



Utility Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

Roll Call

Notice of Open Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Nov 7, 2024
2. Utility Outage Reports:
Electrical Outage: October 26, 2024 - 9:28AM.
3. Approve the Utility Departments Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report - Discussion/Approval

Unfinished Business

4. Discussion and Approval of 2025 Electric Utility Operating Budget
5. Discussion and Approval of 2025 Water Utility Operating Budget
6. Discussion and Approval of 2025 Wastewater Utility Operating Budget
7. Rental of John Deere 624P for 2025 and Purchase in 2026 via CIP for WWTP

New Business

8. Annual Election of Commission Officers
9. Approval to Purchase (6) PT's for Substation #4
10. Authorization to withdraw funds from the Utility General Fund LGIP # 13 to pay off balance of Truck Loan with Farmer's and Merchants Bank per the payoff quote.

Reports

11. MEUW - November Live Lines

Adjourn

Next Columbus Utilities Commission Meeting: December 19, 2024 City Hall Council Chambers 105 N. Dickason Blvd

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.



Special Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 07, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

Michael Thom called the meeting to order at 8:48 pm.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Joe Hammer
Molly Finkler
Michael Thom
Reagan Rule
Brook Andler
Sandy Curtis

Notice of Open Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Hammer to postpone unfinished business until November 21, 2024, Seconded by Finkler.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Curtis, Seconded by Hammer.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

1. Approval of October 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Unfinished Business

2. Approval of 2025 Utilities Operating Budget
3. Rental of John Deere 624P for 2025 w/ intent to Purchase in 2026 via CIP for WWTP
4. Approval to Create and Hire a Senior Lineman for Columbus Electric Utility
5. Approval to Hire a Full Time Water Operator for Columbus Water Utility

Adjourn

6. Replacement of Park Ave Area Hydrants

Motion made by Finkler, Seconded by Hammer.
Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

Adjourn

Motion made by Finkler to adjourn at 8:52pm, Seconded by Hammer.
Voting Yea: Hammer, Finkler, Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

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7. Next Columbus Utilities Commission Meeting: November 21, 2024 6:00PM City Hall - Council Chambers

2024 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 11/21/2024

ITEM: October 26, 2024 - Electrical Outage – 5F/42/39

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

On October 26th, 2024 at 9:28AM an animal came into contact with equipment. This caused a fuse to blow inside the transformer due to equipment overload. Power was restored at 9:55AM, 3 customers were affected.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. Utility Electrical Outage Report 10/26/2024

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

1. Information Only

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT CUSTOMER OUTAGE REPORT

Item #2.

SUBSTATION ~~4~~ 2 CIRCUIT # ~~4~~ 201 DATE 10/26/2024
 LOCATION OF FUSE OR RECLOSER 5F/42/39
 CUSTOMER NAME OR LOCATION 5F/42/39
 REMARKS Squirrel blew fuse to transformer

PART THAT FAILED

- 0 None
- 1 Numerous
- 2 Other-note in remarks
- 3 Transmission equipment
- 4 Substation equipment
- O.H. DISTRIBUTION

- 10 Anchor or guy
- 11 Arrester
- 12 Conductor – Primary
- 13 “ – Secondary
- 14 Connector
- 21 Insulator
- 24 Metering equipment
- 25 Pole
- 26 Recloser
- 27 Riser or Jumper
- 28 Splice
- 29 Switch – GOAB
- 30 “ – Disc.
- 31 Cutout – Fused
- 32 Transformer – Line
- 33 Transformer – Potential

U.G. DISTRIBUTION

- 50 Arrester
- 51 Conductor – Primary
- 52 “ – Secondary
- 53 Connector – Bolted
- 54 “ – Comp.
- 55 “ – Elbow
- 56 “ – Splice
- 59 Terminator
- 60 Transformer – Pad Mount
- 61 Transformer – Bayonet Fuse
- 62 Metering Equipment

WEATHER

- 1 Normal
- 2 Wind
- 3 Thunderstorm
- 4 Rain
- 5 Rain and wind
- 6 Fog
- 7 Ice
- 8 Ice and wind
- 9 Snow
- 10 Extreme cold
- 11 Extreme heat
- 12 Extreme storm

CAUSE

- 0 Unknown
- 1 Loss of supply
- 2 Operating error
- 3 Circuit overload
- 4 Mis-coordination
- 5 Faulty installation
- 6 Lightning
- 7 Wind
- 8 Ice
- 9 Cold weather
- 10 Hot Weather
- 11 Moisture
- 12 Contamination
- 13 Fire
- 14 Extreme storm

FOREIGN OBJECTS

- 20 Vehicles
- 22 Trees – tore down
- 23 Trees – shorted
- 24 Animals
- 25 Birds
- 26 Underground dig in
- 27 Vandalism
- 28 Other

EQUIPMENT

- 30 Manufacturing defect
- 31 Equipment overload
- 32 Electrical failure
- 33 Worn out

(use 24 hour time)

TIME OFF 9:28am ON 9:55am

Number of Calls 1

Number of Customers	Minutes Duration
<u>3</u>	<u>35</u>

TRANSFORMER FAILURE

CWL# _____ KVA _____

MFG _____ AGE (est) _____

Serial # _____

Arrester ON / OFF Tank (circle one)

ARRESTOR FAILURE

MFR _____ Porc Polymer
 Riser Line Transformer
 (circle all that apply)

DEVICE THAT OPENED

Distribution

Main Feeder

Breaker _____ Counter _____

Targets _____

Branch Line

O.C.R. _____ Size _____

Fuse _____ Size _____

Transformer

Fuse 6amp Transf. Size _____

ROUTING (initial)

Responded By JB

Line Assisted By MM

Assisted By _____

Manager _____

Outage File _____

2024 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 11/21/2024

ITEM: Financial Reports

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Included in the Financial Reports are the Treasurer's Report and the Cash Disbursements Report.

The Accounts Payable Report will be sent via email the Wednesday before the Commission meeting.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. Treasurer's Report
2. The Cash Disbursements Report

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

1. Review and approve the Cash Disbursements Report and the Accounts Payable Report.

CITY OF COLUMBUS - COLUMBUS UTILITIES

TREASURER'S REPORT - OCTOBER 2024

Item #3.

GENERAL FUND (commingled cash) - ACCOUNT #1310

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$ 449,847.59
Receipts:	\$ 1,148,085.93
Interest Earned:	\$ 211.39
<i>Sub-total:</i>	<i>\$ 1,598,144.91</i>
Disbursements:	\$ (1,471,895.42)
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$ 126,249.49

NOTE: Conventional utility accounting standards recommend a balance equal to two month's expenses - approx. \$1,400,000 (LGIP & Checking).

UTILITY GENERAL FUND - LGIP #13 - ACCOUNT #1314

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$ 410,082.58
Receipts:	\$ 15,500.00
Interest Earned:	\$ 1,749.26
<i>Sub-total:</i>	<i>\$ 427,331.84</i>
Disbursements:	\$ -
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$ 427,331.84

MRB PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - LGIP #5 - ACCOUNT #1255

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$ 306,522.38
Receipts:	\$ 30,000.00
Interest Earned:	\$ 1,349.71
<i>Sub-total:</i>	<i>\$ 337,872.09</i>
Disbursements:	\$ -
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$ 337,872.09

NOTE: Transfers are made monthly to accrue sufficient funds to make May 1 and November 1 principal & interest payments.

CW&L RESERVE FUND - F&M - ACCOUNT #1251

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$ 340,422.56
Receipts:	\$ -
Interest Earned:	\$ -
<i>Sub-total:</i>	<i>\$ 340,422.56</i>
Withdrawal from CDAR :	\$ -
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$ 340,422.56

F&M Bank/CDAR 52 Week Certificate of Deposit:

\$170,211.28 Due June 2024 4.55%; \$170,211.28 Due December 2024 4.75%

E-3-P ENHANCED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM - F&M - ACCOUNT #1313

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$ 144,957.95
Receipts:	\$ -
Interest Earned (pd semi-annually May/Nov) :	\$ -
<i>Sub-total:</i>	<i>\$ 144,957.95</i>
Disbursements:	\$ (1,660.90)
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$ 143,297.05

CW&L DEPRECIATION - LGIP #6 - ACCOUNT #1266

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$ 841,982.38
Receipts:	\$ 5,000.00
Interest Earned:	\$ 3,530.12
<i>Sub-total:</i>	<i>\$ 850,512.50</i>
Disbursements:	\$ -
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$ 850,512.50

NOTE: Bond covenants require a "depreciation fund" with recommended balance of \$300,000 to cover plant renewals and replacements.

SEWER UTILITY - LGIP #4 - SEWER UTILITY GENERAL FUNDS

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$ 222,285.12
Receipts:	\$ -
Interest Earned:	\$ 928.93
<i>Sub-total:</i>	<i>\$ 223,214.05</i>
Disbursements:	\$ -
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$ 223,214.05

SEWER UTILITY - LGIP#11 - COLLECTION MAIN - REPLACEMENT

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$1,101,714.05
Receipts:	\$ -
Interest Earned:	\$4,604.08
<i>Sub-total:</i>	<i>\$ 1,106,318.13</i>
Disbursements:	\$ -
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$ 1,106,318.13

WWTP REPLACEMENT FUNDS - LGIP #9

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$ 247,811.62
Receipts:	\$ -
Interest Earned:	\$ 1,035.61
<i>Sub-total:</i>	<i>\$ 248,847.23</i>
Disbursements:	\$ -
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$ 248,847.23

SEWER UTILITY - LGIP #8 - BOND REDEMPTION/RESERVE

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$ 476,384.57
Receipts:	\$ -
Interest Earned:	\$ 1,990.82
<i>Sub-total:</i>	<i>\$ 478,375.39</i>
Disbursements:	\$ -
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$ 478,375.39

SEWER UTILITY - F&M SAVINGS - BOND REDEMPTION/RESERVE

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$ 214,085.90
Receipts:	\$ -
Interest Earned (pd semi-annually May/Nov) :	\$ -
<i>Sub-total:</i>	<i>\$ 214,085.90</i>
Disbursements:	\$ -
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$ 214,085.90

WWTP FALL RIVER RESTRICTED REPLACEMENT FUNDS - F&M CDARS

CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:	\$ 1,065,564.23
Receipts:	\$ -
Interest Earned:	\$ -
<i>Sub-total:</i>	<i>\$ 1,065,564.23</i>
Withdrawal from CDAR :	\$ -
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$ 1,065,564.23

F&M Bank/CDAR (2) - Interest paid out and deposited to Checking

Local Gov't. Investment Pool	4.93%	F&M Union Bank-Checking/Savings	0.5% / 0.75%
Farmers & Merchants Bank - CDARS	4.75% to 5.25%		

COLUMBUS UTILITIES
CASH DISBURSEMENTS REPORT
OCTOBER, 2024

DATE		CHECK #	MEMO	AMOUNT	12-Nov-24
17-Oct	23972		ACE HARDWARE	\$671.07	SHIPING, WATER SAMPLES, MISC FASTENERS, RAKE BOW FIBER, PRIMER AND PAINTBRUSHES, TIDE, BATTERY, VINEGAR
17-Oct	23973		AMBUSH PEST CONTROL	\$130.00	
17-Oct	23974		AQUAFIX	\$2,716.04	BEE REMOVAL ON GARAGE, SUBSTATION CONTROL
17-Oct	23975		CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY	\$550.43	GREASEZILLA LIQUID
17-Oct	23976		CITIES & VILLAGES MUTUAL INSURANCE	\$300.00	WP#1 YEARLY LEASE
17-Oct	23977		CITY OF COLUMBUS	\$249,318.54	TRAINING CLASSES
17-Oct	23978		CORE & MAIN LP	\$5,404.75	MONTHLY PILOT PAYMENT, SALARIES, PHONE USE REIMBURSEMENT, DUMPSTERS, R&M INVOICES, BOARDMAN & CLARK, CUSTODIAN WAGES, LOAN INTEREST
17-Oct	23979		CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$81.00	3" METER (1), HYDRANT MAINT, NIPPLES FOR CUSTOMER METERS, 2" METERHEAD
17-Oct	23980		DAVY LABORATORIES	\$980.00	RENT 10/1-10/31/2024, REGENERATION CHARGE
17-Oct	23981		DIGGERS HOTLINE, INC	\$92.80	SOWA LEAD/COPPER (20)
17-Oct	23982		DREXEL BUILDING SUPPLY	\$24.72	LOCATING EXP
17-Oct	23983		EGGERS IMPRINT, LLC	\$4,201.24	2X4'S FOR CONCRETE
17-Oct	23984		ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING	\$2,000.00	ENERGY INCENTIVE-LED UPGRADE
17-Oct	23985		FOREST LANDSCAPING	\$343,480.00	ACUTE AND CHRONIC WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING
17-Oct	23986		GRAINGER, INC	\$125.61	MEISTER PARK & WATERLOO STREET LIFT STATION UPGRADES
17-Oct	23987		HAWKINS	\$2,542.22	Y STRAINER(1), NIPPLE RED BRASS (3), FITTING UNION (2)
17-Oct	23988		HYDROCORP, LLC	\$929.00	WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS
17-Oct	23989		ICS MEDICAL ANSWERING SERVICE	\$238.05	Cross Connection Control Program
17-Oct	23990		INFOSEND, INC	\$1,820.92	PHONE ANSWERING SERVICE
17-Oct	23991		JACOB HOLBERT	\$2,717.27	UTILITY BILL PRINTING AND MAILING, BILL INSERT
17-Oct	23992		LEE MECHANICAL, INC	\$2,370.00	HURRANCE SUPPLIES, WADERS FOR WASTEWATER
17-Oct	23993		LYCON, INC	\$1,232.00	COLUMBUS UTILITIES OVERFLOW REHAB
17-Oct	23994		MADISON GRAPHICS	\$5,200.00	CONCRETE BY ADMIN BUILDING
17-Oct	23995		MARCUS KIM & XAI CHANG	\$197.98	NEW LOGO FOR TRUCK
17-Oct	23996		MCMMASTER-CARR SUPPLY CO	\$340.52	REFUND OVER PAID UTILITIES
17-Oct	23997		MERLE NOREN	\$238.86	HYDRANT MAINT, FLAGS, HYDRANT MAIN
17-Oct	23998		MID-STATE EQUIPMENT, INC	\$70.89	BOOT AND CLOTHES REIMBURSEMENT
17-Oct	23999		MIDWEST TESTING, LLC	\$1,645.00	UTV MAINT.
17-Oct	24000		MILLENNIUM	\$5,735.00	IN-LINE WATER METER TESTING
17-Oct	24001		NORTH CENTRAL LABORATORIES	\$122.53	CONDUIT
17-Oct	24002		OPENPOINT	\$1,250.00	GRADUATED CYLINDER W/ BLUE SCAL, PIPET, SEROLOGICAL
17-Oct	24003		PACKERLAND RENT-A-MAT, INC	\$522.79	MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION/CONSULTING
17-Oct	24004		PUBLIC SERVICE COMM OF WI	\$10,561.38	CLOTHS, MATS, TOILET TISSUE, URINAL REFILLS, LAUNDRY BAGS, PAPERTOWEL
17-Oct	24005		PURE WATER LABS, LLC	\$810.00	REQUEST TO UPDATE STREET LIGHTING TIER/F, REMAINDER ASSESSMENT & ADVANCE
17-Oct	24006		RUEKERT & MIELKE, INC	\$18,509.74	VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS SAMPLE, SEMI VOLATILE ORGANIC COMOUNDS
17-Oct	24007		STUART C. IRBY CO	\$1,432.00	GENERAL SERVICES, 2024 FIS ANNUAL SERVICES, WATER PLANT #1 RESERVOIR CONTROL SETPOINTS, WPDES PERMIT RENEWAL SERVICES, SEWER UTILITY SER
17-Oct	24008		VC3, INC	\$266.50	TRANSFORMERS LUG (12), 6 CONDUITOR PEDESTAL CONNECTOR (50)
17-Oct	24009		WI STATE LABORATORY OF HY	\$29.00	NETWORK SECURITY/FIREWALL/IC/SUB
17-Oct	24010		WISCONSIN COPY & BUSINESS	\$46.02	MONTHLY FLUORIDE TEST
17-Oct	24011		WRIGHT PLUMBING	\$279.58	USAGE CHARGES
			SUBTOTAL	\$668,963.45	SEWER MACHINE RENT, LABOR
					ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LIST APPROVED AT OCTOBER MEETING
01-Oct	ACH		Farmers & Merchants Union Bank	\$55.00	NSF Fees
03-Oct	ACH -3984		Payment Service Network	\$3,258.50	Customer Payment Fee
03-Oct	ACH -3991		BP	\$1,513.83	FUEL
18-Oct	ACH -3962		Charter Communications	\$89.99	Internet Service for Admin Building
18-Oct	ACH -3964		Charter Communications	\$119.98	Internet Service for Electric SCADA
22-Oct	ACH -3965		Charter Communications	\$32,296.80	WASTEWATER SPECTRUM
04-Oct	ACH		CWL Net Payroll	\$11,665.41	Net Payroll for 1st Payroll in October #20
04-Oct	ACH -3945		EFTPS	\$1,727.50	FICA/MED/FED Withholding Payroll #20
04-Oct	ACH -3946		WI Deferred Comp Board	\$1,773.71	Payroll Deferral Billing for Payroll #20
04-Oct	ACH -3947		Wisconsin Department of Revenue	\$92.22	State Withholding Payroll #20
07-Oct	ACH -3979		US Cellular	\$381.89	CELL PHONE CHARGES WASTEWATER
16-Oct	ACH -3980		US Cellular	\$30,000.00	Cell Phone Charges
15-Oct	ACH		Investment Pool	\$5,000.00	September Bond Interest Payment
15-Oct	ACH		Investment Pool	\$15,500.00	September Depreciation Payment
07-Oct	ACH -3966		FP Mail	\$81.18	Transfer into LGIP #13 General Fund
07-Oct	ACH -3967		FP MAIL	\$700.00	RENTAL FEE
22-Oct	ACH -3972		WE Energies	\$16.07	POSTAGE
22-Oct	ACH -3973		WE Energies	\$27.02	Natural Gas Service for CWL Admin Building
22-Oct	ACH -3969		WE Energies	\$11.34	Natural Gas Service for Water Plant #2
22-Oct	ACH -3970		WE Energies	\$10.17	WESTSIDE SEWAGE LIFT
22-Oct	ACH -3971		WE Energies	\$11.34	WASTEWATER
22-Oct	ACH -3974		WI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$2,403.57	GENERATOR ON JAMES ST
11-Oct	ACH -3975		Wisconsin Department of Revenue	\$20,557.75	GROSS REVENUE LICENSE FEE
17-Oct	ACH -3957		Brook Andler	\$50.00	September Sales and Use Tax
17-Oct	ACH -3958		Michael Thom	\$50.00	Commission Salary for October
17-Oct	ACH -3959		Regan Rule	\$50.00	Commission Salary for October
17-Oct	ACH -3960		Sandra Curtis	\$50.00	Commission Salary for October
18-Oct	ACH -3963		Cintas	\$52.65	First Aid Supplies for October

2024 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 11/21/2024

ITEM: Discussion and Approval of 2025 Electric Utility Operating Budget

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

2025 Electric Utility Operating Budget requested changes were made. The budget was adjusted, the hiring of an additional Journeyman Lineman was removed and the Department was brought in with a positive Net for 2025.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. 2025 Electric Utility Operating Budget

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Discussion and approval of the 2025 Electric Utility Operating Budget



