COLUMBUS WISCONSIN

Utility Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 17, 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 September 19, 2024 Minutes.
- 2. Utility Outage Reports:
 - 1. Electrical Outage September 19, 2024 Sturges Street 8:30AM and 9:30PM; Hamilton Street 12:00PM.
 - 2. Water Outage October 2, 2024 Church Street North & Meister Park Neighborhood 9:30AM.
- 3. Approve the Water, Wastewater, and Electrical Departments Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report Discussion/Approval

Unfinished Business

New Business

- 4. Purchase of Wire Spools for Electric Utility.
- 5. Purchase or Rental of Wheel Loader for WWTP
- 6. Purchase of Hoist Truck w/ Utility Box for WWTP and sale of 2012 Chevy Silverado at Auction
- 7. Approval to Create the Position of and Hire a Senior Lineman for Columbus Electric Utility
- 8. Approval to Hire Full Time Water Operator for Columbus Water Utility
- Purchase of Electric Utility 2024 Ford F-250 Service Truck w/ Utility Box
- 10. Replacement of Hydrant 118 Meister Drive Dollar Tree
- 11. Discussion and Approval of 2025 Operating Budget

Reports

- 12. Directors Utility Report
- 13. MEUW October Live Lines
- 14. PSC Request for Public Comments Energy Efficiency and conservation Block Grant (Information and Comment)

Adjourn

Next CUC Meeting: November 21, 2024 @6:00PM; City Hall - Council Chambers

*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.



Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall - 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

Thom called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

PRESENT Michael Thom Reagan Rule Brook Andler Sandy Curtis

ABSENT Joe Hammer Molly Finkler Laura Beckman

Notice of Open Meeting

The meeting was posted in accordance to law.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Andler, Seconded by Rule. Voting Yea: Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Curtis, Seconded by Rule. Voting Yea: Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

- 1. Approval of August 15, 2024 Minutes.
- Utilities Outage Reports

August 29, 2024 Electrical Outage - Middleton & Dickason.

3. Financial Reports:

Approve the Water, Wastewater and Light Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report – Discussion/Approval

Unfinished Business

4. HVAC PM w/ T&M or Full Coverage Contract Comparison with Bassett Mechanical

Jason Erxleben of Bassett Mechanical provided a presentation on the services being proposed and answered questions from the Commission.

Motion made by Thom, Seconded by Rule to approve the combination agreement in the amount of \$9,036 and to budget for \$30,000 in time and materials.

Voting Yea: Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

New Business

5. Eggers Imprints Shared Savings Loan

Provided as information, check is included in payables.

6. Columbus Wastewater Treatment Qwik-Zyme D Case Study

Jacob Holbert provided an overview of the study and was provided as an information item. No action was taken.

7. Hospital Switches

Motion made by Thom, Seconded by Curtis to approve the purchase in the amount of \$93,100. Voting Yea: Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

8. Columbus Utilities Capital Improvement Plan

Jacob Holbert reviewed the capital improvement plan and shared that work will continue on the financing of the needed improvements and prioritization of the work. No action was taken on the plan.

Reports

9. Utilities Directors Report

Utility Director, Jacob Holbert gave an update on Utility operations over the past month.

10. Future Agenda Topics - Review & Approval of 2025 Operating Budget

Review and approval of 2025 Operating Budget

- 11. MEUW September Live Lines
- 12. WPPI Mid Year Home Energy Report 2024
- 13. WPPI 2024 Residential Survey

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Curtis, Seconded by Rule at 8:05 pm.

