6.5% energy cost savings to switch to TOD. This will be reviewed and potentially put on hold until they have more specifics with the added load, if they move forward with an expansion project.

**Matalco** – The Utility found it vital to have FOE Advisors become more familiar with their operation. This was mainly due to projecting future changes or expansion, considering the new facility is now running at peak capacity. During the visit we were pleased to catch the early constructions stages of their new

aluminum scrap storage building being added to the east side of their facility. We highly encouraged applications be filed ASAP to collect incentive money through the FOE New Construction Program offers.

Respectfully,

Shawn Reimer

Key Accounts/Conservation Manager



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# ELECTRICAL ENGINEER'S REPORT March, 2022

#### **SCADA PLC Upgrade Update**

I am currently waiting on a bench power supply (which will be coming this week) so I can do initial programming and testing on the new PLC's before we install them in the field. Todd and I went through the drawings and program logic to determine what needed to be changed. As of now, I have most of the program logic updated, and I will update the CAD drawings when we see how everything works after testing.

#### **Weekly Substation Checks**

Each week I have been driving out to each substation to do a security and maintenance check. These checks include walking the perimeter fences to check for breaches, checking transformers for oil leaks, and making sure there are no animal nests being formed on any of the equipment, etc. I also test the hydrogen gas alarms which will warn of hydrogen gas leaking from the back-up battery banks. The past few months have been quite uneventful, which I suspect is due to the winter weather. I will be keeping an eye out as the seasons change to make sure we don't have any rodents/birds nesting in our control houses.

Tyler Sneen
Electrical Engineer



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# DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND ELECTRIC OPERATIONS REPORT March, 2022

#### **Storeroom Clerk**

It was brought to the attention of Matt and I that our storeroom clerk, Roxane Nordbeck will be retiring at the end of April. Roxane has been with the company for 18 years and has done an excellent job managing this position for our company. We wish her all the best.

#### Main Building Generator and Other Electrical Equipment

Prices continue to rise and delivery dates continue to become extended for electrical equipment with no end in sight. I have been working with our suppliers for over a month now to lock in pricing for distribution transformers for 2023 and still do not have a quote so that I can order them. The cost of the 2023 project to install a new generator and automatic transfer switch for the main building has almost doubled in price and delivery since it was originally discussed last fall. In the 32 years I have been in the business, I have never experienced anything like this! Over half of the venders I am in contact with either do not return my phone calls or emails, or if they do, tell me material deliveries are over a year away.

# Todd Weiler, P.E.

Director of Engineering & Electric Operations



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# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT March, 2022

**Baker Tilly:** The Shawano GM and I had a conference call with Baker Tilly partners on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was scheduled for introductions and to discuss a potential GLU engagement. We requested a proposal to review/audit and recommend improvements to the GLU/Manitowoc accounting allocations for power supply services and capacity charges based off of MPU's 77 mW steam plant. The proposal was received a week later.

**Wisconsin Public Utility Institute:** I attended a WPUI Board meeting via zoom on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Board reviewed the 2021 attendance records for training and seminars. It also reviewed the financial results for 2021. Suggestions were made for potential new training programs.

**Great Lakes Utilities:** I attended several GLU conference calls and in-person meetings with the Manitowoc Utilities staff and their Commission to resolve power supply conflicts. A GLU Board of Directors meeting was held March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Wisconsin Rapids. At the GLU East Power Supply committee meeting, a motion was made to allow GLU East members to exit the MPU steam generation agreement for capacity as expeditiously as possible. A second motion was made for GLU to issue an RFP for power supply and management services as soon as possible (a committee was formed to develop the RFP) and concurrently with the RFP the committee will also assess the possibility of hiring GLU staff as a comparison to contracting out the services.

**Municipal Electric Utilities Nominating Committee:** An MEUW Nominating Committee meeting was held on March 31st. The committee reviewed and discussed potential MEUW members for the Executive Board and board member assignments. MEUW staff will reach to the slate of members selected for the various board assingments.

Jem Brown General Manager