November 14, 2024

Note #	Version #2 No Staff Added Comments
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| 1 | Our latest electric rate increase went into effect 2/29/2024.
Our latest water rate increase went into effect 2/1/2024.
Our latest wastewater rate increase went into effect 11/1/2022. |
| 2 | Sewer Rate Case values were placed based on Workshop Session and Adjustment to Septage Receiving. Goal of being Net Positive. |
| 3 | No Additional Employees are added to Budget. |
| 4 | 2025 Budget prepared with a 83% Increase for ALL Utility Wages. |
| 7 | AT&T & Charter Pole Attachments were increased by 25%, per contracts. |
| 8 | ACEC capacity payment of \$29,400 is expected in 2025 for Sub # 4. |
| 9 | School Benefits maintained due to Jacob Boness and Mason Mosher being in the Apprenticeship Program. |
| 10 | Proposed capital projects and correlating debt issuance funds are shown. |
| 11 | ATC Dividends are included in Electric Interest Income. |
| 12 | A increase of 2% in purchased power cost is anticipated in 2025. |

COLUMBUS UTILITIES
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

2025 Budget FINAL version 2 NO Operators Added

	Electric	Water	Wastewater	Total Utilities
Net Income	\$ 18,967	\$ 32,444	\$ 26,134	\$ 77,545
Add:				
Proceeds from 2025 revenue debt issue	4,402,673	1,352,626	2,297,837	8,053,136
Depreciation & Amortization (net)	565,806	340,175	406,843	1,312,824
Less:				
Capital additions	(4,402,673)	(1,352,626)	(2,297,837)	(8,053,136)
Debt principle payments	(520,643)	(140,000)	(321,172)	(981,815)
Net Cash Flow	\$ 64,129	\$ 232,619	\$ 111,805	\$ 408,554

Utility W/E - LGIP \$410,000 Cash Reserve
Bond Reserves - \$300,000 Required - \$540,000 Plant Renewal & Replacement Surplus

2025 Budget - Capital Projects and Additions (TO BE BONDED)

November 14, 2024

Sewer Utility Needs for FY 2025

Item	Cost	Comments
1 Vehicle Equipment	\$ 149,267.00	Hoist Truck for Sewer Utility
2 Pretreatment Study	\$ 100,000.00	Study and Implementation of Pretreatment Program including Grease Trap inspections etc.
3 Collection System Jet/Repair/etc.	\$ 300,000.00	Repair work on 20% of collection system; jetting, televising, lining, grout work, etc.
4 Birdsey Lift Station	\$ 75,000.00	PLC/SCADA control Panel, carryover from 2024 requests
5 Scum Pumps & Flanges	\$ 100,000.00	Replacement of all scum/sump pumps in WWTP and flanges that are worn including piping.
6 Sand Filter Rehab	\$ 450,000.00	Isolation Valves, Sand Replacement, other repair work/engineering
7 River Level Meter & Effluent Sampling	\$ 60,000.00	New Sample location and sampling process needed for Effluent Samples as well as river level meter.
8 SCADA System Upgrades	\$ 75,000.00	2024 carryover, Extent of Project not known (may be incorporated with Birdsey & PLC/Fiber Project)
9 Biosolids Handling/Project Design/Planning	\$ 703,570.00	Engineering and design portion of project to begin construction in 2026.
SUB TOTAL	\$ 2,012,837.00	

Water Utility Needs for FY 2025

Item	Cost	Comments
1 WP #2 MCC Replacement	\$ 283,379.00	MCC Electrical Buckets and Panel Replacement
2 WP#2 Softener Recon	\$ 298,906.00	Recondition the Zeolite Softeners
3 WP#2 Softener Repaint	\$ 135,651.00	Repaint the interior of the Vessels
4 WP#2 Iron Filter Automated Backwash	\$ 293,000.00	Replace manual system with automated system to reduce waste and increase efficiency
5 WP#2 Dehumidifier 1 of 4 Replacement	\$ 18,164.00	Dehumidifier #1
6 Site Investigation and Site Selection	\$ 42,436.00	Future Water Plant Site Identification
7 Future Plant Land Acquisition	\$ 106,090.00	Purchase of Land for Future Plant
SUB TOTAL	\$ 1,177,626.00	

Electric Utility Needs for FY 2025

Item	Cost	Comments
1 Reconnect Padmount Step-Down	\$ 10,000.00	Unit on Ludington & HWY 89 should be reconnected so it is ready to serve load
2 Complete 4.16kV conversion	\$ 3,300,000.00	Covert the remainder of the 4.16kV to 12.47kV via contract and done before failure of Substation #1.
3 Decommission Substation #1	\$ 10,000.00	Turn Off and scrap Substation #1. Scrap value may be less than disposal costs.
4 Sell Pad Mount Step-Downs	\$ (45,000.00)	These Transformers are useful to other Utilities going through conversion.
5 Hospital Expansion Project Equipment Order	\$ 320,000.00	Equipment needed to perform hospital work in 2026.
6 Substation #2 SCADA Connection	\$ 10,000.00	Carryover from 2024
7 Transformers (Stock and hospital Project)	\$ 720,750.00	Purchased for Hospital project as well as inventory needs in our yard.
8 2025 Ford F350 Super Crew Utility Truck	\$ 76,923.00	Replacement for Truck #32.
SUB TOTAL	\$ 4,402,673.00	

Combined Utility Needs for FY 2025

Item	Cost	Comments
1 Wastewater Portion Streets Projects	\$ 110,000.00	2025 Steets Construction Projects Wastewater Portion
2 Water Portion Streets Projects	\$ 175,000.00	2025 Streets Construction Projects Water Portion
3 PLC/Fiber Installation Upgrade	\$ 175,000.00	City Wide Install of updated comms cable.
SUB TOTAL	\$ 460,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,053,136.00	

2025									
Employee	Employment Status	Annual Hours	Budgeted Overtime Hours	2024 Hourly Wage	2024 Annual Salary or Wages	Proposed Increase	2025 Hourly Wage	2025 Annual Salary or Wages	
Director	FT	2080	0	\$ 57.69	\$ 120,000.00	3%	\$ 59.42	\$ 123,595	
Superintendent Business Mgr	FT	2080	0	\$ 46.95	\$ 97,656	3%	\$ 48.36	\$ 100,586	
Billing Clerk	FT	2080	0	\$ 24.15	\$ 50,232	3%	\$ 24.87	\$ 51,739	
Accounting Clerk	FT	2080	0	\$ 31.50	\$ 65,520	3%	\$ 32.45	\$ 67,486	
Totals:					\$ 333,408			\$ 343,405	
					\$ 1,405,431.48		2025 wages	\$ 1,493,355.68	
							2024 wages	\$ 1,405,431.48	
							Increase	\$ 87,924.19	

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ELECTRIC 2025				CIP/PROJECTS	
	Bond	2025 F350 UTILITY TRUCK PURCHASE (Ehlers)	\$ (76,923)		(\$4,325,750)
	30-594-20-0000	Trench Box large plus braces	\$ 9,720		(\$76,923)
	30-580-20-0000	MEUW (\$6,000 additional)	\$ 14,950		\$3,240
	30-932-20-0000	Snow Blower	\$ 1,500		\$10,984
	30-930-20-9351	RAIN GEAR PPE/SAFETY BUDGET	\$ 5,870		\$750
	30-932-20-0000	Shop Sweeper	\$ 480		\$5,870
	30-589-00-0000	Bobcat Hydraulic Breaker	\$ 13,300		\$240
	30-589-00-0000	Bobcat E48 w 18"30" & Ripper	\$ 78,298		\$1,995
	30-589-00-0000	Bobcat Skidsteer Rental	\$ 3,000		\$11,745
	30-583-20-0000 & 30-584-20-0000	REPAIRS TO ELECTRIC UTILITY TRAILERS 50/50	\$ 21,358		\$1,500
	30-594-20-0000	POPUP HUB FOR WORKING IN RAIN	\$ 1,200		\$21,358
	30-588-20-5881	TOOLS	\$ 25,000		\$1,200
	30-583-20-0000	POLES	\$ 18,000		\$15,000
	30-584-20-0000	PIPING/CONDUIT	\$ 30,000		\$18,000
	30-583-20-0000 & 30-584-20-0000	WIRE 50/50 Split	\$ 50,000		\$25,000
	30-583-20-0000 & 30-584-20-0000	FITTINGS/FUSES 50/50 Split	\$ 35,000		\$45,000
	30-588-20-5881	MAINT SUPPLIES MISC SUPPLIES	\$ 10,000		\$30,000
	30-921-20-0000	PRINTER/COPY MACHINE CONTRACT w/Rhyme	\$ 5,184		\$5,000
		BUDGET TOTAL "PROJECTS " ELECTRIC 2025			\$1,728
		CIP TOTAL ELECTRIC 2025			\$198,610
					(\$4,402,673)

2025 Reconnect Padmount Step-down
2025 Complete 4.16kV Conversion
2025 Decommission Sub #1
2025 Sell Pad Mount Step-downs
2025 Hospital Work Equipment Order
2025 Substation #2 SCADA Connection
Utility Truck
Transformers

15%
15%

New Operator adds \$200,975 in Salary Expense

BOND AMOUNT - \$4,402,673

COLUMBUS LIGHT DEPARTMENT
Electric Revenue and Expenses
Projected 2024 Year End for 2025 Budget

OPERATING REVENUES

	Thru July			Expected		Budget		2025 Budget vs 2024 Expected	Budget	% Budget Increase
	Actual	Actual	YTD	2024	2024	2024	2025			
Sales of Electricity										
Residential Sales (440)	2,529,254	2,378,917	1,836,619		2,448,825	2,514,793		1.90%	2,495,263	-0.78%
Commercial Sales (442) GS = <50 KW for 3 consec months	964,742	938,479	690,754		921,005	847,253		7.81%	992,969	17.20%
Small Power Sales (443) CP - 1 = demand <200 KW	963,229	840,404	634,501		846,002	841,881		5.11%	889,251	5.63%
Large Power Sales (443-82) CP-2 = demand <1000 KW	841,592	813,640	627,351		836,468	915,658		10.81%	926,873	1.22%
Industrial Power Sales (443-83) CP-3 = demand >1000 KW	2,823,105	2,528,744	2,090,349		2,787,131	2,795,636		2.66%	2,861,288	2.35%
Public Street Lighting (444-91)	119,713	121,412	93,912		125,216	120,550		1.64%	127,273	5.58%
Athletic Field Lighting (444-92)	1,202	1,129	1,107		1,476	1,000		10.07%	1,625	62.50%
Interdepartmental Sales (448)	13,486	12,734	7,819		10,426	9,000		-4.08%	10,000	11.11%
Total Sales Electricity	8,256,323	7,635,459	5,982,412		7,976,549	8,045,771		3.95%	8,304,542	3.22%

Other Operating Revenues

Forfeited Discounts (450)	8,293	8,500	8,137		10,850	8,500		-17.05%	9,000	5.88%
Rents From Electric Property (454)	70,058	71,350	50,998		67,997	72,600		6.77%	72,600	0.00%
Other Electric Revenues (456)	9,054	5,875	4,926		6,568	5,875		-23.87%	5,000	-14.89%
Total Other Operating Revenues	87,405	85,725	64,061		85,415	86,975		1.39%	86,600	-0.43%
Total Operating Revenues	8,343,728	7,721,184	6,046,472		8,061,963	8,132,746		3.92%	8,391,142	3.18%

OPERATING EXPENSES

Operation and Maintenance Expenses										
Purchased Power (555)	6,613,233	5,963,618	4,555,070		5,336,492	6,250,250		19.27%	6,364,872	1.83%
Distribution Expenses	229,622	293,389	229,427		278,158	246,600		28.99%	358,800	45.50%
Customer Accounts Expenses	108,692	102,935	84,062		111,760	109,325		4.22%	116,477	6.54%
Sales Expenses	63,845	125,255	32,968		40,657	27,400		-19.07%	32,905	20.09%
Administrative and General Expenses	316,406	746,192	662,291		793,545	538,402		4.48%	829,080	53.99%
Taxes (Non-Tax Equivalent)	46,684	48,718	27,681		27,681	48,718		68.65%	46,684	-4.18%
Total Operation and Maint. Expenses	7,378,482	7,280,107	5,591,498		6,588,293	7,220,695		17.61%	7,748,819	7.31%
Depreciation Expense (403) - Utility Financed	447,109	505,551	310,000		513,339	513,339		-1.00%	508,206	-1.00%
Depreciation Expense (403) - CIAC	53,356	56,138	40,000		55,000	-		9.09%	60,000	100.00%
Taxes (Tax Equivalent) (408)	234,780	262,657	238,517		271,112	281,464		10.89%	300,648	6.82%
Total Operating Expenses	8,113,727	8,104,453	6,180,015		7,427,744	8,015,498		16.02%	8,617,672	7.51%
Net Operating Income	230,001	(383,269)	(133,543)		634,220	117,248		-135.72%	(226,530)	-293.21%

NON-OPERATING REVENUES

Merchandising & Jobbing Revenue (415)	802	-	-		-	-		0.00%	-	0.00%
Merchandising & Jobbing Expense (416)	(4,750)	(1,003)	-		-	-		0.00%	-	0.00%
Interest Income (419)	55,075	101,449	74,803		99,737	34,550		-6.76%	93,000	169.18%
Other Income Deductions (426)	0	-	-		-	(575)		#DIV/0!	-	-100.00%
Interest Expense (427 & 430)	(13,100)	(10,100)	(8,700)		(8,640)	(15,250)		118.78%	(18,903)	23.95%
Amortization of Debt Discount & Expenses (428)	2,760	2,568	1,826		2,460	-		0.00%	2,400	0.00%
Other Non-Operating Income (421)	119,220	11,340	-		2,000	2,000		8350.00%	169,000	8350.00%
Total Non-Operating (Income)/Expense	160,008	104,255	67,929		95,557	20,725		156.91%	245,497	1084.55%
INCOME/(LOSS)	390,010	(279,015)	(65,614)		729,777	137,973		-97.40%	18,967	-86.25%

COLUMBUS LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Detailed Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses
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Projected 2024 Year End for 2025 Budget													Thru Sept	
	Actual 2021	Actual 12/31/2022 2022	Actual 12/31/2023 2023	YTD 12/31/2024 2024	Expected 2024	Budget 12/31/2024 2024	2025 Budget vs 2024 Expected	Budget 2025	% Budget Increase					
30-440-61-0000	Residential Sales - Total	1,078	-	-	2,448,825	2,514,793	2%	2,495,263	-1%					
30-440-61-0010	Residential Sales - City	2,351,744	2,300,057	1,877,540	-	-								
30-440-61-0011	Residential Sales PCAC - City	98,311	6,761	(96,898)	-	-								
30-440-61-0012	Res Sales Renew Engy - City	3,139	3,491	2,554	-	-								
30-440-61-0020	Residential Sales - Twn Clumbs	5,115	4,668	3,878	-	-								
30-440-61-0021	Residential Sales PCAC - TofC	370	48	(171)	-	-								
30-440-61-0030	Residential Sales Town of Elba	66,893	63,823	52,519	-	-								
30-440-61-0031	Residential Sales PCAC - TofE	2,604	69	(2,802)	-	-								
30-442-71-0010	S C/I Sales City1Ph	366,081	344,805	289,917	921,005	847,253	8%	992,969	17%					
30-442-71-0011	S C/I City1Ph PCAC	13,266	(462)	(16,428)	-	-								
30-442-71-0012	S C/I City1Ph Renew Engy	48	48	36	-	-								
30-442-71-0020	S C/I Town of Columbus	-	-	-	-	-								
30-442-71-0030	S C/I Town of Elba 1Ph	1,884	2,369	2,013	-	-								
30-442-71-0031	S C/I Town of ELba 1 Ph PCAC	(19)	(15)	(84)	-	-								
30-442-72-0010	S C/I Sales City 3Ph	551,738	581,911	432,807	-	-								
30-442-72-0011	S C/I City 3Ph PCAC	19,677	(1,491)	(25,959)	-	-								
30-442-72-0012	S C/I City 3Ph Renewal Energy	744	744	558	-	-								
30-442-72-0030	S C/I Town of Elba 3Ph	9,782	9,371	7,402	-	-								
30-442-72-0031	S C/I Town of Elba 3Ph PCAC	163	(119)	(548)	-	-								
30-442-93-0010	S C/I Security Lights City	1,369	1,325	1,058	-	-								
30-442-93-0011	S C/I Scurity Light City PCAC	9	(6)	(18)	-	-								
30-443-81-0010	Lg C/I Sales Small Pwr CP-1	920,001	843,074	681,592	846,002	841,881	5%	889,251	6%					
30-443-81-0011	Lg C/I Small Power CP-1 PCAC	42,028	(3,870)	(47,991)	-	-								
30-443-81-0012	Lg C/I Sml Pwr CP-1 Renew Engy	1,200	1,200	900	-	-								
30-443-82-0010	Lg C/I Sales Large Power CP-2	754,822	765,689	648,222	836,468	915,658	11%	926,873	1%					
30-443-82-0011	Lg C/I Large Power CP-2 PCAC	40,408	(994)	(43,974)	-	-								
30-443-82-0030	Lg C/I Sales Large Power Elba	45,819	48,946	23,103	-	-								
30-443-82-0031	Lg Commer and Indust Sales PCA	543	(1,253)	(832)	-	-								
30-443-83-0010	Lg Commer and Indust Sales Ind	2,667,853	2,536,713	2,261,548	2,787,131	2,795,636	3%	2,861,288	2%					
30-443-83-0011	Lg Commer and Indust Sales PCA	150,272	(11,696)	(174,103)	-	-								
30-443-83-0012	Lg Commer and Indust Sales Ren	4,980	4,980	3,735	-	-								
30-444-91-0010	Public Str and Hwy Lighting Ci	116,768	119,386	93,582	125,216	120,550	2%	127,273	6%					
30-444-91-0011	Public Str and Hwy Lighting PC	579	(284)	(1,303)	-	-								
30-444-91-0030	Public Str and Hwy Lighting EI	2,328	2,327	1,692	-	-								

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COLUMBUS LIGHT DEPARTMENT
Detailed Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses
Projected 2024 Year End for 2025 Budget

Projected 2024 Year End for 2025 Budget									
Thru Sept									
	Actual 2021	Actual 12/31/2022	Actual 12/31/2023	YTD 12/31/2024	Expected 2024	Budget 12/31/2024	2025 Budget vs 2024 Expected	Budget 2025	% Budget Increase
30-444-91-0031		38	(17)	(59)		-			
Public Str and Hwy Lighting PC									
30-444-92-0010		1,079	1,102	1,129	1,476	1,000	10%	1,625	63%
Public Str and Hwy Lighting At									
30-444-92-0011		123	27	(22)		-			
Public Str and Hwy Lighting PC									
30-448-95-0010		13,088	12,856	8,681	10,426	9,000	-4%	10,000	11%
Interdepartmental Sales City									
30-448-95-0011		398	(122)	(862)		-			
Interdepartmental Sales PCAC -									
Total Sales Electricity		8,256,326	7,635,459	5,982,412	7,976,549	8,045,771		8,304,542	
30-450-00-0000		-	-	-	10,850	8,500	-17%	9,000	6%
Forfeited Discs									
30-450-00-0010		7,974	7,462	7,871		-			
Forfeited Discs Forfeited Disc									
30-450-00-0020		13	1	-		-			
Forfeited Discs Forfeited Disc									
30-450-00-0030		306	254	266		-			
Forfeited Discs Forfeited Disc									
30-454-00-0000		70,058	71,341	50,998	67,997	72,600	7%	72,600	0%
Rent from Elect Prop									
30-454-00-0001		-	-	-		-			
Rent from Elect Prop Pole Rent									
30-454-00-0002		-	-	-		-			
Rent from Elect Prop Pole Rent									
30-454-00-0003		-	-	-		-			
Rent from Elect Prop Other Ren									
30-456-00-0000		8,105	5,713	3,795	5,060	5,875	-1%	5,000	-15%
Oth Elect Rev									
30-456-00-4560		-	-	-		-			
Oth Elect Rev Solar Credit									
30-456-20-0000		949	982	1,131	1,508	-			
Oth Elect Rev Supplies & Expen									
Total Other Operating Revenues		87,404	85,753	64,061	85,415	86,975	1%	86,600	0%
Total Operating Revenues		8,343,730	7,721,212	6,046,472	8,061,963	8,132,746	4%	8,391,142	3%
Other Power Supply Expenses									
30-555-00-0000		5,841,393	5,963,618	4,555,070	5,336,492	6,250,250		6,364,872	
Purchased Power (555)									
Total Other Power Supply Expenses		5,841,393	5,963,618	4,555,070	5,336,492	6,250,250	19%	6,364,872	2%

Distribution Expenses							
30-580-00-0000	12,840	Operation Supervision & Engineering (5	-	-	21,000	-32%	-33%
30-580-10-0000		Oper Supervsn and Engineer Lab	-	-	-		
30-580-20-0000	12,863	Oper Supervsn and Engineer Sup	9,844	14,438	20,438		13,984
30-580-20-5801		Oper Supervsn and Engineer Alp	-	-	-		
30-0-0000	27,777	Station Expenses (582)	-	-	3,950	39%	-49%
30-0-0000		Station Exp Labor	1,104	-	-		Item #4.