Voting Yea: Thom, Rule, Andler, Curtis

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Next Columbus Utility Commission Meeting: October 17, 2024 6:00PM Council Chambers - City Hall

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 10/17/2024

ITEM: September 19, 2024 Sturges Street and Hamilton Streets

DETAILED DESCRITPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

On September 19th, 2024 electrical service was interrupted numerous times in the Western Side of the City. At roughly 8:30AM an outage occurred on Sturges Street which effected 10 customers, at roughly 12:00PM an outage on Hamilton Street effected 8 electrical customers. The Utility was contacted at roughly 9:00PM about a pole mounted transformer that has caught fire on Sturges Street. Service was disrupted on Sturges effecting 10 customers for roughly 3 hours. The transformer was extinguished, allowed to cool and replaced by the Utility as power was restored at roughly 11:00PM.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. None

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

1. Information Only

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 10/17/2024

ITEM: October 2, 2024 – Water Outage Church Street North including all of Meister Park Neighborhood

DETAILED DESCRITPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

On October 2nd, 2024 construction work at Meister Park for a new Sewage Lift Station prompted and emergency shutoff of all water service north of the Crawfish River. A mislocated water main was struck by the bucket of a large excavator causing a break in the water main. Isolation near the break failed and corrective actions were taken to remove water pressure from the surrounding area while the break could be evaluated and repaired. Water service to the area was disrupted for roughly 8 hours and the Utility lost roughly 80,000 gallons of water during the incident. Water was returned to customers by roughly 8:00PM that evening.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. None

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

1. Information Only

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 10/17/2024

ITEM: Financial Reports

DETAILED DESCRITPTION 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.

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23-Sep ACH-3941	US Cellular	\$92.22 Cell Phone Charges SEWER
18-Sep ACH-3931	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$119.98 INTERNET ELECTRIC SCADA
19-Sep ACH-3938	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$119.98 WASTEWATER SPECTRUM
18-Sep ACH-3932	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$89.99 INTERNET ADMIN BUILDING
9	CWL Net Payroll	\$22,650.66 Net Payroll for 1st Payroll in September #19
	EFTPS	\$11,72.51 FICA/MED/FED Withholding Payroll #19
	WI Deferred Comp Board	\$1,719.24 Payrol Deferral Billing for Payroll #1.9
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20-Sep ACH	Investment Pool	\$30,000.00 August Bond Interest Pawment
20-Sep ACH	Investment Pool	\$5,000.00 August Depreciation Payment
	Investment Pool	\$15,500.00 Transfer into LGIP #13 General Fund
	WE Energies	\$30.89 Natural Gas Service for CWI Admin Building
	WE Energies	\$10.89 Natural Gas Service for Water Plant #2
19-Sep ACH-3828	WE Energies	\$13.57 IGENERATOR ON JAMES ST
19-Sep ACH-3829	WE Energies	\$12.91 WESTSIDE SEWAGE LIFE
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	Michael Thom	\$50.00 Commission Salary for September
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21-Sep ACH -3926	Sandra Curtis	\$50.00 Commission Salary for September
23-Sep ACH	CWL Net Payroll	\$33,218.91 Net Pavroll for 2nd Pavroll in September #20
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22-Sep ACH -3490	Wisconsin Department of Revenue	\$1,764.62 State Withholding Payroll #19
23-Sep ACH -3491, 3	23-Sep ACH -3491, 3 City of Columbus - Life	\$278.34 Employees Life Insurance - September
23-Sep ACH -3488, 3,	23-Sep ACH -3488, 3 City of Columbus - AFLAC	\$0.00 Employees AFLAC deduction - September
23-Sep ACH -3490, 3	23-Sep ACH -3490, 3 City of Columbus - Health	\$17,568.75 Employees Health Insurance - September
23-Sep ACH -3492, 3,	City of Columbus - Dental	\$1,098.96 Employees Dental Insurance - September
23-Sep ACH -3493, 3	City of Columbus - Vision	\$144.80 Employees Vision Insurance - September
23-Sep ACH -3494, 3;	23-Sep ACH -3494, 3 City of Columbus - Health Savings Account	\$1,129.67 Employees Health Savinds Account Transfer - September
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٦	WPPI	\$697,709.02 Power bill for 8/1/2022-8/31/2022; NorthStar/ Dynamics: Electric/Water MDM Charces: Interface Residential AMI Metering Project: CIS SERVICE
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06-Sep ACH-3934	FP Mailing Solutions	\$600.00 Postage
П	Farmers & Merchants Union Bank	\$191.30 ACH Fees
	SUBTOTAL	\$917,268,56