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	Thru Sept						Budget 12/31/2024	2025 Budget vs 2024 Expected	Budget 2025	% Budget Increase
	Actual 2021	Actual 12/31/2022	Actual 12/31/2023	YTD 12/31/2024	Expected 2024	Expected 2024				
30-582-20-0000 Station Exp Supplies & Expense	9,288	2,095	2,055	1,203	1,444	1,444	-		2,000	
30-583-00-0000 Overhead Line Expenses (583)		-	-	-			9,750	1613%	859	453%
30-583-10-0000 OH line Exp Labor		8,291	962	740	888	888	-		394	
30-583-10-5835 OH line Exp Labor Install Remo		-	-	339	407	407	-		52,679	
30-583-20-0000 OH line Exp Supplies & Expense		219	1,034	1,544	1,853	1,853	-			
30-583-30-0000 OH line Exp Transportation		-	-	-	-	-	-			
30-583-30-5835 OH line Exp Transportation Ins		-	-	-	-	-	-			
30-584-00-0000 UG Line Exp	21,401	-	(738)	-			16,050	353%		273%
30-584-10-0000 UG Line Exp Labor		4,716	398	-			-			
30-584-10-5845 UG Line Exp Labor Install Remo		64	562	204	244	244	-		236	
30-584-20-0000 UG Line Exp Supplies & Expense		14,739	12,535	10,813	12,976	12,976	-		59,679	
30-584-20-5845 UG Line Exp Supplies & Expense		-	-	-			-			
30-584-30-0000 UG Line Exp Transportation		-	-	-			-			
30-584-30-5845 UG Line Exp Transportation Ins		15	61	-			-			
30-584-40-0000 UG Line Exp Inventory Allocati		-	-	-			-			
30-584-40-5845 UG Line Exp Inventory Allocati		-	-	-			-			
30-586-00-0000 Meter Exp	(5,355)	-	-	-			5,875	-19%		0%
30-586-10-0000 Meter Exp Labor		60	-	-			-			
30-586-10-5865 Meter Exp Labor Install Remove		111	539	-			-			
30-586-20-0000 Meter Exp Supplies & Expenses		7,966	10,705	5,437	7,249	7,249	-		5,850	
30-586-30-0000 Meter Exp Transportation		1	-	-			-			
30-586-30-5865 Meter Exp Transportation Insta		3	-	-			-			
30-587-00-0000 Customer Installations Exp	30	-	-	-			125	0%		0%
30-587-10-0000 Customer Installations Exp Lab		161	-	-			-			
30-587-30-0000 Customer Installations Exp Tra		-	550	-	125	125	-		125	
30-588-00-0000 Misc Dist Exp	132,524	-	146	-			122,250	-13%		10%
30-588-10-0000 Misc Dist Exp Labor		74,039	72,872	109,459	131,351	131,351	-		113,939	
30-588-10-5883 Misc Dist Exp Labor Indirect W		14,305	441	-			-			
30-588-13-5882 Misc Dist Exp Stand-by/Estimat		-	-	-			-			
30-588-20-0000 Misc Dist Exp Supplies & Expen		9,725	11,392	18,678	22,414	22,414	-			
30-588-20-5881 Misc Dist Exp Supplies & Expen		-	26	-			-		20,000	

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Thru Sept									
	Actual	Actual	Actual	YTD	Expected	Budget	2025 Budget vs	Budget	% Budget
	2021	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	12/31/2024	2024	12/31/2024	2024 Expected	2025	Increase
30-588-30-5881 Misc Dist Exp Transportation		-	-	-		-			
30-589-00-0000 Rents	464	-	-	-	250	250	5996%	15,240	5996%
30-589-20-0000 Rents Supplies & Expenses		-	-	-		-			
30-591-00-0000 Maint of Struct	-	-	-	-		2,950	-3%	461	-84%
30-591-10-0000 Maint of Struct Labor		2,897	826	397	477	-			
30-592-00-0000 Maint of Station Eqp	10,416	-	-	-		5,850	-3%	6,852	34%
30-592-10-0000 Maint of Station Eqp Labor		3,904	4,508	5,902	7,082	-		1,000	
30-592-20-0000 Maint of Station Eqp Supplies		2,645	2,125	54	1,000	-			
30-592-30-0000 Maint of Station Eqp Transport		-	-	-		-			
30-592-40-0000 Maint of Station Eqp Inventory		-	-	-		-			
Maintenance of Structures and Equipment									
Maintenance of Lines									
30-593-00-0000 Maint of OH Lines		-	(493)	-		25,750	-1%	26,867	-2%
30-593-10-0000 Maint of OH Lines Labor		33,247	39,200	22,697	27,237	-		6,997	
30-593-10-5932 Maint of OH Lines Labor / Tree		7,498	13,578	6,027	7,232	-			
Tree Trimming (5932)	8,122								
30-593-20-0000 Maint of OH Lines Supplies & E		8,660	10,355	3,857		-			
30-593-20-5931 Maint of OH Lines Supplies & E		-	-	-		-			
30-593-20-5932 Maint of OH Lines Supplies & E		265	5,242	432	1,432	10,275		1,500	
30-593-20-5933 Maint of OH Lines Supplies & E		-	-	-		-			
30-593-30-0000 Maint of OH Lines Transportati		2,560	187	-		-			
30-593-30-5931 Maint of OH Lines Transportati		-	-	-		-			
30-593-30-5932 Maint of OH Lines Transportati		-	-	-		-			
30-593-30-5933 Maint of OH Lines Transportati		-	-	-		-			
30-593-40-0000 Maint of OH Lines Inventory AI		389	-	-		-			
30-594-00-0000 Maint of UG Lines		(5,065)	(375)	-		17,350	-17%		-6%
30-594-00-5941 Maint of UG Lines Maintenance		-	-	-		-		10,865	
30-594-10-0000 Maint of UG Lines Labor		8,536	17,197	9,139	10,967	-			
Electric Locate (5942)	1,151								
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	Actual 2021	Actual 12/31/2022	Actual 12/31/2023	YTD 12/31/2024	Expected 2024	Budget 12/31/2024	2025 Budget vs 2024 Expected	Budget 2025	% Budget Increase
30-594-10-5942		1,118	1,132	729	875	-		846	
30-594-20-0000		5,778	57,722	6,861	8,861	-		5,000	
30-594-20-5941		-	667	-	-	-		-	
30-594-20-5942		-	-	-	-	975		500	
30-594-30-0000		25	30	-	50	-		-	
30-594-30-5941		-	-	-	-	-		-	
30-594-30-5942		-	-	-	-	-		-	
30-594-40-0000		1,181	-	-	-	-		-	
30-595-00-0000		-	-	-	-	675	-4%	163	-76%
30-595-10-0000		-	245	141	169	-		-	
30-595-20-0000		72	-	-	-	-		-	
30-595-30-0000		-	-	-	-	-		-	
30-596-00-0000		-	-	-	-	3,000	-3%	8,257	192%
30-596-10-0000		2,988	9,378	7,112	8,534	-		500	
30-596-20-0000		254	634	221	500	-		-	
30-596-30-0000		-	-	-	-	-		-	
30-596-40-0000		409	-	-	-	-		-	
30-597-00-0000		-	-	-	-	525	-3%	3,487	659%
30-597-10-0000		1,791	6,277	3,004	3,604	-		500	
30-597-20-0000		13	1,572	-	500	-		-	
Maintenance of Miscellaneous Distrib P	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	
Total Distribution Expenses	218,658	229,620	293,389	229,427	278,158	246,600	29%	358,800	45%

Customer Accounts Expenses

30-902-00-0000	-	-	-	-	-	100	10%	83	31%
30-902-10-0000		-	-	71	86	-		-	
Meter Reading Exp Labor									
Meter Reading Expenses (902-20)	9,523								
Meter Reading Exp Supplies & E		10,464	10,440	10,242	11,566	9,775		12,723	
Meter Reading Exp Transportati		88	164	64	128	-		141	
Customer Records & Clct Exp	64,588	-	-	-	-	65,550	4%	-	Item #4. 4%

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Projected 2024 Year End for 2025 Budget										Thru Sept
	Actual 2021	Actual 12/31/2022 2022	Actual 12/31/2023 2023	YTD 12/31/2024 2024	Expected 2024	Budget 12/31/2024 2024	2025 Budget vs 2024 Expected	Budget 2025	% Budget Increase	
30-924-20-0000 Prop Insurance Supplies & Expe	-	21,367	23,924	25,916	25,916	-		26,953		
30-925-00-0000 Injuries and Damages	-	-	-	-		-	0%		0%	
30-925-20-0000 Injuries and Damages Supplies	-	4,358	3,992	4,700	7,700	5,500	-35%	5,000	-9%	
30-926-00-0000 Employee Pensions and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	500	-100%	0	-100%	
30-926-00-9269 Employee P&B Fringes Cleared	-	(138,794)	(8,581)	(7,575)	(7,575)	12,000	-1%	-7,500	-163%	
30-926-10-9261 Employee P&B Sick Payout Benft	-	17,583	-	-	-	2,500	-100%	1,000	-60%	
30-926-10-9262 Employee P&B Holiday	-	9,469	7,597	9,808	11,770	13,250	22%	14,402	9%	
30-926-10-9264 Employee P&B School	-	24,581	37,163	52,647	54,646	26,450	3%	56,285	113%	
30-926-10-9265 Employee P&B Funeral/MISC	-	210	1,490	803	963	500	22%	1,178	136%	
30-926-10-9266 Employee P&B Vac Payout Benft	-	9,910	-	1,076	1,435	4,500	13%	1,617	-64%	
30-926-10-9999 Special Sick - Covid-19	-	-	-	-		-	0%	0	0%	
30-926-15-9269 Employee P&B Burden/OH Cleared	-	18,033	1,338	-		-	0%	0	0%	
30-926-20-0000 Employee P&B Supplies & Exp	-	-	88	-		-	0%	0	0%	
30-926-20-9260 Employee P&B WI Retirement	-	26,907	32,993	32,229	38,675	30,250	21%	46,920	55%	
30-926-20-9266 Employee P&B Clothing Allowance	-	3,274	13,111	2,017	3,500	3,500	0%	3,500	0%	
30-926-20-9267 Employee P&B Health Ins	-	58,151	66,056	66,501	79,801	50,904	11%	88,919	75%	
30-926-20-9268 Employee P&B Life Ins	-	281	549	565	678	1,500	56%	1,059	-29%	
30-926-20-9270 Employee P&B Cell Phone	-	1,050	838	815	1,902	1,050	0%	1,900	81%	
30-926-20-9271 Employee P&B Dental Ins	-	4,139	3,755	3,457	4,148	3,398	13%	4,701	38%	
30-926-20-9272 Employee P&B Vision Ins	-	535	517	477	477	425	7%	510	20%	
30-926-20-9273 Employee P&B GASB 68	-	(66,672)	-	-	-	25,000	-100%	0	-100%	
30-928-00-0000 Regulatory Commuission Exp	-	-	-	-	5,666	500	-62%	5,000	900%	
30-928-20-0000 Reg Commuission Exp S&E	-	142	16,643	5,666	7,555	-				
30-930-00-0000 Misc General Exp	-	-	-	-		18,500	-1%		103%	
30-930-00-9350 Misc General Exp Annual Confer	-	-	-	-		-				
30-930-00-9352 Misc General Exp Legislative A	-	-	-	-		-				
Misc Reliability Expenses (9301)										
30-930-10-0000 Misc General Exp Labor	-	18,967	29,336	20,781	24,938	-		24,496		
30-930-10-0000 Misc Gen Exp S&E	-	11,672	13,862	10,849	13,019	-		13,000		
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Thru Sept									
	Actual	Actual	Actual	YTD	Expected	Budget	2025 Budget vs	Budget	% Budget
	2021	12/31/2022	12/31/2023	12/31/2024	2024	12/31/2024	2024 Expected	2025	Increase
30-930-20-9351 Misc General Exp Supplies & Ex		-	-	-				5,870	1205%
30-933-00-0000 Vehicle Clearing	-	17,930	39,655	42,462	50,954	12,500	6%	52,000	
30-933-10-0000 Vehicle Clearing Labor	-	16,084	31,616	24,871	29,846	-		30,305	
30-933-20-0000 Vehicle Clearing S&E	-	42,090	44,538	55,335	73,780	-		75,000	
30-933-30-0000 Vehicle Clearing Transportatio	-	(871)	(2,370)	-		-			
30-932-00-0000 Maint of General Plt	-	3,173	-	650		32,000	-2%		42%
30-932-10-0000 Maint of General Plt Labor	-	58,844	41,244	32,590	39,108	-		38,032	
30-932-20-0000 Maint Gen Plant S&E	-	3,041	3,947	5,466	7,287	-		7,500	
Total Administrative and General Ex	-	316,407	746,192	662,291	793,545	538,402	4%	829,080	54%
Total Operation and Maintenance Ex	6,164,201	7,331,796	7,231,389	5,563,817	6,560,612	7,171,977	17%	7,702,135	7%
Taxes (Non-Tax Equivalent)	48,718	46,684	48,718	27,681	27,681	48,718	69%	46,684	-4%
Total Operation and Maintenance Ex	6,212,919	7,378,480	7,280,107	5,591,498	6,588,293	7,220,695	18%	7,748,819	7%
30-403-00-0000 Depreciation Expense		429,109	505,551	310,000	513,339	513,339	-1%	508,206	-1%
30-403-00-0001 Depreciation Expense Pole Rent		53,356	56,138	40,000	55,000	-	9%	60,000	100%
Total Taxes		482,465	561,689	350,000	568,339	513,339	0%	568,206	11%
30-408-00-0000 Taxes		-	-	-		-			
30-408-20-4081 Taxes Property Tax Equivalent		234,780	212,958	191,000	212,958	234,780	11%	236,447	1%
30-408-20-4082 Taxes Social Security		34,836	37,388	35,391	35,391	34,836	46%	51,646	48%
30-408-20-4083 Taxes Gross Receipts Tax		4,283	4,752	4,084	7,155	4,283	-30%	4,990	16%
30-408-20-4084 Taxes PSC Remainder Assessment		7,565	7,558	8,042	15,607	7,565	-52%	7,565	0%
Total Taxes		281,464	262,657	238,517	271,112	281,464	11%	300,648	7%
NON-OPERATING REVENUES									
30-415-00-0000 Rev from Merch Job & Cont Work		802	-	-		-			
30-416-10-0000 Merch Job & Cont Wrk Labor		(3,145)	(582)	-		-			
30-416-15-0000 Merch Job & Cont Wrk Burden/OH		(1,195)	(221)	-		-			
30-0000 Merch Job & Cont Wrk Transport		(410)	(200)	-		-			

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	Actual 2021	Actual 12/31/2022 2022	Actual 12/31/2023 2023	YTD 12/31/2024 2024	Expected 2024	Budget 12/31/2024 2024	2025 Budget vs 2024 Expected	Budget 2025	% Budget Increase
30-419-00-0000 Interest and Dividends Income		55,075	101,449	74,803	99,737	34,550	-7%	93,000	169%
30-426-00-0000 Oth Income Deductions		0	-	-		(575)	#DIV/0!		-100%
30-427-00-0000 Interest on Long-Term Debt		(13,100)	(10,100)	(8,700)	(8,640)	(15,250)	119%	-18,903	24%
30-428-00-4280 Amort of Debt Disc and Exp		2,760	2,568	1,826	2,460	-	-2%	2,400	100%
30-421-00-0000 Misc NonOper Income		23,785	11,340	-	2,000	2,000	0%	2,000	0%
30-421-00-4211 Gain/Sales Fixed Assets		95,435	-	-	-	-	0%	167,000	100%
Total Non-Operating/Misc Income		160,008	104,255	67,929	95,557	20,725	157%	245,497	1085%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)		361,329	(278,987)	(65,614)	729,777	137,973	-97%	18,967	

2024 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 11/21/2024

ITEM: Discussion and Approval of 2025 Water Utility Operating Budget

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

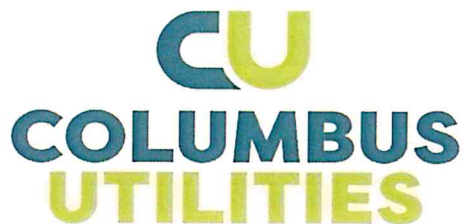
2025 Water Utility Operating Budget requested changes were made. The budget was adjusted, the hiring of an additional Water Operator was removed and the Department was brought in with a positive Net for 2025.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. 2025 Water Utility Operating Budget

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Discussion and approval of the 2025 Water Utility Operating Budget



November 14, 2024

Note Version #2 No Staff Added

Comments

- 1 Our latest electric rate increase went into effect 2/29/2024.
Our latest water rate increase went into effect 2/1/2024.
Our latest wastewater rate increase went into effect 11/1/2022.
- 2 Sewer Rate Case values were placed based on Workshop Session and Adjustment to Septage Receiving. Goal of being Net Positive.
- 3 No Additional Employees are added to Budget.
- 4 2025 Budget prepared with a 83% Increase for ALL Utility Wages.
- 7 AT&T & Charter Pole Attachments were increased by 25%, per contracts.
- 8 ACEC capacity payment of \$29,400 is expected in 2025 for Sub # 4.
- 9 School Benefits maintained due to Jacob Boness and Mason Mosher being in the Apprenticeship Program.
- 10 Proposed capital projects and correlating debt issuance funds are shown.
- 11 ATC Dividends are included in Electric Interest Income.
- 12 A increase of 2% in purchased power cost is anticipated in 2025.

COLUMBUS UTILITIES
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

2025 Budget FINAL version 2 NO Operators Added

	Electric	Water	Wastewater	Total Utilities
Net Income	\$ 18,967	\$ 32,444	\$ 26,134	\$ 77,545
Add:				
Proceeds from 2025 revenue debt issue	4,402,673	1,352,626	2,297,837	8,053,136
Depreciation & Amortization (net)	565,806	340,175	406,843	1,312,824
Less:				
Capital additions	(4,402,673)	(1,352,626)	(2,297,837)	(8,053,136)
Debt principle payments	(520,643)	(140,000)	(321,172)	(981,815)
Net Cash Flow	\$ 64,129	\$ 232,619	\$ 111,805	\$ 408,554

Utility W/E - LGIP \$410,000 Cash Reserve
Bond Reserves - \$300,000 Required - \$540,000 Plant Renewal & Replacement Surplus

2025 Budget - Capital Projects and Additions (TO BE BONDED)

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Sewer Utility Needs for FY 2025

Item	Cost	Comments
1 Vehicle Equipment	\$ 149,267.00	Hoist Truck for Sewer Utility
2 Pretreatment Study	\$ 100,000.00	Study and Implementation of Pretreatment Program including Grease Trap inspections etc.
3 Collection System Jet/Repair/etc.	\$ 300,000.00	Repair work on 20% of collection system; jetting, televising, lining, grout work, etc.
4 Birdsey Lift Station	\$ 75,000.00	PLC/SCADA control Panel, carryover from 2024 requests
5 Scum Pumps & Flanges	\$ 100,000.00	Replacement of all scum/sump pumps in WWTP and flanges that are worn including piping.
6 Sand Filter Rehab	\$ 450,000.00	Isolation Valves, Sand Replacement, other repair work/engineering
7 River Level Meter & Effluent Sampling	\$ 60,000.00	New Sample location and sampling process needed for Effluent Samples as well as river level meter.
8 SCADA System Upgrades	\$ 75,000.00	2024 carryover, Extent of Project not known (may be incorporated with Birdsey & PLC/Fiber Project)
9 Biosolids Handling/Project Design/Planning	\$ 703,570.00	Engineering and design portion of project to begin construction in 2026.
SUB TOTAL	\$ 2,012,837.00	

Water Utility Needs for FY 2025

Item	Cost	Comments
1 WP #2 MCC Replacement	\$ 283,379.00	MCC Electrical Buckets and Panel Replacement
2 WP#2 Softener Recon	\$ 298,906.00	Recondition the Zeolite Softeners
3 WP#2 Softener Repaint	\$ 135,651.00	Repaint the interior of the Vessels
4 WP#2 Iron Filter Automated Backwash	\$ 293,000.00	Replace manual system with automated system to reduce waste and increase efficiency
5 WP#2 Dehumidifier 1 of 4 Replacement	\$ 18,164.00	Dehumidifier #1
6 Site Investigation and Site Selection	\$ 42,436.00	Future Water Plant Site Identification
7 Future Plant Land Acquisition	\$ 106,090.00	Purchase of Land for Future Plant
SUB TOTAL	\$ 1,177,626.00	

Electric Utility Needs for FY 2025

Item	Cost	Comments
1 Reconnect Padmount Step-Down	\$ 10,000.00	Unit on Ludington & HWY 89 should be reconnected so it is ready to serve load
2 Complete 4.16kV conversion	\$ 3,300,000.00	Covert the remainder of the 4.16kV to 12.47kV via contract and done before failure of Substation #1.
3 Decommission Substation #1	\$ 10,000.00	Turn Off and scrap Substation #1. Scrap value may be less than disposal costs.
4 Sell Pad Mount Step-Downs	\$ (45,000.00)	These Transformers are useful to other Utilities going through conversion.
5 Hospital Expansion Project Equipment Order	\$ 320,000.00	Equipment needed to perform hospital work in 2026.
6 Substation #2 SCADA Connection	\$ 10,000.00	Carryover from 2024
7 Transformers (Stock and hospital Project)	\$ 720,750.00	Purchased for Hospital project as well as inventory needs in our yard.
8 2025 Ford F350 Super Crew Utility Truck	\$ 76,923.00	Replacement for Truck #32.
SUB TOTAL	\$ 4,402,673.00	

Combined Utility Needs for FY 2025

Item	Cost	Comments
1 Wastewater Portion Streets Projects	\$ 110,000.00	2025 Steels Construction Projects Wastewater Portion
2 Water Portion Streets Projects	\$ 175,000.00	2025 Streets Construction Projects Water Portion
3 PLC/Fiber Installation Upgrade	\$ 175,000.00	City Wide Install of updated comms cable.
SUB TOTAL	\$ 460,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,053,136.00	

2025													
Employee	Employment Status	Annual Hours	Budgeted Overtime Hours	2024 Hourly Wage	2024 Annual Salary or Wages	Proposed Increase	2025 Hourly Wage	2025 Annual Salary or Wages					
Director	FT	2080	0	\$ 57.69	\$ 120,000.00	3%	\$ 59.42	\$ 123,595					
Superintendent Business Mgr	FT	2080	0	\$ 46.95	\$ 97,656	3%	\$ 48.36	\$ 100,586					
Billing Clerk	FT	2080	0	\$ 24.15	\$ 50,232	3%	\$ 24.87	\$ 51,739					
Accounting Clerk	FT	2080	0	\$ 31.50	\$ 65,520	3%	\$ 32.45	\$ 67,486					
Totals:					\$ 333,408			\$ 343,405					
					\$ 1,405,431.48		2025 wages	\$ 1,493,355.68					
							2024 wages	\$ 1,405,431.48					
							Increase	\$ 87,924.19					

WATER 2025				CIP/PROJECTS
50-672-20-0000	Power Wash and Touch Up Elevated Storage (Tower Drive)	\$	12,500	\$12,500
50-662-20-6622	Annual Replacements (LEAD & COPPER)	\$	50,000	\$50,000
50-677-40-0000	Annual Hydrant and Valve Replacement	\$	30,000	\$30,000
50-932-20-0000	Plant #2 Dehumidifier	\$	17,635	\$17,635
50-661-20-0000	CONTINGENCY REPAIR CASH	\$	25,000	\$25,000
50-663-20-0000	Water Meter Bench Tester w/Auto Stop	\$	50,155	\$50,155
50-662-20-0000	Trench Box large plus braces	\$	9,720	\$9,240
50-660-20-0000	MEUW	\$	14,950	\$4,984
50-932-20-0000	Snow Blower	\$	1,500	\$750
50-930-20-9351	RAIN GEAR PPE/SAFETY BUDGET	\$	5,870	\$5,870
50-932-20-0000	Shop Sweeper	\$	480	\$240
50-932-20-0000	Plant #1 Electric Heater	\$	7,998	\$7,998
50-662-20-0000	Kerf Cutter	\$	3,500	\$3,500
50-666-20-0000	Bobcat Hydraulic Breaker	\$	13,300	\$8,645
50-666-20-0000	Bobcat E48 w 18"30" & Ripper	\$	78,298	\$50,894
50-666-20-0000	Bobcat Skidsteer Rental	\$	3,000	\$1,500
50-641-20-0000	WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS	\$	74,000	\$74,000
50-675-00-6752	HYDROCORP CROSS CONNECCT CONTRACT	\$	11,760	\$11,760
50-921-20-0000	PRINTER/COPY MACHINE CONTRACT w/Rhyme	\$	5,184	\$1,728
BUDGET TOTAL "PROJECTS "WATER 2025				\$360,399
CIP TOTAL WATER 2025				(\$1,352,626)

New Operator adds \$130,587 in Salary Expense
BOND AMOUNT - \$1,352,626

2025	Plant #2 Softener Reconditioning	\$298,906	Recondition the water softeners
2025	Plant #2 Softener Painting	\$135,651	Repaint interior of Vessels
2025	Motor Control Center Replacement	\$283,379	MCC Electrical Buckets and Panel Replacements
2025	Iron Filter Automated Backwash	\$293,000	Plant #2
2025	Dehumidifier 1 of 4 Replacement	\$18,164	Plant #2
2025	Investigation and Site Selection	\$42,436	Future Water Plant
2025	Land Acquisition	\$106,090	Future Water Plant
2025	Water Portion of Streets Projects	\$175,000	
		\$1,352,626	

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		Actual 12/31/2022	Actual 12/31/2023	YTD 12/31/2024	Expected 2024	Budget 12/31/2024 2024	2025 Budget vs 2024 Expected	% Budget Increase
50-461-60-4611	Metered Sales to Customers Met	749,522.83	770,163.65	619,228.89	825,638.52	1,572,500.00	-90%	-46%
50-461-70-4610	Metered Sales to Customers Met	6,528.95	8,191.94	5,234.31	6,979.08	1,000.00	86%	619%
50-461-70-4612	Metered Sales to Customers Met	210,868.44	186,441.69	156,662.56	208,883.41	210,600.00	-1%	2%
50-461-80-4613	Metered Sales to Customers Met	49,168.49	62,108.76	51,138.69	68,184.92	49,525.00	27%	42%
50-461-60-4614	Metered Sales to Customers Ded	229.50	715.50	503.01	670.68	255.00	62%	171%
50-461-90-4615	Metered Sales to Customers Mul	57,339.08	57,592.44	50,313.63	67,084.84	61,125.00	9%	13%
50-464-00-0000	Oth Sales to Public Author	27,736.04	29,930.46	33,393.62	44,524.83	34,875.00	22%	31%
	Total Metered Sales	1,101,393.33	1,115,144.44	916,474.71	1,221,966.28	1,929,880.00	-58%	-35%
50-462-00-0000	Private Fire Protection Svc	37,660.09	37,968.00	28,483.40	37,977.87	38,250.00	-1%	2%
50-463-00-0000	Public Fire Protection Svc	442,399.15	441,742.40	355,287.74	473,716.99	450,085.00	5%	8%
	Total Water Sales	1,581,452.57	1,594,854.84	1,300,245.85	1,733,661.13	2,418,215.00	-39%	-26%
50-470-00-0000	Forfeited Discs	4,823.04	5,809.52	2,787.12	3,716.16	6,225.00	-68%	-39%
50-474-00-0000	Oth Wtr Rev	17,629.00	5,960.50	3,122.00	4,162.67	5,975.00	-44%	-28%
	Total Other Operating Revenues	22,452.04	11,770.02	5,909.12	7,878.83	12,200.00	-55%	-33%
	Total Operating Revenues	1,603,904.61	1,606,624.86	1,306,154.97	1,741,539.96	2,430,415.00	-40%	-26%
<u>Pumping Expenses</u>								
50-623-00-0000	/Svc Pub Author/Fuel Purchased	36,782.23	37,422.11	29,416.06	39,221	34,475.00	12%	3%
50-624-00-0000	/Svc to Oth/Pmp Labor & Exp	-	-	-	225	425.00	-4%	-49%
50-624-10-0000	/Svc to Oth/Pmp Labor & Exp La	638.53	429.61	187.68	-	-		
50-624-20-0000	/Svc to Oth/Pmp Labor & Exp Su	1,085.00	-	-	-	-		
50-633-00-0000	/Fertil Sales/Maint-Pmp Eqp	-	-	-	666	5,625.00	4%	2%
50-633-10-0000	/Fertil Sales/Maint-Pmp Eqp La	177.13	-	554.76	-	-		
50-633-20-0000	/Fertil Sales/Maint-Pmp Eqp Su	29,521.00	5,707.20	3,611.19	4,815	-		
	Total Pumping Expenses	68,204	43,559	33,770	44,927	40,525	10%	2%
<u>Water Treatment Expenses</u>								
50-641-00-0000	Chemicals	-	-	-	53,144	67,375.00	39%	10%
50-641-20-0000	Chemicals Supplies & Expenses	80,678.64	77,394.11	39,857.82	-	-		
50-641-60-4611	CHEMICALS - METERED SALES RES	-	-	-	-	-		
	Water Treatment Labor and Expenses							
50-641-0000	Oper Labor and Exp	-	-	-	-	71,250.00	-6%	
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		2022	2023	2024	2024	2024										
50-664-10-6641	Water Testing-Notification Lab	-	-	-	-	-		-								
50-664-20-0000	Customer Installations Exp Sup	9,097.30	18,301.51	9,769.46	11,723	-		12,000								
50-664-20-6641	Water Testing-Notification Sup	680.00	929.00	929.00	1,115	-	100%	-								0%
50-664-30-0000	Customer Installations Exp Tra	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-								0%
50-665-00-0000	Misc Exp	-	508.72	-	-	33,225.00	16%	43,300								91%
50-665-10-0000	Misc Exp Labor	26,059.65	40,060.30	42,027.82	50,433	-										
50-665-10-6653	Misc Exp Labor Indirect Work O	5,146.30	197.06	-	-	-										
50-665-13-6651	Misc Exp Stand-by	-	-	-	-	-										
50-665-20-0000	Misc Exp Supplies & Expenses	9,885.21	18,334.01	3,294.22	3,953	-		20,000								
50-665-20-6651	Misc Exp Supplies & Expenses	-	30.91	-	-	-										
50-665-20-6652	Misc Exp Supplies - Lead Later	-	-	-	-	-										
50-665-30-6651	Misc Exp Transportation	-	-	-	-	-										
50-666-20-0000	Rents Supplies & Expenses	-	535.09	550.43	661	-	4521%	61,039								100%
50-666-20-0000	Rents Supplies & Expenses	-	535.09	550.43	661	-										
50-672-00-0000	Maint of Dist Resv & Standpipe	-	-	-	-	3,175.00	-10%	720								316%
50-672-10-0000	Maint of Dist Resv & Standpipe	581.06	60.54	629.76	756	-										
50-672-20-0000	Maint of Dist Resv & Standpipe	10,014.02	65.02	11,650.00	13,980	-		12,500								
50-673-00-0000	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	-	-	-	-	14,350.00	-1%									-70%
50-673-10-0000	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	4,603.32	3,590.49	2,135.99	2,563	-		2,443								
50-673-10-6731	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	9,467.32	14,038.46	-	-	-										
50-673-20-0000	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	151.99	5,304.54	1,179.13	1,415	-		1,457								
50-673-20-6731	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	2,550.33	19,820.24	380.34	456	-		470								
50-673-30-0000	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	120.00	160.00	-	-	-										
50-673-30-6731	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	3,197.50	4,162.50	-	-	-										
50-673-40-0000	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	2,110.44	544.17	-	-	-										
50-673-40-6731	Maint of Trans and Dist Mains	1,212.59	3,836.54	-	-	-										
50-675-00-0000	Maint of Svcs	(673.36)	-	-	-	17,250.00	143%	11,760								13%
50-675-00-6751	Maint of Svcs /Water Service B	150.00	-	-	-	325.00										
50-675-00-6752	Maint of Svcs Cross Connection	-	-	-	-	-										
50-675-00-6753	Maint of Svcs Water Locate	-	-	-	-	-										
Water Locating (6751) Service Breaks																
50-675-10-0000	Maint of Svcs Labor	7,600.13	10,464.27	3,728.11	4,474	-		4,264								
50-675-10-6751	Maint of Svcs Labor/ Water Ser	-	-	-	-	-										
50-675-10-0000	Maint of Svcs Supplies & Expen	27,281.31	9,889.59	1,792.44	2,151	-		2,215								

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50-675-20-6751	515.85	485.99	1,289.46	1,547	-		1,594	
50-675-20-6752	-	-	-	-	-		-	
50-675-30-0000	35.00	1,080.00	-	-	-		-	
50-675-30-6751	-	-	-	-	-		-	
50-675-40-0000	3,102.93	1,358.64	-	-	-		-	
50-675-40-6751	-	-	-	-	-		-	
50-676-00-0000	(1,023.00)	(8,240.00)	(3,409.00)	(4,091)	1,925.00	-3%	(5,000)	1330%
50-676-10-0000	1,263.21	2,966.05	1,211.41	1,454	-		1,424	
50-676-20-0000	782.25	-	2,592.61	31,111	-		31,110	
50-676-30-0000	-	-	-	-	-		-	
50-677-00-0000	-	(2,502.95)	-	-	6,350.00	341%	6,721	478%
50-677-10-0000	1,254.65	3,484.97	5,419.49	6,503	-		-	
50-677-20-0000	2,069.04	1,465.24	1,362.16	1,816	-		-	
50-677-30-0000	-	285.00	-	-	-		-	
50-677-40-0000	352.36	1,252.36	-	-	-		30,000	
Total Transmission and Distribution Expenses	171,878	194,100	113,818	164,762	124,550	24%	393,729	216%
Customer Accounts Expense								
50-902-00-0000	(5,024.00)	(15,340.00)	(6,348.00)	(7,618)	3,975.00	12%	(7,618)	-26%
50-902-10-0000	1,424.78	336.26	121.71	146	-		139	
50-902-20-0000	8,320.16	8,454.84	8,293.98	9,953	-		10,251	
50-902-30-0000	303.28	112.96	104.10	125	-		150	
50-903-00-0000	(46,526.00)	(40,372.00)	(16,716.00)	(20,059)	48,250.00	-42%	(35,000)	-71%
50-903-00-9033	405.56	-	-	-	-		-	
50-903-10-0000	58,014.64	57,173.01	36,879.15	44,255	-		48,890	
50-903-10-9033	1,819.88	951.00	43.47	52	-		75	
50-903-20-0000	33,215.90	31,761.83	16,318.31	21,758	-	-8%	20,000	100%
50-903-20-9031	-	-	-	-	-		-	
50-904-00-0000	2,724.60	-	-	-	-	0%	-	0%
50-906-00-0000	-	-	-	-	200.00	-100%	200	0%
Total Customer Accounts Expense	54,679	43,078	38,697	48,612	52,425	8%	37,088	-24%
Sales Exp	-	-	-	-	250.00	0%	250	
Administrative and General Expenses	-	-	-	-	-		-	
50-910-00-0000	-	-	-	-	-		-	

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	Actual 12/31/2022	Actual 12/31/2023	YTD 12/31/2024	Expected 2024	Budget 12/31/2024	2025 Budget vs 2024 Expected	Budget 2025	% Budget Increase		
50-920-00-0000 Admin & General Salaries	-	-	-	-	148,783.00	10%	147,213	-1%		
50-920-10-0000 Admin & General Salaries Labor	69,863.38	128,421.63	111,996.44	134,396	-		147,213			
50-921-00-0000 Ofc Supplies and Exp	-	1,446.72	189.78	253	29,125.00	-31%	26,728	-8%		
50-921-20-0000 Ofc Supplies and Exp Supplies	33,438.57	36,305.97	28,595.64	38,128	-		26,728			
50-921-20-9999 Ofc Supplies and Exp Supplies	-	-	62.67	84	-					
50-923-00-0000 Outside Svcs Employed	-	-	-		25,500.00	3%	60,000	135%		
50-923-20-0000 Outside Svcs Employed Supplies	42,291.31	77,582.75	43,766.61	58,355	-		60,000			
50-924-00-0000 Prop Insurance	-	-	-		12,125.00	2%	17,500	44%		
50-924-20-0000 Prop Insurance Supplies & Expe	14,244.45	15,949.39	17,277.61	17,228	-		17,500			
50-925-00-0000 Injuries and Damages	-	-	-		2,700.00	0%		39%		
50-925-20-0000 Injuries and Damages Supplies	2,905.20	2,661.20	3,133.41	3,760	-		3,760			
50-926-00-0000 Employee Pensions and Benefits	(3,908.00)	(7,756.00)	(3,213.00)	(3,856)	5,985.00	255%	(3,856)	-164%		
50-926-00-9269 Employee P&B Fringes	(65,235.79)	(5,526.61)	(4,554.89)	(5,466)	7,875.00	244%	(5,466)	-169%		
50-926-10-9261 Employee P&B Sick Payout	17,578.30	-	-		2,750.00	-100%	-	-100%		
50-926-10-9262 Employee P&B Holiday	11,016.20	11,608.12	13,820.64	16,585	11,875.00	28%	21,375	80%		
50-926-10-9264 Employee P&B School	8,678.71	3,954.02	5,955.49	7,147	8,500.00	-19%	9,300	9%		
50-926-10-9265 Employee P&B Funeral/MISC	493.04	1,489.68	1,550.59	1,861	500.00	73%	2,398	380%		
50-926-10-9266 Employee P&B Vacation Payout	10,177.28	873.40	-		-	0%		0%		
50-926-10-9999 Special Sick-Covid-19	-	-	-		-	0%		0%		
50-926-15-9269 Employee P&B Burden/Overhead	3,764.89	8,474.32	-		-	0%		0%		
50-926-20-0000 Employee P&B Supplies & Exp	1,250.00	(1,162.50)	-		-	0%	500	100%		
50-926-20-9260 Employee P&B WI Retirement	17,746.76	20,707.96	18,310.32	21,972	20,525.00	7%	21,583	5%		
50-926-20-9266 Employee P&B Clothing Allowance	2,864.98	805.32	2,436.50	2,956	3,050.00	-3%	3,050	0%		
50-926-20-9267 Employee P&B Health Ins	67,081.83	61,318.03	55,395.39	66,474	50,904.00	23%	55,901	10%		
50-926-20-9268 Employee P&B Life Ins	416.17	363.72	365.70	439	500.00	-14%	651	30%		
50-926-20-9270 Employee P&B Cell Phone	1,275.00	1,437.50	1,230.00	1,476	1,350.00	9%	1,500	11%		
50-926-20-9271 Employee P&B Dental Ins	4,688.15	3,553.13	2,669.78	3,204	3,398.00	-6%	3,093	-9%		
50-926-20-9272 Employee P&B Vision	603.27	461.04	343.76	572	425.00	26%	360	-15%		
50-926-20-9273 Employee P&B GASB 68	(38,949.00)	-	-		-	0%	-	0%		
Special Sick-Covid-19	-	-	-	-	-					
50-928-00-0000 Regulatory Commuissioin Exp	-	-	-	100	100.00	0%	100			Item #5.
50-928-20-0000 Regulatory Commuissioin Exp Su	-	-	-		-	65%				
50-928-20-0000 Misc General Exp	-	-	-		22,500.00					

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50-930-10-0000 Misc General Exp Labor	6,212.67	7,168.48	4,121.00	4,945	-		4,713	
50-930-20-0000 Misc General Exp Supplies & Ex	3,840.85	6,574.17	3,275.60	3,931	-		4,100	
50-930-20-9300 Misc General Exp Other General	257.62	968.65	-		-			
50-930-20-9351 Misc General Exp Supplies & Ex	-	-	-		-		5,870	
50-932-00-0000 Maint of General Pit	157.75	-	650.30	780	-	98%	500	100%
50-932-10-0000 Maint of General Pit Labor	14,025.06	16,389.29	14,782.00	17,738	-		17,229	
50-932-20-0000 Maint of General Pit Supplies	3,357.39	4,134.06	5,115.50	6,139	-		31,133	
50-933-00-0000 Transportation Equip Maintenan	(3,209.97)	28.88	157.06	160	-	2%	200	100%
50-933-10-0000 Transportation Equip Maintenan	6,449.01	11,552.49	7,089.45	8,507	-		8,642	
Total Administrative and General Expenses	233,375	409,785	334,523	407,867	358,470	-12%	438,078	22%
Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses-PSC	745,325	900,586	654,998	835,898	750,995	-10%	1,104,246	47%
Taxes (Non-Tax Equivalent)	14,325	30,361	15,750	35,427	48,718	-38%	34,841	-28%
Total Operation and Maintenance Expenses	759,650	930,947	670,748	871,325	799,713	-8%	1,139,087	24%
50-403-00-0000 Depr Exp	308,955.00	330,618.00	254,064.00	304,876.80	304,099.00	0%	304,877	0%
50-403-00-0001 Depr Exp Pole Rent	44,017.00	46,659.00	36,000.00	43,200	-	100%	43,200	100%
Total Depr Exp	352,972	377,277	290,064	348,077	304,099	-13%	348,077	0%
50-408-00-0000 Taxes	(10,258.00)	(11,052.00)	(4,576.00)	(6,101)	10,258.00	268%	(6,101)	-159%
50-408-20-4081 Taxes Property Tax Equivalent	235,022.00	212,073.00	187,000.00	212,073	235,022.00	-11%	235,465	0%
50-408-20-4082 Taxes Social Security	23,247.57	23,539.76	20,330.57	24,397	23,248.00	5%	25,402	9%
50-408-20-4084 Taxes PSC Remainder Assessment	1,334.93	2,369.53	1,333.32	1,335	1,335.00	0%	1,335	0%
Total Taxes	249,347	226,930	204,088	231,704	269,863	16%	256,100	11%
NON-OPERATING REVENUES								
Revenues from Merchandising, Jobbing & Contract								
Costs & Expenses of Merchandising, Jobbing, etc								
Interest and Dividends Income								
50-419-00-0000 Misc NonOper Income Contrib's	10,048.60	32,296.37	25,833.25	31,000	3,500.00	89%	31,000	786%
50-421-00-0000 Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	-	3,500.00	-100%	-	-100%
50-427-00-0000 Amort of Debt Disc and Exp Armo	(65,550.00)	(62,850.00)	(48,300.00)	(64,400)	(69,250.00)	-8%	(57,850)	
50-428-00-4280 Oth Interest Exp	8,976.00	8,343.00	5,926.00	7,901	-	100%	7,901	
50-40000 Approp of Income to Muni Funds	1.05	34.35	18.64	25	-	100%	25	
50-40000	564.63	941.32	1,606.89	845	-	100%	845	

	Thru Sept							
	Actual 12/31/2022 2022	Actual 12/31/2023 2023	YTD 12/31/2024 2024	Expected 2024	Budget 12/31/2024 2024	2025 Budget vs 2024 Expected	Budget 2025	% Budget Increase
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(45,959.72)</u>	<u>(21,234.96)</u>	<u>(14,915.22)</u>	<u>(24,628.91)</u>	<u>(62,250.00)</u>	153%	<u>(18,078.91)</u>	-27%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	<u><u>203,387</u></u>	<u><u>205,695</u></u>	<u><u>189,173</u></u>	<u><u>207,075</u></u>	<u><u>207,613</u></u>	0%	<u><u>32,444</u></u>	-84%

2024 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 11/21/2024

ITEM: Discussion and Approval of 2025 Wastewater Utility Operating Budget

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

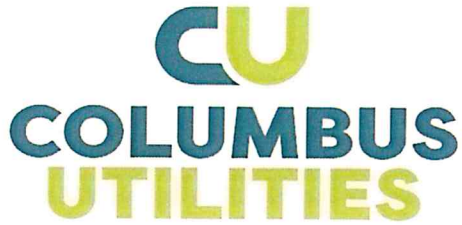
2025 Wastewater Utility Operating Budget requested changes were made. The budget was adjusted, Rate Case Increases were Adjusted, and the Septage Receiving protocol was adjusted. Alternative rate for Septage Receiving was also calculated using the 2008-2018 rates, but not provided. This can be discussed, but reasoning behind major rate change is still unknown. The Department budget was brought in with a positive Net for 2025.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. 2025 Wastewater Utility Operating Budget

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Discussion and approval of the 2025 Water Utility Operating Budget



November 14, 2024

Note Version #2 No Staff Added

Comments

- 1 Our latest electric rate increase went into effect 2/29/2024.
Our latest water rate increase went into effect 2/1/2024.
Our latest wastewater rate increase went into effect 11/1/2022.
- 2 Sewer Rate Case values were placed based on Workshop Session and Adjustment to Septage Receiving. Goal of being Net Positive.
- 3 No Additional Employees are added to Budget.
- 4 2025 Budget prepared with a 83% Increase for ALL Utility Wages.
- 7 AT&T & Charter Pole Attachments were increased by 25%, per contracts.
- 8 ACEC capacity payment of \$29,400 is expected in 2025 for Sub # 4.
- 9 School Benefits maintained due to Jacob Boness and Mason Mosher being in the Apprenticeship Program.
- 10 Proposed capital projects and correlating debt issuance funds are shown.
- 11 ATC Dividends are included in Electric Interest Income.
- 12 A increase of 2% in purchased power cost is anticipated in 2025.

COLUMBUS UTILITIES
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

2025 Budget FINAL version 2 NO Operators Added

	Electric	Water	Wastewater	Total Utilities
Net Income	\$ 18,967	\$ 32,444	\$ 26,134	\$ 77,545
Add:				
Proceeds from 2025 revenue debt issue	4,402,673	1,352,626	2,297,837	8,053,136
Depreciation & Amortization (net)	565,806	340,175	406,843	1,312,824
Less:				
Capital additions	(4,402,673)	(1,352,626)	(2,297,837)	(8,053,136)
Debt principle payments	(520,643)	(140,000)	(321,172)	(981,815)
Net Cash Flow	\$ 64,129	\$ 232,619	\$ 111,805	\$ 408,554

Utility W/E - LGIP \$410,000 Cash Reserve
Bond Reserves - \$300,000 Required - \$540,000 Plant Renewal & Replacement Surplus

2025 Budget - Capital Projects and Additions (TO BE BONDED)

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Sewer Utility Needs for FY 2025

Item	Cost	Comments
1 Vehicle Equipment	\$ 149,267.00	Hoist Truck for Sewer Utility
2 Pretreatment Study	\$ 100,000.00	Study and Implementation of Pretreatment Program including Grease Trap inspections etc.
3 Collection System Jet/Repair/etc.	\$ 300,000.00	Repair work on 20% of collection system; jetting, televising, lining, grout work, etc.
4 Birdsey Lift Station	\$ 75,000.00	PLC/SCADA control Panel, carryover from 2024 requests
5 Scum Pumps & Flanges	\$ 100,000.00	Replacement of all scum/sump pumps in WWTP and flanges that are worn including piping.
6 Sand Filter Rehab	\$ 450,000.00	Isolation Valves, Sand Replacement, other repair work/engineering
7 River Level Meter & Effluent Sampling	\$ 60,000.00	New Sample location and sampling process needed for Effluent Samples as well as river level meter.
8 SCADA System Upgrades	\$ 75,000.00	2024 carryover, Extent of Project not known (may be incorporated with Birdsey & PLC/Fiber Project)
9 Biosolids Handling/Project Design/Planning	\$ 703,570.00	Engineering and design portion of project to begin construction in 2026.
SUB TOTAL	\$ 2,012,837.00	

Water Utility Needs for FY 2025

Item	Cost	Comments
1 WP #2 MCC Replacement	\$ 283,379.00	MCC Electrical Buckets and Panel Replacement
2 WP#2 Softener Recon	\$ 298,906.00	Recondition the Zeolite Softeners
3 WP#2 Softener Repaint	\$ 135,651.00	Repaint the interior of the Vessels
4 WP#2 Iron Filter Automated Backwash	\$ 293,000.00	Replace manual system with automated system to reduce waste and increase efficiency
5 WP#2 Dehumidifier 1 of 4 Replacement	\$ 18,164.00	Dehumidifier #1
6 Site Investigation and Site Selection	\$ 42,436.00	Future Water Plant Site Identification
7 Future Plant Land Acquisition	\$ 106,090.00	Purchase of Land for Future Plant
SUB TOTAL	\$ 1,177,626.00	

Electric Utility Needs for FY 2025

Item	Cost	Comments
1 Reconnect Padmount Step-Down	\$ 10,000.00	Unit on Ludington & HWY 89 should be reconnected so it is ready to serve load
2 Complete 4.16kV conversion	\$ 3,300,000.00	Covert the remainder of the 4.16kV to 12.47kV via contract and done before failure of Substation #1.
3 Decommission Substation #1	\$ 10,000.00	Turn Off and scrap Substation #1. Scrap value may be less than disposal costs.
4 Sell Pad Mount Step-Downs	\$ (45,000.00)	These Transformers are useful to other Utilities going through conversion.
5 Hospital Expansion Project Equipment Order	\$ 320,000.00	Equipment needed to perform hospital work in 2026.
6 Substation #2 SCADA Connection	\$ 10,000.00	Carryover from 2024
7 Transformers (Stock and hospital Project)	\$ 720,750.00	Purchased for Hospital project as well as inventory needs in our yard.
8 2025 Ford F350 Super Crew Utility Truck	\$ 76,923.00	Replacement for Truck #32.
SUB TOTAL	\$ 4,402,673.00	

Combined Utility Needs for FY 2025

Item	Cost	Comments
1 Wastewater Portion Streets Projects	\$ 110,000.00	2025 Steels Construction Projects Wastewater Portion
2 Water Portion Streets Projects	\$ 175,000.00	2025 Streets Construction Projects Water Portion
3 PLC/Fiber Installation Upgrade	\$ 175,000.00	City Wide Install of updated comms cable.
SUB TOTAL	\$ 460,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 8,053,136.00	

2025									
Employee	Employment Status	Annual Hours	Budgeted Overtime Hours	2024 Hourly Wage	2024 Annual Salary or Wages	Proposed Increase	2025 Hourly Wage	2025 Annual Salary or Wages	
Director	FT	2080	0	\$ 57.69	\$ 120,000.00	3%	\$ 59.42	\$ 123,595	
Superintendent Business Mgr	FT	2080	0	\$ 46.95	\$ 97,656	3%	\$ 48.36	\$ 100,586	
Billing Clerk	FT	2080	0	\$ 24.15	\$ 50,232	3%	\$ 24.87	\$ 51,739	
Accounting Clerk	FT	2080	0	\$ 31.50	\$ 65,520	3%	\$ 32.45	\$ 67,486	
Totals:					\$ 333,408			\$ 343,405	
					\$ 1,405,431.48		2025 wages	\$ 1,493,355.68	
							2024 wages	\$ 1,405,431.48	
							Increase	\$ 87,924.19	

2025									
Employee	Employment Status	Annual Hours	Budgeted Overtime Hours	2024 Hourly Wage	2024 Annual Salary or Wages	Proposed Increase	2025 Hourly Wage	2025 Annual Salary or Wages	
Sewer Operator A - PG	FT	2080	240	\$ 38.92	\$ 94,965	3%	\$ 40.09	\$ 97,814	
Operator A Incentive Pay - PG	INC	2320	0	\$ 5.00	\$ 11,600	0%	\$ 5.50	\$ 12,760	
Sewer - Operator B - MN	FT	2080	240	\$ 30.43	\$ 74,249	3%	\$ 31.34	\$ 76,477	
Operator B Incentive Pay - MN	INC	2320	0	\$ 3.50	\$ 8,120	0%	\$ 5.50	\$ 12,760	
Sewer Operator B - AD	FT	2080	240	\$ 30.45	\$ 74,298	3%	\$ 31.36	\$ 76,527	
Operator B Incentive Pay - AD	INC	2320	0	\$ 3.50	\$ 8,120	0%	\$ 3.50	\$ 8,120	
Sewer Operator B - JR	FT	2080	240	\$ 30.70	\$ 74,908	3%	\$ 31.62	\$ 77,155	
Operator B Incentive Pay - JR	INC	2320	0	\$ 3.50	\$ 8,120	0%	\$ 3.50	\$ 8,120	
Seasonal Worker	PT	700		\$ 12.33	\$ 8,633		\$ 16.00	\$ 11,200	
Custodian	PT	208		\$ 16.30	\$ 3,391	3%	\$ 16.79	\$ 3,492	
Totals:			960		\$ 366,404			\$ 384,425	

SEWER 2025				CIP/PROJECTS
BOND				
60-831-00-0000	2023 CHEVROLET 5500 HOIST TRUCK (Ehlers)	\$	(149,267)	(\$2,148,570)
60-820-20-0000	Trench Box large plus braces	\$	9,720	
60-820-20-0000	MEUW	\$	14,500	(\$149,267)
60-930-20-9351	RAIN GEAR PPE/SAFETY BUDGET	\$	8,000	\$3,240
60-832-20-0000	Bobcat Hydraulic Breaker	\$	13,300	\$4,983
60-832-20-0000	Bobcat E48 w 18"30" & Ripper	\$	78,298	\$8,000
60-833-00-0000	JOHN DEERE 624P RENTAL 2025 ONLY	\$	16,000	\$2,660
60-826-00-0000	WASTEWATER CHEMICALS	\$	214,600	\$15,660
60-831-00-0000	COLSYS EQUIP/LAB EQUIP/SUPPLIES/SHIP (est)	\$	50,000	\$16,000
60-827-00-0000	PLANT LAB EXPENSES	\$	40,000	\$214,600
60-834-00-0000	PLANT CONTINGENCY PUMP REPLACEMENT (est)	\$	35,000	\$50,000
60-834-00-0000	ENG/CONSULT/PRO-MAN (est)	\$	75,000	\$40,000
60-834-00-0000	HVAC BASSETT MECH CONTRACT	\$	39,036	\$35,000
60-834-00-0000	MUFFIN MONSTER NOT TO EXCEED (est)	\$	28,000	\$75,000
60-834-00-0000	INFLUENT PUMP FLUSH VALVES	\$	10,000	\$39,036
60-827-00-0000	CHEM SCAN PHOS REDUCTION PROCESS	\$	15,000	\$28,000
60-834-00-0000	MLSS CHANNEL AERATION/MIXING (est)	\$	21,000	\$10,000
60-833-00-0000	LAND APPLICATION/CONTRACT SERVICES	\$	(12,500)	\$75,000
60-421-00-4211	SALE OF CHEVY 2500 & FORD EXPLORER	\$	2,256	\$15,000
60-921-00-0000	PRINTER/COPY MACHINE CONTRACT w/irrhyme	\$		\$21,000
	BUDGET TOTAL "PROJECTS" SEWER 2025			(\$12,500)
	CIP TOTAL SEWER 2025			\$2,256
				\$642,935
				(\$2,297,837)

BOND AMOUNT - \$2,297,837

COLUMBUS WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT
Wastewater Revenue and Expenses
Projected 2024 Year End for 2025 Budget

OPERATING REVENUES								
Wastewater Revenue:								
	2023	2024	2024	Expected	2024		2023	
Metered Sales								
Residential	891,685	1,001,917	752,300	1,003,067	1,015,700	35.00%	1,354,141	33.32%
Commercial	339,321	337,880	268,792	358,389	392,700	35.00%	483,826	23.20%
Industrial	101,120	123,735	70,387	93,849	94,500	60.00%	150,158	58.90%
Public Authority	25,744	29,842	29,442	39,256	32,000	35.00%	52,996	65.61%
Service to other systems	121,664	121,603	116,466	139,759	150,000	40.00%	195,662	30.44%
Total Wastewater revenues	1,479,534	1,614,977	1,237,387	1,634,321	1,684,900	205.00%	2,236,784	211.48%
Other operating revenues:								
Forfeited Discounts (470)	-	-	3,160	4,214	-		5,688	
Miscellaneous	92,140	122,845	134,370	155,467	171,000		405,370	
Total operating revenues	1,571,674	1,737,822	1,374,917	1,794,001	1,855,900	47.59%	2,647,842	42.67%
OPERATING EXPENSES								
Operation and Maintenance Expenses								
Operation:								
Supervision and labor	132,580	197,407	29,941	35,929	-	104.27%	73,392	100.00%
Power and fuel	98,181	99,632	66,477	79,773	77,000	-30.00%	55,841	-27.48%
Other operating supplies, expense	80,048	75,072	24,398	29,278	64,000	-100.00%	115,000	79.69%
Transportation 60-828-10-0000	5,102	3,999	679	815	679	0.00%	1,551	128.42%
Chemicals	97,903	96,629	101,812	122,174	98,000	75.65%	214,600	118.98%
Total Operation	413,814	472,739	223,307	267,969	239,679	49.92%	460,384	92.08%
Maintenance:								
Collection system	59,684	48,536	34,655	41,586	70,693	112.71%	88,458	25.13%
Pumping equipment	26,961	29,518	25,761	30,913	21,625	130.25%	71,176	229.13%
Treatment and disposal plant equipment	132,268	153,547	17,573	21,087	49,833	0.00%	63,371	27.17%
General plant structures and equipment	26,521	40,380	156,687	188,025	431,237	128.65%	429,912	-0.31%
Total Maintenance	245,434	271,981	234,676	281,611	573,388	371.60%	652,917	13.87%
Customer Accounts								
Accounting and collecting	107,400	11,980	13,462	16,155	113,862	53.82%	24,850	-78.18%
Administrative and general:								
Salaries & Benefits	114,937	140,816	186,172	223,406	186,172	75.05%	391,071	110.06%
Office supplies	785	1,330	13,433	16,119	6,400	36.48%	22,000	243.75%
Outside services employed	92,130	63,467	137,922	165,506	442,000	141.68%	400,000	-9.50%
Insurance	28,853	31,434	32,621	33,340	31,500	2.88%	34,300	8.89%
Miscellaneous	8,364	10,995	6,017	7,252	15,500	115.81%	15,650	0.97%
Vehicle	-	-	8,872	15,208	16,000	5.21%	16,000	0.00%
Total administrative and general	245,069	248,042	385,037	460,832	697,572	90.75%	879,021	26.01%
Total operation and maintenance	1,011,717	1,004,742	856,481	1,026,567	1,624,501	96.50%	2,017,172	24.17%
Depreciation:								
Depreciation	406,843	417,939	-	406,843	406,843	0.00%	406,843	0.00%
Taxes	-	-	20,078	24,094	26,140	54.37%	37,194	42.29%
Total operating expenses	1,418,560	1,422,681	856,481	1,433,410	2,031,344	71.70%	2,461,209	21.16%
Operating Income	153,114	315,141	518,436	360,592	(175,444)	-48.24%	186,633	-206.38%
NON-OPERATING REVENUES								
Interest Income (419)	-	-	42,712	51,254	93,000	-18.06%	42,000	-54.84%
Interest Expense (431)	-	-	-	(197,402)	(197,402)	8.97%	(215,105)	8.97%
Other Non-Operating Income (421)	-	-	78	94	-	13310.64%	12,606	100.00%
Total Non-Operating (Income)/Expense	-	-	42,790	(146,054)	(104,402)	9.89%	(160,499)	53.73%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	-	-	42,790	(146,054)	(104,402)	-39.90%	26,134	-125.03%

COLUMBUS WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT
Detailed Wastewater Operation and Maintenance Expenses
Projected 2024 Year End for 2023 Budget

	Thru Sept		Expected	2025		Budget	% Budget Increase
	YTD 12/31/2024	Budget 12/31/2024		Budget vs 2024	Expected		
60-480-60-0000	752,300.38	1,003,067.17	2024	35%	1,354,140.68	33%	
60-480-70-0000	188,151.47	250,868.63	2024	35%	338,672.65	-14%	
60-480-80-0000	70,386.78	93,849.04	2024	60%	150,158.46	59%	
60-480-90-0000	80,640.59	107,520.79	2024	35%	145,153.06	0%	
60-482-00-0000	29,442.36	39,256.48	2024	35%	52,996.25	66%	
60-483-00-0000	1,120,921.58	1,494,562.11	2024	40%	2,041,121.10	29%	
60-483-00-1100	11,109.10	13,330.92	2024	40%	18,663.29	87%	
60-483-00-1200	105,356.64	126,427.97	2024	40%	176,999.16	26%	
Total Other Sewer	116,465.74	139,758.89	2024	40%	195,662.44	57%	
Total Sewer Utility-Public Charges	1,237,387.32	1,634,320.99	2024	40%	2,236,783.55	43%	
60-485-00-0000	3,160.13	4,213.51	2024	35%	5,688.23	100%	
60-483-00-1300	65,109.00	66,000.00	2024	1%	66,000.00	0%	
60-483-00-1400	47,685.41	57,222.49	2024	351%	257,970.00	382%	
60-483-00-1500	17,969.22	26,953.83	2024	60%	74,400.00	60%	
60-487-00-0000	2,405.97	4,124.52	2024	-3%	4,000.00	100%	
60-487-00-9000	1,200.00	2,057.14	2024	46%	3,000.00	-40%	
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	134,369.60	155,466.98	2024	126%	405,370.00	126%	
Total Operating Revenue	1,374,917.05	1,794,001.49	2024	103%	2,647,841.78	143%	
60-820-10-0000	29,940.57	35,929.00	2024	90%	68,408.00	100%	
60-820-20-0000	29,941	35,929	2024	0%	4,984.00	100%	
60-821-00-0000	66,477.18	79,772.62	2024	-30%	55,840.83	-27%	
60-822-00-0000	66,477	79,773	2024	-30%	55,840.83	-30.00%	
60-826-00-0000	101,812.03	122,174.44	2024	76%	214,600.00	119%	
60-827-00-0000	24,397.94	29,277.53	2024	293%	115,000.00	505%	
60-827-00-1000	24,398	29,278	2024	193%	115,000.00	292.79%	
60-828-10-0000	679.01	815.00	2024	90%	1,551.00	128%	
60-828-10-0000	679	815	2024	90%	1,551.00	90.31%	
60-828-10-0000	20,461.76	24,554.05	2024	117%	53,240.00	-6%	
60-828-10-0000	20,461.76	24,554.05	2024	117%	53,240.00	-6%	

		Thru Sept		2025			
	YTD	Expected	Budget	Budget vs	Budget	% Budget	
	12/31/2024	2024	12/31/2024	2024	2025	Increase	
	2024	2024	2024	Expected	2025		
Maint of Sewage Clcton Sys L	14,193.38	17,032.00	14,193.38	107%	35,218.00	148%	
Total	34,655	41,586	70,693	224%	88,458.00	112.71%	
Maint-Clct Sys Pmp Eqp	15,910.82	19,092.98	11,775.00	57%	30,000.00	155%	
Maint-Clct Sys Pmp Eqp L	9,850.30	11,820.00	9,850.30	93%	22,856.00	132%	
Rentals	-	-	-	0%	18,320.00	100%	
Total	25,761	30,913	21,625	150%	71,176.00	130.25%	
Maint-Trtmt, Dispose Plt Eqp	6,365.39	7,638.47	17,000.00	384%	37,000.00	118%	
Maint-Trtmt, Dispose Plt Eqp L	11,207.20	13,449.00	11,207.20	96%	26,371.00	135%	
Total	17,573	21,087	49,833	480%	63,371.00	200.51%	
Maint-Genl Plt Struct & Eqp	87,305.59	104,766.71	361,855.00	105%	214,956.00	-41%	
Total	87,306	104,767	361,855	105%	214,956.00	105.18%	
Maint-Genl Plt Struct & Eqp L	69,381.74	83,258.00	69,381.74	158%	214,956.00	210%	
Total	69,381.74	83,258.00	69,381.74	158%	214,956.00	1.58	
Total Water Treatment Expenses	361,565.16	433,878.18	736,066.93	1477%	984,068.00	1.27	
Customer Accounts Expense							
Customer Records & Clct Exp	4,599.86	5,519.83	105,000.00	27%	7,000.00	-93%	
Customer Records & Clct Exp L	8,862.15	10,635.00	8,862.15	68%	17,850.00	101%	
Total Customer Accounts Expense	13,462	16,155	113,862	605%	24,850.00	1	
Administrative and General Expenses							
Admin & General Salaries L	186,172.02	223,406.00	186,172.02	0%	222,783.00	20%	
Total	186,172	223,406	186,172	-17%	222,783.00	(0)	
O/c Supplies and Exp	13,370.20	16,044.24	5,600.00	37%	22,000.00	293%	
O/c Supplies & Exp- Iss/Prem/P	62.66	75.19	800.00	-100%	-	-100%	
Total	13,433	16,119	6,400	-60%	22,000.00	0	
Outside Svcs Employed	137,921.95	165,506.34	442,000.00	142%	400,000.00	-10%	
Total	137,922	165,506	442,000	167%	400,000.00	1	
Property Insurance	29,023.73	29,023.73	31,500.00	3%	30,000.00	-5%	
Injuries and Damages	3,597.00	4,316.40	-	0%	4,300.00	100%	
Total	32,621	33,340	31,500	-6%	34,300.00	1	
Employee P&B Holiday	6,313.38	7,576.00	-	85%	14,008.00	100%	
Employee P&B Sick Leave	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	
Employee P&B School	10,457.48	12,549.34	15,900.00	-12%	11,000.00	-31%	
Employee P&B Funeral	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	
Employee P&B Vision Insurance	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	
Employee P&B Wl Retirement	18,467.42	22,161.00	22,766.25	48%	32,769.00	44%	
Employee P&B Clothing Allowanc	1,830.27	1,830.27	-	9%	2,000.00	100%	
Employee P&B Health Insurance	68,340.65	82,009.00	72,018.05	21%	99,379.00	38%	
Employee P&B Life Insurance	735.97	883.00	633.61	162%	2,316.00	266%	
Employee P&B Cell Phone	805.00	966.00	-	1%	980.00	100%	
Employee P&B Dental Insurance	3,628.45	4,354.00	-	20%	5,210.00	100%	
Employee P&B Vision Ins	474.08	569.00	-	10%	626.00	100%	

COLUMBUS WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT
Detailed Wastewater Operation and Maintenance Expenses
Projected 2024 Year End for 2025 Budget

Thru Sept							
	YTD	Expected	Budget	2025	Budget vs	Budget	% Budget
	12/31/2024	2024	12/31/2024	2024	2024	2025	Increase
	2024	2024	2024	2024	Expected	2025	
Employee Pen & Ben GASB 68	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%
OPED Exp GASB 75	-	-	19,500.00	-100%	-	-	-100%
Total	111,053	132,898	130,818	-2%	168,288.00	7	
Misc General Exp	5,957.41	7,148.89	15,500.00	5%	7,500.00	-52%	
Misc General Exp - Labor	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	
Misc General Exp Supplies & Ex	-	-	-	0%	8,000.00	100%	
Maint of General Pit	60.00	102.86	-	46%	150.00	100%	
Vehicle Clearing	8,871.54	15,208.35	16,000.00	5%	16,000.00	0%	
Total Misc	14,888.95	22,460.10	31,500.00	40%	31,650.00	0%	
Total Administrative & General Expenses	496,089.21	593,729.61	828,389.93	40%	903,871.00	0.09	
Depreciation Expense	-	406,843.00	406,843.00	0%	406,843.00	0%	
Total Depr Exp	-	406,843.00	406,843.00	0%	406,843.00	-	
Taxes	-	24,094.00	26,140.36	8%	37,194.00	42%	
Taxes Social Security	20,078.20	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Taxes	20,078.20	24,094.00	26,140.36	8%	37,194.00	0.42	
NON-OPERATING REVENUES							
Interest and Dividends Income	42,711.67	51,254.00	93,000.00	81%	42,000.00	-55%	
Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	-197,401.97	(197,401.97)	0%	(215,104.74)	9%	
Amort of Debt Disc and Exp	-	-	-	0%	-	0%	
Approp Income Muni Funds	-	-	-	0%	106.00	0%	
Approp Income Muni Funds Labor	78.40	94.00	-	-100%	12,500.00	100%	
Gain/Sale of Fixed Assets	-	-	-	0%	12,500.00	100%	
Total Non-Operating Revenue (Exp)	42,790.07	(146,053.97)	(104,401.97)	-29%	(160,498.74)	154%	
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	443,556.80	73,701.12	(322,942.19)	-538%	26,134.21	354%	

2024 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 11/21/2024

ITEM: Rental of John Deere 624P for 2025 and Purchase in 2026 via CIP for WWTP

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Mid-State Equipment has provided the Utility with three options for acquiring a wheel loader for the WWTP to be used for sludge processing.

As requested from the October 17th meeting, a quote was procured from Mid-State Equipment for the lease of a John Deere 624P Wheel Loader tag # 169434 for \$32,000 for the year 2025 or two payments (one every six months of \$16,000.) This unit has 38 total hours, Full Manufacturer Warranty until September 27, 2026 or 3,000hrs, and will be available for our purchase in 2026 with the Capital Project for \$252,000. The Project had previously budgeted for a used unit @ \$300,000, which the price was lowered as we have this offer in place.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. Rental with intent to Purchase of used John Deere 624 P wheel loader tag # 169434 for \$16,000 every 6 months, and purchase Jan 4, 2026 for \$252,000.

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Review, discuss, and approve lease of John Deere 624 P wheel loader for \$16,000/six months, with intent to purchase in 2026.


www.midstateequipment.com

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 Columbus, WI 53925
 920-623-4020

 4323 E US Hwy 14
 Janesville, WI 53546
 608-754-8450

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 920-261-8118

☐ 8841 Antioch Rd
 PO Box 10
 Salem, WI 53168
 262-843-2326

☐ S9711 Hwy 12
 Prairie Du Sac, WI 53578
 608-643-3307

☐ 355 Transit Dr. **RENTALS**
 Columbus, WI 53925
 920-623-4300

CUSTOMER INVOICE

 Customer Name Columbus Utilities
 Address 950 Maple Ave
 City Columbus
 State WI Zip 53925
 County _____
 Customer PO# _____

Ship To Address

Date 10/8/2024

Customer Acct# _____

Phone# _____

Cell# _____

Fax# _____

Email _____

PAYMENT TYPE

☐ Cash ☐ Internal charge ☐ JD note ☐ Mastercard ☐ Customer Clearing
☐ Farm Plan ☐ Check# _____ ☐ JDCRP ☐ Visa ☐ Other _____

EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

New	Used	Make	Model	Description	Hrs	Tag#	Serial#	Amount	GVW (lbs.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JD	624 P	Wheel Loader with Bucket	38.00	169434	1DW624PAKPLA20133	\$16,000 due every 6 months (2 payments)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Powertrain & Hydraulic Warranty until Sep 17, 2026 or 3000 hours				12 month minimum term, 400 total hours	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>							Rental period Dec 1 2024 - Jan 1, 2026	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>								
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Amount due for purchase January 4, 2026				\$252,000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Rubber bucket cutting edge included with purchase					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>								
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			Maintenance included every 200 hours through January 1, 2027				No additional cost	

EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION / NOTES

Used sold as is.

*** Warranty does not include trucking

Thank you for your business :: Chris Niebauer :: 608-370-3350

10% Non-Refundable down payment required prior to ordering of Special ordered and NonStocked items.

Freight and Delivery

Subtotal

Less Trade

Convenience Fee

Subtotal

Sales Tax %

Payoff Amount

<Down Payment>

TRADE INFORMATION: ALLOWANCE ON TRADE IN OF THE FOLLOWING WHICH I CERTIFY FREE FROM ALL ENCUMBRANCES

Year	Mke	Model	Description	Hrs	Tag#	Serial#	Trade Value	Total Cash price
Select	<small>Click New Drop Down</small>							
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Select	<small>Click New Drop Down</small>							

WARRANTY INFORMATION

☐ New ☐ Extended ☒ Manufacture
☒ Used ☐ No Warranty ☐ Other/See below

Warranty doesn't cover delivery fee/service calls

Term _____ Hours _____

Term _____ Hours _____

All known defects of trades have been disclosed to Mid-State Representative prior to agreement. (Customer Initials)

 I CERTIFY THAT THE PROPERTY ABOVE IS ☒, IS NOT ☐ EXEMPT
 FROM WISCONSIN SALES TAX BECAUSE IT WILL BE USED OR
 LEASED IN PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURE.

ALL INVOICES DUE UPON RECEIPT. A FINANCE CHARGE computed by the
 periodic rate of 1.5% per month which is an ANNUAL RATE of 18% will be
 applied to the adjusted balance that has become more than 30 days past due as
 of the billing date shown on the statement.

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE

Chris Niebauer

MID-STATE SALES REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

Auth. Dealer Signature

Thank you for your business!

Rev. 10/17/2018

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 EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

2024 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 11/21/2024

ITEM: Annual Election of Commission Officers

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Annual Election of Commission Officers is required in the month of November.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

None

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Commission to Vote on New Commission Officers for 2025.

2024 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 11/21/2024

ITEM: Approval to Purchase (6) PTs for Substation #4

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

During the repairs to the damaged Substation #4 Transformer the crew ran into a problem with the PT's (potential transformers). The insulators were cracked or when grabbed the electrode completely broke off the PT. Upon inspection of the 18-year-old equipment it was identified that (6) needed to be replaced ASAP. The Substation is Offline until these repairs can be made. On the evening of November 13th Adams Columbia Power lost service to a large portion of their service area around Columbus. The severity of this outage would have been greatly reduced had Substation #4 been operational. We received a quote for two brands of PTs from Border States. On the quote provided the price for the selected PTs is \$10,508.58. Upon discussion with City Administrator and myself it was determined that this purchase could not wait for Commission Approval, but can be agreed upon by the Commission to certify the purchase according to policy.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. Border States PT Quotes.

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Discussion and Approval of Purchase Request.



Border States - PWK
N29W23606 Woodgate Ct E
Pewaukee WI 53072-6248
Phone: 262-347-2199

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT DEPARTMENT
PO Box 228
COLUMBUS WI 53925-0228

Quote

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Item #9.

Quote: 27754970
Sold-To Acct #: 8242
Valid From: 11/12/2024 To: 11/26/2024
PO No: PT Quote
PO Date: 11/12/2024
Payment Terms: NET 25TH PROX (31)

Created By: Kira Xiong
Tel No: 262-347-2110
Fax No:

Inco Terms:
FOB MIXED FREIGHT TERMS

Ship-to:
COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT DEPARTMENT
950 MAPLE AVE
COLUMBUS WI 53925-1064

Cust Item	Item	Material MFG - Description	Quantity	Price	Per	UoM	Value
	000020	3436084 RITZ - 122031010.395690 60:1 VEF15-20 8-11 WEEK LEAD TIME FREIGHT ALLOWED ** RITZ ALTERNATE** 7200/12470GY : 120V, VEF 15-20, 60:1, 0.3 WXYZ, 2000 VA	6 EA	2,254.29	/ 1	EA	13,525.74
	000030	3378872 RITZ - 121531009.395003 VEF15-09 60:1 RITZ PT PN: 121531009.395003 UNIT TYPE: VEF15-09 VOLTAGE CLASS: 15 KV BIL: 110 KV FREQUENCY: 60 HZ NO. OF BUSHINGS: 1 VOLTAGE RATING: 7200/12470GY V VOLTAGE RATIO: 60:1 ACCURACY 1: 0.3WXY OVER-VOLTAGE FACTOR: 1.25 - 8 HR / 1.4 - 1 MIN THERMAL BURDEN: 1000 VA COLOR: Gray ENVIRONMENT: Outdoor TEMP RANGE: -40/+ 50C APPLICABLE STANDARD: IEEE-C57.13, CSA-C61869-3 MEASUREMENT CANADA APPROVAL NO: AE-2140 NOTES: to include (2) secondary terminal screws PN: 27500046 for ring-tongue terminals BSE STOCK ALBERTVILLE, MN PLUS FREIGHT	6 EA	1,751.43	/ 1	EA	10,508.58

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Phone: 262-347-2199

Quote

Item #9.

Quote: 27754970
Sold-to Acct #: 8242
Valid From: 11/12/2024 To: 11/26/2024

Total \$			24,034.32
State Tax \$	0.000 %	0.00	
County Tax \$	0.000 %	0.00	
Local Tax \$	0.000 %	0.00	
Other Tax1 \$	0.000 %	0.00	
Other Tax2 \$	0.000 %	0.00	
Other Tax3 \$	0.000 %	0.00	
Tax Subtotal \$	0.000 %		0.00

Net Amount \$ 24,034.32

To access Border States Terms and Conditions of Sale, please go to
<https://www.borderstates.com>

The quoted sales tax is an estimate only based upon the information provided in this quote and will be finalized at the time of Invoice based upon the material purchased, quantity purchased, and delivery location.

Shipping and handling fees in this quote are an estimate only and will be finalized at the time of Invoice.

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2024 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 11/21/2024

ITEM: Authorization to withdraw funds from the Utility General Fund LGIP # 13 to pay off balance of Truck Loan with Farmer's and Merchants Bank per the payoff quote.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Per the advice of Ehlers it was advised that we purchase the truck ASAP from Farmer's and Merchants Bank. The total amount of \$104,733.93 will need to be borrowed from the Utility General Fund LGIP #134 to pay off this balance. The current balance of the LGIP Investment Account is \$427,331.84. These funds will be returned to the LGIP when the 2024 General Obligation Bond proceeds are received at the end of December.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. Email request from Treasurer.
2. Payoff Quote from Farmer's and Merchants Bank.

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Discussion and Approval of Treasurers Request.

Jacob Holbert

From: Krystal Larson <klarson@columbuswi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 5:12 PM
To: Jacob Holbert
Cc: Matt Amundson - City Administrator
Subject: Item to added to Amended Agenda on Monday

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Jacob,

For ease of procedure, please add an item to the Agenda to request authorization to withdraw funds in the amount of \$104,733.93 from the Utility General Fund LGIP #13 to pay off of the balance of the truck loan with Farmer's and Merchants Bank per the payoff quote. The current balance of the LGIP investment account is \$427,331.84. These funds will be returned to the LGIP when the 2024 General Obligation Bond proceeds are received at the end of December.

Krystal



Krystal Larson
Treasurer
City of Columbus
105 N. Dickason Blvd.
Columbus, WI 53925
Phone: 920-623-5900
Email: klarson@columbuswi.gov

Farmers & Merchants Union Bank
159 W James St P O Box 226
Columbus, Wisconsin 53925

Columbus Utilities
PO Box 228
Columbus WI 53925

Loan Payoff Statement

Loan Payoff for:	Loan Number:	189012
Columbus Utilities	Date Quoted:	Nov 14, 2024
PO Box 228	Payoff Good To:	Nov 25, 2024
Columbus WI 53925	Method:	6/0

Collateral:MTD 4050B Digger Truck

Principal:	\$101,680.00
Interest To Nov 25, 2024:	\$3,053.93
Net Amount Due:	\$104,733.93

Additional Information

One Day's Interest:	\$17.65
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Municipal crews answer mutual aid call after Hurricane Milton

When predicted wind speeds, rain totals, and tidal surges forced more than one million Floridians to evacuate from Hurricane Milton last month, nearly 50 Wisconsin municipal electric utility workers answered the call for help. Even before the hurricane made landfall, the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA) began coordinating with the American Public Power Association's Mutual Aid Working Group to assemble a response team to help Florida's 33 public power utilities restore power after the storm had cleared.

FMEA quickly accepted mutual aid from Wisconsin lineworkers, who brought in their

hurricane restoration experience from 2022 in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., following Hurricane Ian and from 2017 in Kissimmee, Fla., following Hurricane Irma. Within just a few hours, nearly four dozen workers from 22 Wisconsin communities had mobilized for the 1,300-mile-plus journey to central Florida.

MEUW Director of Safety Services Mike Czuprynko and Electric Utility Safety and Training Coordinator Don Harnisch organized and led Wisconsin's response to FMEA's request. Initially assigned to Kissimmee, the crews assembled first just outside of Beloit, Wis., and the caravan of bucket trucks, digger/derricks, and other equipment left early on Wednesday, Oct. 9, to begin the journey. Crews then pre-staged in Tennessee, ready to jump in where needed.

As damage assessments became clearer, the Wisconsin workers were redirected to Lakeland, Fla., to assist Lakeland Electric crews and other mutual aid crews in restoring

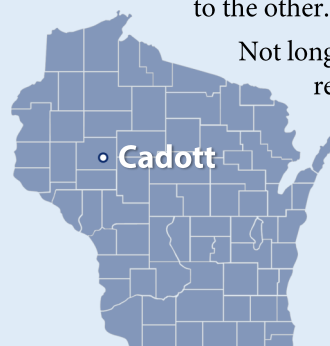
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Village of Cadott plans to retain ownership of its electric utility

News broke late in May 2024 that the Village of Cadott, in Chippewa County, was exploring plans to sell the community's electric utility to Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC), which has been maintaining and operating Cadott's system under contract since 2017.

The announcement was made after an engineering study showed Cadott's electric system requires a \$7.5 million investment to meet acceptable industry and safety standards. The electric system in Cadott, which serves roughly 840 customers, is adjacent to CVEC's and overlaps in some places, which would enable one to serve as a backup to the other.



Not long after the announcement, representatives of MEUW and municipal utilities in the area met with the Village Board to offer support. Over the summer, the village hired an accounting firm to complete a rate study to deter-

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the more than 86,000 reported outages. Wisconsin crews worked alongside mutual aid crews from Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Texas.

The crews worked diligently and made exceptional progress, encountering challenging conditions, including flooding, heat, maneuvering in tight spaces, and a significant amount of damaged infrastructure.

Without mutual aid from the Wisconsin crews and other municipal utilities, many of the Lakeland Electric customers could have been with-

out power for weeks. "It was a big sacrifice for our crews," acknowledged Czuprynsko. "They left their families for an uncertain amount of time. But they saw people in difficult circumstances who needed help, so they dropped everything to answer the call. The work is highly skilled and can be dangerous. We were able to help out and bring a little bit of 'Midwest nice' to the people of Florida."

Czuprynsko also noted that the crews staying behind in

Wisconsin at their home utilities also deserve thanks.

"The people at home did double duty to keep the lights on for our customers, so we could send help to Florida," he said.

Oconomowoc Utilities Electric Field Supervisor Todd Tremaine was among those making the trip. Having had prior out-of-state mutual aid experience, he didn't hesitate to volunteer again when he was called upon. "Getting that different experience is

huge," he said. "We have mostly underground, so working overhead lines is great experience."

Lakeland Electric received support from 47 Wisconsin lineworkers from Arcadia, Black Earth, Cedarburg, Clintonville, Columbus, Evansville, Fennimore, Hartford, Kaukauna, Lodi, Manitowoc, Marshfield, Mazomanie, Medford, Muscoda, Oconomowoc, Prairie du Sac, Rice Lake, Shawano, Stoughton, Sun Prairie, and Wisconsin Rapids.

Crews worked well together and operated safely, with no

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The 47 Wisconsinites who took their skills to provide mutual aid in Florida were (front row, from left): Isaiah Moesch, Shawano; Shawn Borlace, Shawano; John Ziegeweid, Arcadia; Nate Middleton, Arcadia; Bob Kaufman, Sun Prairie; Justice Dille, Muscoda; Jordan Fritche, Fennimore; Troy Wardell, Muscoda; Don Harnisch, MEUW; Brad Klos, Cedarburg; Kirk Peschel, Oconomowoc; (second row) Jake Francis, Wisconsin Rapids; Travis Eswein, Wisconsin Rapids; Dean Bohman, Marshfield; Mike Vanderwyst, Marshfield; Jon Carrick, Clintonville; Ethan Hoffman, Clintonville; Cody Kuphal, Sun Prairie; Dave Koenig, Lodi; Jake Boness, Columbus; Mason Mosher, Columbus; Chad Mason, Stoughton; Andy Ruder, Stoughton; Craig Bever, Hartford; Keith Priesgen, Hartford; Todd Tremaine, Oconomowoc; Mike Czuprynsko, MEUW; (third row) Sean Palubicki, Kaukauna; Josh Warden, Kaukauna; Ed Kakes, Manitowoc; Dylan Kirschbaum, Fennimore; Weslee Carlson, Shawano; Ryan Steffen, Medford; Jared Hartl, Medford; Jordan Robertson, Prairie du Sac; Sandon McClurg, Prairie du Sac; Josh Bader, Vanguard (Black Earth/Mazomanie); Jeff Hecht, Jr., Columbus; Mike Nawrocki, Stoughton; Anthony Brady, Evansville; Chase Stiklestad, Evansville; Nick Feucht, Cedarburg; Dan Healy, Rice Lake; Jonny Hilbert, Rice Lake; (on truck) Jake Zipperer, Manitowoc; Klein Vogel, Manitowoc; and Shawn Thomas, Manitowoc.

Photo by Cora Seibt, Sun Prairie Utilities

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incidents or near-misses reported. According to Tremaine, “That’s the thing with MEUW; everyone works together very well. Even with guys I’ve never met or worked with before, it just worked. It was a very positive experience.”

The Wisconsin crews began their journey home on Thursday, Oct. 17. The folks at Lakeland Electric expressed their appreciation in a post of the utility’s Facebook page:



Lakeland Electric

Oct 17 · 🌐

🌟 A Huge Thank You! 🌟 Today, Lakeland Electric extends heartfelt gratitude to all the mutual aid crews who have joined us in our time of need. Your dedication, hard work, and unwavering support have made a significant difference in our community’s recovery efforts. As you head back home, know that you have not only helped restore power but also uplifted spirits here in Lakeland. Your selflessness and commitment to service inspire us all! Safe travels, and we hope to see you again under brighter skies! 🚗💡 #ThankYou #MutualAid #PublicPower #LinemanStrong

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Members' NEWS



Dan Olson is retiring from Spooner Municipal Utilities after 35 years. He began his career at Spooner as an apprentice with a background in cable TV. He received Journeyman status three years later, and held both water and sewer credentials with the Wisconsin DNR. Dan became Lead Lineman in 2011, a position he held until his last day of work Oct. 19, with his official retirement scheduled for Jan. 8, 2025.

Ryan Schlapper has been promoted to fill the lead lineman position in Spooner and **Justin Abrahamson** has been hired to fill the vacancy at the utility.

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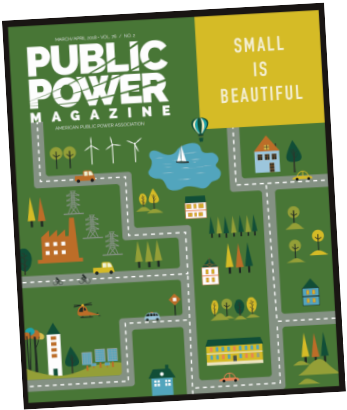
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Small utility systems are the backbone of public power

By Tim Heinrich

Not long after I began working for MEUW in April 2018, I came across an issue of *Public Power Magazine*. The cover story — “Small Is Beautiful” — focused on smaller public power systems and how they pride themselves on doing more with less and saving their customers money. As I flipped through the pages and read some of the articles, I still remember that feeling of being home again. At the time, it had been 25 years since I started my first job in the utility industry. I didn’t know or appreciate the difference between an IOU or a muni in 1993. Over the next two decades, I witnessed the relatively small investor-owned utility I had joined morph into a multi-state conglomerate that no longer resembled my first employer. The culture had changed, the focus on customers and the community had gotten blurry, and a “bigger-is-

better” mentality had won out. Public power was — and continues to be — a refreshing kind of homecoming for me. Flash forward; it’s so gratifying to see how public power continues to celebrate being “fun-sized.” If you’re a regular reader of *LIVE LINES*, you know that MEUW dedicates space



An April 2018 edition of APPA’s magazine focused on the unique character of small electric systems

each month to showcase one of the 81 communities across Wisconsin that are lucky enough to own and operate their own electric utility. This month, the spotlight is shining on the Village of Viola, which straddles the lines between Vernon and Richland counties in Western Wisconsin. It is among the smallest of the small munis in our state, with 410 electric meters serving its 685 residents. Viola is proof that small is beautiful, and I hope you’ll enjoy reading all about it.

When something is small, it can be vulnerable and fragile. That principle applies in nature and in business. As the MEUW Board of Directors met in late August for a focused discussion about the association’s long-term strategy, the conversations naturally came around to what MEUW could do to help support its smallest member utilities. The discussions were especially urgent based on

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Wisconsin electric meters is served by a municipal utility



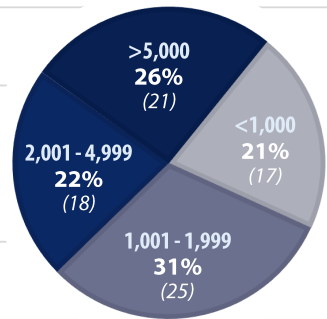
Each bar represents one of the **81** public power utilities operating in Wisconsin

Ten smallest municipal electric utilities in Wisconsin (by meter count)

Merrillan	410
Viola	428
Wonewoc	473
Argyle	506
Benton	550
La Farge	558
Belmont	581
Hazel Green	637
Cashton	647
Shullsburg	736

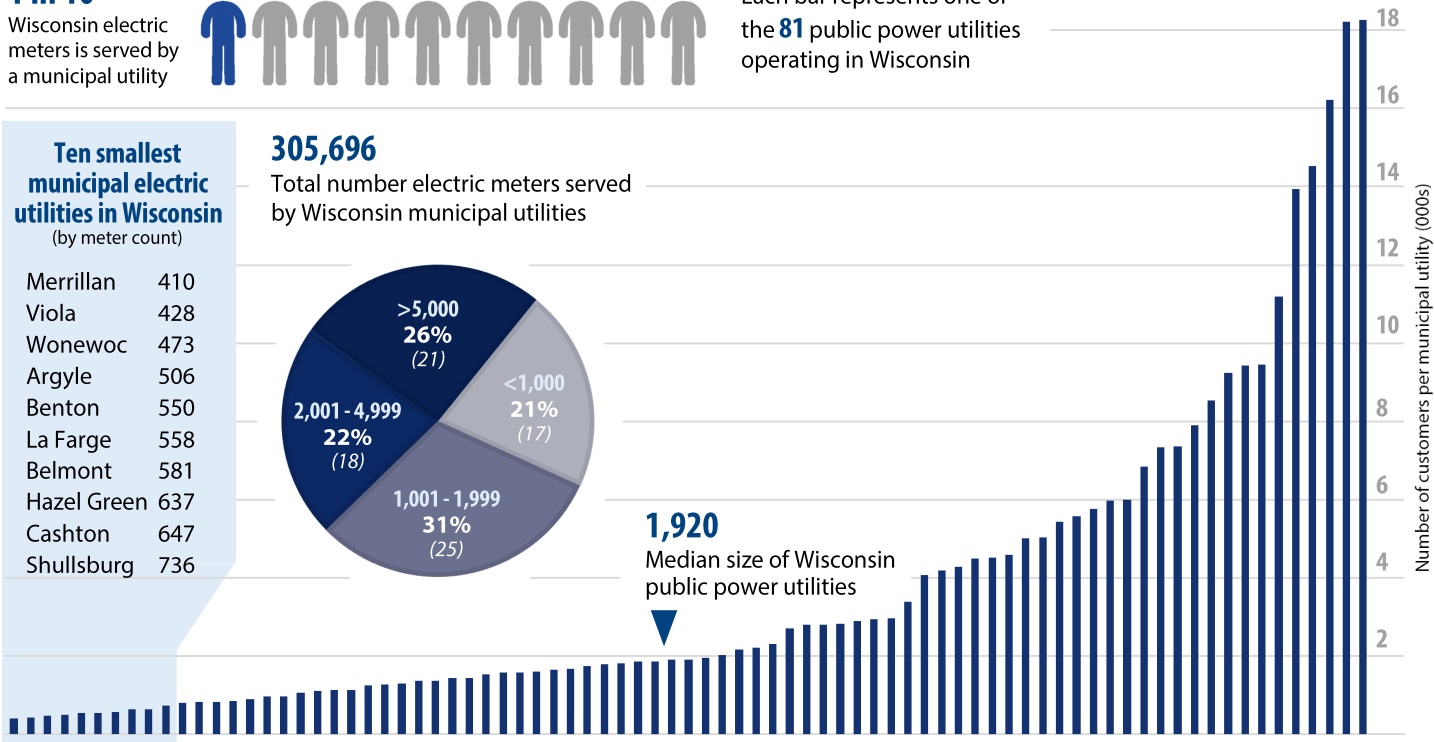
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Total number electric meters served by Wisconsin municipal utilities



1,920

Median size of Wisconsin public power utilities



2023 data based on utilities' annual reports filed with Public Service Commission of Wisconsin



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mine the customer impact of a sale and the overall cost of hiring a lineman to serve the community and help to update and maintain Cadott's electric system. In the meantime, CVEC offered a month-to-month maintenance agreement to replace the annual contract and allow the village more flexibility for the future.

At its regular meeting on Oct. 7, the Cadott Village Board heard the results of the rate study, which showed an increase in residential customer rates between \$440 and \$563 annually over a 10-year period. After discussion in closed session, the Board voted to retain ownership of the electric utility.

When the Village Board met again on Oct. 21, they decided to proceed with a rate-case filing and plan to continue evaluating whether or not to hire a lineman of their own. ●

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recent news that the Village of Cadott was considering a proposed sale of its electric system to the neighboring electric cooperative. With input from the community and a re-evaluation of its options, the Village Board decided to retain its electric utility and make the necessary investments to keep it operating safely and efficiently. The decision preserves the local control that is a hallmark of public power, and we are glad to celebrate the positive outcome in Cadott.

Some might suggest small municipal utility systems can't go it alone and face operational challenges too difficult to overcome. In fact, there are numerous places where MEUW members have supported one another with resources, equipment, and supplies in the same "neighbor-helping-neighbor" spirit that folks who live in a small community have come to expect. One recent example is the Village of Merrilan in Jackson County, which entered an agreement with Black River Falls Municipal Utilities to provide added support for the village's distribution system while Merrilan works to solidify its workforce.

It's no secret that even the largest municipal electric systems among MEUW's members are small compared to the investor-owned utilities

operating in Wisconsin. That fact is one of the founding principles of MEUW: stronger together! If you brought together 10 Wisconsinites from all corners of the state, one of those folks (statistically) would be a public power customer. That person enjoys not-for-profit electric service that is considerably more reliable and more affordable, not to mention the fact that the people maintaining the system and making decisions about its future live in the same community. Those of us who work in public power know that, but too many others do not.

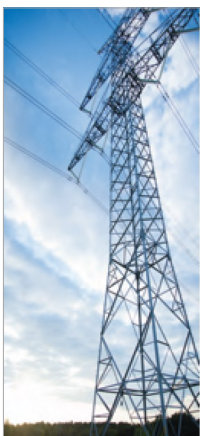
November is a time when Americans pause to give thanks. For the past 15 years, the Saturday after Thanksgiving has also been a time to recognize and support small businesses. While municipal utilities may be small compared to our counterparts, we play a powerful role throughout Wisconsin. Thank you for all you do to keep the lights on and your communities strong. All of us at MEUW are proud to support and represent you. Isn't small beautiful?

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Wisco munis earn national recognition

In October, the American Public Power Association (APPA) presented awards recognizing municipal electric utilities from across the country for their efforts in providing excellent service to their communities. APPA also presented Smart Energy Provider designations for 2024 to 45 utilities nationally. Public power utilities operating in Wisconsin were among the honorees.



Public Power Customer Satisfaction Awards

The Wisconsin municipal utilities — Kaukauna Utilities, Stoughton Utilities, and Sun Prairie Utilities — were honored at APPA's Customer Connections Conference in Louisville, Ky. The award recognizes utilities that receive high marks from customers in the areas of customer service, field personnel, communication, reliability, value, outage response, innovation, and overall satisfaction.

Smart Energy Provider Designations

Eight Wisconsin public power utilities earned APPA's [Smart Energy Provider \(SEP\) designation](#) for demonstrating commitment to and proficiency in energy efficiency, distributed energy resources, and environmental initiatives that support the goal of providing safe, reliable, low-cost, and sustainable electric service. The SEP designation, which lasts for three years (Dec. 1, 2024, to Nov. 30, 2027), recognizes public power utilities for demonstrating leading practices in four key disciplines: smart energy information; energy efficiency and distributed energy resources programs; environmental and sustainability programs and initiatives; and communication, education, and customer experience. This is the sixth year APPA has designated SEPs, which were presented on Oct. 28 in Louisville, Ky.



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2024 designees from Wisconsin are: Algoma Utilities, City of Eagle River Light & Water Utility, Cuba City Light and Water, Hartford Utilities, Juneau Utilities, Slinger Utilities, Sturgeon Bay Utilities, and Waupun Utilities. The eight new SEPs join 16 other Wisconsin utilities that received the designation in 2023. Those utilities operate in Cedarburg, Columbus, Florence, Jefferson, Kaukauna Utilities, Lake Mills, Lodi, Menasha, New London, Oconomowoc, Oconto Falls, Richland Center, River Falls, Stoughton, Two Rivers, and Waunakee. The Wisconsin utilities are among 111 SEPs designated nationally. ●

Wall marks MEUW employment milestone this month



Regional Safety Coordinator **Sean Wall** is celebrating 10 years of service to MEUW and its members this month. He delivers safety services and support to municipal utilities in five communities, including Clintonville, Marshfield, Medford, New London, and Wisconsin Rapids. He first joined MEUW on Nov. 17, 2014.

Viola: (Re)building for the future, focusing on renewables



By Karen Whitmer

When visiting Viola for the first time, most are enchanted by the village's scenic beauty, friendly locals, and family-oriented atmosphere. This

small, bucolic village of nearly 700 people is located in both Richland and Vernon counties and proudly owns and operates its own electric and water utilities.

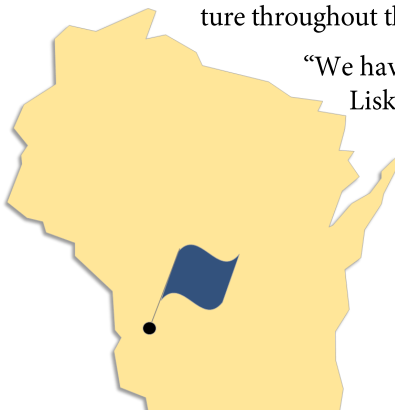
There is so much that makes this village special, but one word that captures the spirit of the Viola community is resilience.

Jeff Liska, the village's Electric Utility Manager and Director of Public Works, is a life-long resident of Viola and has been working in various capacities since he went to work as a municipal employee 42 years ago. He also served as Chief of Viola's volunteer fire department for many years before turning over the position to another village employee, Ben Culver.

Liska has faced a multitude of emergencies in both of his roles and has witnessed the people of Viola pull together over and over to keep their community strong. "You know you are part of a very special community when you see the heroes and angels that show up to help and support each other during tough times," he said. "There is very little middle ground during a crisis, people are either angels or devils. And we are fortunate to have many angels in our community."

And Viola has needed those angels. Liska said the town had to repair damage caused by a tornado in 2005, and major flooding in 2008, 2016, 2017, and 2018. Viola is particularly prone to flooding due to its proximity to the Kickapoo River.

One of the most devastating events was the flood of August 2018, which was triggered by an epic 15-inch rainfall, causing the Kickapoo River to set flood-stage records. The floodwaters caused extensive damage to homes, businesses, and infrastructure throughout the area.



"We have repaired and rebuilt,"

Liska said. And the community is now working to avoid future damage from the Kickapoo River through flood-mitigation planning. With the help of grants and federal funding, in the last few years, Viola has repaired sewer

systems, installed new roads, and built the infrastructure for new neighborhoods.

Liska said even now — six years after the 2018 flood — Viola continues to build for the future. New apartments, quadplexes, and a gas station have gone up on the south end of the village, away from the floodplain. Both residential and commercial lots in the area are also available for more housing and businesses.

"Despite the challenges we've faced, our town is growing and thriving," Liska said. "Housing is in demand in Viola, so we continue to expand and create new options and opportunities for our community."



The Village of Viola is in the final stages of constructing a community solar garden, which will have a capacity of 500 kilowatts.

A Commitment to Renewable Energy

Viola Municipal Electric Utility (VMEU) currently has about 425 electric customers within its service territory, which includes the village as well as a neighborhood just outside the village limits where the Kickapoo Area Schools are located.

The Village of Viola has a small, hard-working staff of four, and the electric utility contracts with Vernon Electric Cooperative in Westby for line work. It is a member of the Upper Midwest Municipal Energy Group, which includes 16 municipal utilities that are wholesale customers of Dairyland Power Cooperative Inc.

The village owns and operates the Viola Electric Utility Plant, a distillate fuel oil power plant, which has a peak capacity of 1.8 megawatts and has been operational since 2002.

According to Liska, the plant is primarily used for stand-by or back-up generation and provides additional power during peak demand periods or emergencies, which helps to ensure reliability for the local grid.

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And now this small and resilient community is focusing its energies on renewable power.

VMEU's largest customer, GoMacro, has contributed to helping the community increase this commitment.

GoMacro is known for producing organic, plant-based nutrition bars called MacroBars. The company was created by a mother-daughter duo in 2004, after the mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and adopted a plant-based macrobiotic diet as part of her treatment. The very first MacroBar recipe was created in the kitchen of their family farmhouse in Viola.



Founded in 2004 in the Village of Viola, GoMacro sells its organic nutrition bars online and in retail stores nationwide, and has a strong focus on sustainable operations.

renewable energy for production, and its headquarters building includes sustainable features like solar panels and energy-efficient lighting.

With a focus on helping the entire community become more “green,” in 2020, GoMacro worked with VMEU to forge a first-of-its-kind arrangement. The company helped to subsidize Viola’s use of renewable energy by purchasing renewable energy credits (RECs) for the entire village. Although VMEU no longer helps to purchase the RECs, GoMacro remains committed to increasing the use of renewable power in Viola.

“This initiative not only supported environmental sustainability but also set a great example for other communities throughout Wisconsin and the entire country,” Liska said.

And there’s more exciting renewable energy news in Viola.

VMEU is now in the process constructing a solar garden next to the Kickapoo Area Schools and near GoMacro. This solar photovoltaic system, which will have a capacity of 500 kilowatts with a 440-kilowatt battery storage system, is expected to be operational by January 2025.

“It’s a very exciting time,” Liska said. The solar garden is currently in the final stages of construction, and the team is just awaiting the installation of the battery storage system.

“The solar garden will help make Viola more resilient during emergencies ... and decrease our need for back-up fossil fuel generation,” Liska said. VMEU has also committed to using the solar garden for education purposes. “We constructed the garden near our schools so it can be used for ongoing public education programs, especially for our students at the Kickapoo Area Schools.”

A Rich History and Positive Future

Viola has a rich history dating back to its founding in 1855. It is a part of the Midwest known as the Driftless Area, a unique region that was untouched by the last glaciers, resulting in a landscape without the glacial deposits known as “drift.” It is characterized by steep hills and deep river valleys.

The area was originally inhabited by people known as “Mound Builders,” who created interesting earth mounds shaped like birds and animals. Over time, the mounds have disappeared, but Viola’s Mound Park still honors these early inhabitants.

In addition to visiting Mound Park, visitors often come to Viola for its outdoor activities such as camping, trout fishing, and canoeing.

September is the perfect time for a road trip to Viola, when the village holds its annual Horse and Colt Show. This year marked the event’s 93rd anniversary. The day and a half-long event includes a horse show, rodeo, parade, music, dancing, arts and crafts fair, food, and carnival games. Every year, the family-friendly community event attracts more and more people.

“In good times and in bad, the people of Viola stick together,” Liska said. “Despite some past hardships, good things are ahead. I’m so proud to call this community my home.” •

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January conference is prime opportunity to learn, network

Municipal and electric cooperative employees will have a chance to come together to network and learn about important topics impacting utility operations at the 2025 [Electric Operations Conference & Expo](#). MEUW and the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association will host the annual gathering in Wisconsin Dells from Jan. 15–17. Employees at all levels are welcome and encouraged to attend the event, which will feature a variety of dynamic speakers covering a wide range of relevant topics.

The event will kick off at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, with general session presentations for both MEUW and WECA attendees, including a presentation by Public Service Commissioner Marcus Hawkins. A Welcome Reception will be held that evening.

The program for Thursday, Jan. 16 includes general sessions, breakout presentations, and a keynote presentation from Wisconsin legend and Green Bay Packers Hall of Famer Gilbert Brown. New this year, the event will include several “cohort” discussion to enable participants to choose from a list of topics

and have smaller group discussions with others who share the same interest.

Thursday’s Expo will extend for five hours, allowing exhibitors and attendees plenty of time to interact. The Exhibit Hall will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Another new addition this year is the “Supplier Showcase Stage” inside the Exhibit Hall.

Similar to “state-fair-style” expos, the stage area will allow suppliers to host brief demonstrations of their products or services throughout the day.

Expo bingo will also be back in 2025, giving Expo attendees the chance to win a wide variety of exhibitor-donated door prizes while also learning about their offerings.

The Apprentice Graduation Banquet will take place Thursday evening and features a brief program to recognize the Class of 2024, who completed the lineworker and meter technician programs at Chippewa Valley Technical College and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. There is a separate registration and \$55 fee required to attend. ●

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Utilities celebrate Public Power Week with their customers, communities

Warm weather and friendly neighbors helped municipal utilities celebrate Public Power Week. The first full week in October is the public power industry’s annual opportunity to celebrate the benefits of being community-powered, with many member utilities hosting events. Here are a few fun examples:

(1) Events at Shawano Municipal Utilities featured equipment demonstrations; **(2)** Menasha Utilities’ Public Power Week open house included education about electric vehicles; **(3)** The Sun Prairie Utilities team sponsored a dinner for those in need. **(4)** Stoughton Utilities customers took part in a scavenger hunt, finding Linemen Andy and Mike (and a squirrel!!) for the win; **(5)** Marshfield Utilities’ Lineman Andy Goettl read the book *LineKid’s ABCs* to a group of local kids; **(6)** Rice Lake Utilities’ celebration included giveaways.



Public Power Week 2025 will take place Oct. 5–11. It’s never too early to start planning fun ways your utility and employees can connect with customers to celebrate what makes it special to be community-powered! ●

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PSC declines to issue ruling in third-party financing docket

After nearly 28 months of regulatory and court filings, the Public Service Commission (PSC) has declined to issue a declaratory ruling about whether third-party financiers of solar installations should be regulated as a “public utility” under Wisconsin law. The Final Decision came on a 2-0 vote (Commissioner Kristy Nieto was recused) at the Commission’s regular meeting on Sept. 12, officially ending a request originally filed in May 2022 by Vote Solar, a San Francisco, Calif.-based nonprofit advocacy group.

A December 2022 PSC decision would have allowed a Stevens Point family to

lease a solar system installed on their home by North Wind Renewable Energy Cooperative, a project two of three Commissioners at the time concluded was not subject to regulation as a public utility. The family later sold the home and did not move forward with the project. In May 2023, the Wisconsin Utilities Association (WUA), which represents investor-owned utilities (IOUs), petitioned for judicial review of the PSC’s decision. MEUW was one of more than a dozen parties that intervened in the docket, with many subsequently joining WUA in the court filing.

In April 2024, a Circuit Court judge sent the issue back to the PSC, ruling that the regulatory agency incorrectly inter-

preted what constitutes a “public utility” because it focused on the singular project and not North Wind’s activities as a whole. In late June, the PSC reopened the Vote Solar proceeding, in response to the circuit court’s remand and changed circumstances, to consider modifications to its 2022 Final Decision.

Vote Solar asked the Commission to refrain from taking further action or setting a procedural schedule until all pending appeals could be exhausted; WUA disagreed, arguing that the project’s cancellation made further court proceedings moot. With the matter now closed, WUA and the other parties have filed a motion to dismiss a pending appeal and formally conclude the case.



Long-awaited decision on updated PG tariffs delayed

After months of investigation into a proposal by Sturgeon Bay Utilities (SBU) to update its parallel generation (PG) tariffs (and buy-back rates for excess generation), the Public Service Commission (PSC) opted not to issue a final decision in the docket (5780-TE-111) at its open meeting on Oct. 10. PSC Chair Summer Strand and Commissioner Hawkins deliberated over several contested issues in the application, ultimately agreeing to [re-open the investigation](#) in order to allow time for additional discovery and analysis. Commissioner Kristy Nieto

had recused herself because of prior involvement in the investigation when she was Division Administrator.

During the discussion, Chair Strand requested additional information about how the base cost of power calculation in the power cost adjustment could be utilized in the avoided cost methodology — a suggestion made by PSC staff during the investigation. She also requested more info about various components of [SBU’s proposal](#), including its analysis of avoided capacity cost; its use of a historic locational marginal pricing (LMP) average rather than a forecast; and the administrative mechanics of updating the LMP average going forward.

Although Commissioner Hawkins indicated he had been prepared to issue a decision and thought the application had been ade-

quately laid out, he ultimately agreed to reopen the record to allow for additional and clarifying information, particularly on the use of seasonal LMPs rather than on-peak and off-peak to set the historic avoided energy cost and avoided capacity price for both behind the meter and front of the meter facilities.

SBU’s PG filing was the first to have been made by a municipal utility since a series of updated PG applications were approved by the PSC in 2022 and 2023. In the time since SBU made its filing, other municipal utilities have either filed or are preparing to file proposed PG tariff revisions, so there is considerable interest in the PSC’s ongoing review of the SBU proposal. A timetable for the reopened investigation has not yet been established.

— Richard Heinemann

Legislative Committee authorizes funding to add staff at PSC

In August, the Wisconsin State Legislature’s Joint Finance Committee (JFC) approved a [funding request](#) from the PSC to increase agency spending by about \$2.6 million annually in order to add 23 permanent full-time equivalent positions to the PSC’s current staffing levels.

In the request for added staff, PSC Chair Strand said the Commission is experiencing an influx of regulatory filings driven by the “significant transition in energy generation resources” happening among Wisconsin utilities. She cited “a critical and urgent need for additional staff resources to process the increased number and complexity of utility filings, which is expected to continue into the future.”

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Focus on Energy launching new community-based pilots

Focus on Energy has launched two community-based pilots under the “Future Focus” initiative to explore and implement new energy efficiency concepts and technologies. Future Focus is a program that allows Focus to test new approaches and emerging technologies for potential inclusion in existing program offerings. The Future Focus team screens new ideas quarterly and through competitive requests for proposals for their potential to achieve energy savings, high customer satisfaction, and market transformation.

The new community-focused pilots recently launched as part of Future Focus are designed to explore the effectiveness of leveraging community-based organizations (CBOs) to deliver energy efficiency resources to populations that have traditionally been difficult for the Focus program to reach. By partnering with CBOs, the pilots aim to build trust within communities, ensure tailored outreach, and provide support meeting the specific needs of different populations. This approach should sound familiar to public power utilities who have long fostered community partnerships and cooperation to effectively deliver service to their customers.

Home Energy Upgrades Pilot

The Home Energy Upgrades pilot aims to leverage the local knowledge and community relationships of CBOs to connect with and provide whole-home

energy efficiency retrofits at no- or low-cost to 125 single-family homeowners in two Wisconsin communities. Homeowners must have an income at 80% or less of the Area Median Income by family size to qualify. In addition to assessing the effectiveness of partnering with CBOs, the pilot will conduct research through interviews with stakeholders and participants to gauge their knowledge and understanding of the energy-saving resources available to them, including Focus on Energy.

The pilot kicked off in Black River Falls in September, along with another Focus pilot targeting small businesses. The Focus team met with Black River Falls Municipal Utility’s General Manager Casey Engebretson and Energy Services Manager Sally Turpin who provided valuable insights on community organizations to engage. The team met with the local Chamber and other CBOs to explore partnerships to help the pilots reach customers in need. The pilot will launch in a second community by midyear 2025 and expand participation to multifamily owners and residents. The Home Energy Upgrades pilot will conclude by August 2026 after which the Focus team will assess the pilot’s impact and potential to scale the effort with more communities or even statewide.

Empowering Faith Communities for Energy Efficiency

The Empowering Faith Communities

pilot supports faith-based organizations in promoting energy efficiency to the people they serve. The pilot will offer tailored energy-efficient products and services, including energy assessments, enhanced rebates, customized workshops, and connections with diverse Trade Allies. The pilot will launch in 2025 and run for two years with a goal to conduct 30 energy assessments and 12 educational workshops annually to evaluate the impact of engaging faith-based communities.

Through these pilots, Focus on Energy continues to innovate and expand its offerings to better serve utility customers and their communities. ●



Jennie Brooks has joined the Focus on Energy program administration team as a new Utility Relations Manager.

She will serve as a liaison between the Focus program and its utility and electric cooperative partners. A resident of Lodi, Jennie joins Focus program team with several years of experience implementing energy-efficiency programs for Focus and utilities, most recently managing a residential weatherization/home performance program for a Michigan utility. She can be reached at jennie.brooks@focusonenergy.com or (563) 580-5564.

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The newly authorized positions are funded through utility assessments. A staff billable time system is used to record hours worked on individual utility dockets, which are then assessed directly to the utilities involved. Expenditures that are not recovered via

direct assessments are funded by an annual remainder assessment that all regulated utilities are subject to. The JFC authorized funding for nine additional program and policy analysts, who will serve as case coordinators; as well as eight environmental analysis and review special-

ists, five public service engineers, and one program and policy analyst in the PSC’s Consumer Affairs bureau.

The positions designated as “case coordinators” will be responsible for creating and managing the docket schedule, drafting documents, and being the point of contact for

specific inquiries about the project, a role previously fulfilled by the engineer assigned to the docket. The change will enable current technical staff and any new engineers and environmental analysts to better focus on their technical research responsibilities. ●

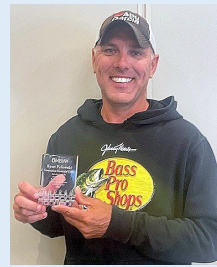
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Day at the Capitol promotes advocacy, awareness

Join fellow members in Madison to help increase state legislator awareness of public power. You'll be representing not only your public power community, but also the nearly 300,000 Wisconsinites who get their electricity from a community-owned utility. Full details are available [here](#). A room block is available for those who need lodging Tuesday, Feb. 4. Details and registration are [here](#).



Ryan Pelowski, Lead Lineman at Trempealeau Municipal Utilities, recently completed MEUW's four-part Fundamentals of Utility Management Training Series and was awarded a commemorative trophy for his achievement.

Learn about the fundamentals of utility regulation, compliance and safety

As a highly regulated business, utilities must comply with dozens of operating rules to retain the "right to serve" electric customers. Part of MEUW's Fundamentals of Utility Management training program, this Regulation, Compliance & Safety class will explore the wide array of regulations, compliance, and safety rules every municipal utility leader must follow. Offered Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, in Mauston, the course will explore the reasons behind the rules and provide insights to make compliance easier. An outline of the training topics, the instructors, and registration details are [here](#).

LIVELines Classifieds

MEUW is pleased to promote job openings with its member utilities across Wisconsin. New positions are regularly added to our website — check them out [here](#). Here is one current opportunity available:

Cumberland Municipal Utilities [Journeyman Electric Line Foreman](#)

When your utility is hiring, be sure to email the job posting to office@meuw.org.

APPA asks members to complete short survey about ongoing supply chain challenges

For the past several years, the American Public Power Association (APPA) has been engaging with other trade organizations and the federal government to help address supply chain constraints. To further aid those advocacy efforts, APPA is asking utilities to complete a quick survey about the environment around distribution transformer shortages and other supply chain shortages. **The survey can be found [here](#).** Responses are requested by Monday, Nov. 25.

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