\$1,933,326.71 APPROVED BY:

TOTAL

DATE

CITY OF COLUMBUS - COLUMBUS UTILITIES TREASURER'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2024

	CW&L RESERVE FUND - F&M - ACCOUNT #125	1		
323,680.79	CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:		\$	340,422.56
2,059,284.49	Receipts:		\$	-
209.02	Interest Earned:		\$	-
2,383,174.30		Sub-total:	\$	340,422.56
(1,933,326.71)	Withdrawal from CDAR:		\$	-
449,847.59	Cash on Hand - Month End:		\$	340,422.56
balance equal to	F&M Bank/CDAR 52 Week Certificate of Deposit:			
	\$170,211.28 Due June 2024 4.55%; \$170,211.28 Due	e December	2024	4.75%
	E-3-P ENHANCED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRA	AM - F&M -	- AC	COUNT #1313
673,412.16	CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:		\$	145,422.06
15,500.00	Receipts:		\$	-
2,733.42	Interest Earned (pd semi-annually May/Nov):		\$	-
691,645.58		Sub-total:	\$	145,422.06
(281,563.00)	Disbursements:		\$	(464.11)
410,082.58	Cash on Hand - Month End:		\$	144,957.95
	CW&L DEPRECIATION - LGIP #6 - ACCOUNT #1	266		
307,765.35	CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:		\$	833,393.09
30,000.00	Receipts:		\$	5,000.00
1,382.03	Interest Earned:		\$	3,589.29
339,147.38		Sub-total:	\$	841,982.38
(32,625.00)	Disbursements:		\$	-
306,522.38	Cash on Hand - Month End:		\$	841,982.38
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SEWER UTILITY - LGIP #4 - SEWER UTILITY	GENERAL F	UNDS	S
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:		\$	221,335.85
Receipts:		\$	-
Interest Earned:		\$	949.27
	Sub-total:	\$	222,285.12
Disbursements:		\$	-
Cash on Hand - Month End:		\$	222,285.12

and November 1 principal & interest payments.

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SEWER UTILITY - LGIP#11 - COLLECTION M	IAIN - REPLA	\CE	MENT
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:			\$1,097,009.16
Receipts:		\$	-
Interest Earned:			\$4,704.89
	Sub-total:	\$	1,101,714.05
Disbursements:		\$	
Cash on Hand - Month End:		\$	1,101,714.05

WWTP REPLACEMENT FUNDS - LGIP #9		
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:		\$ 246,753.34
Receipts:		\$ -
Interest Earned:		\$ 1,058.28
	Sub-total:	\$ 247,811.62
Disbursements:		\$ -
Cash on Hand - Month End:		\$ 247,811.62

SEWER UTILITY - LGIP #8 - BOND REDEMPTIO	N/RESERVE	
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:		\$ 474,350.16
Receipts:		\$ -
Interest Earned:	_	\$ 2,034.41
	Sub-total:	\$ 476,384.57
Disbursements:	_	\$ -
Cash on Hand - Month End:	•	\$ 476,384.57

of \$300,000 to cover plant renewals and replacements.

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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):	\$	-										
Sub-to	otal: \$	214,085.90										
Disbursements:	\$	-										
Cash on Hand - Month End:	\$	214,085.90										

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WWTP FALL RIVER RESTRICTRED REPLACEME	NT FUNDS -	F&	M CDARS
CASH ON HAND - BEGINNING OF MONTH:		\$	1,085,130.50
Receipts:		\$	-
Interest Earned:		\$	-
	Sub-total:	\$	1,085,130.50
Withdrawal from CDAR :		\$	(19,566.27)
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	5.23%	F&M Union Bank-Checking/Savings	0.5% / 0.75%
Farmers & Merchants Bank - CDARS	4.55% to 5.25%		10
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Utility Commission Meeting Date: 10/17/2024

ITEM: Purchase of Wire Spools for Electric Utility

DETAILED DESCRITPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

The Electric Utility has run through a majority of its wire that we had in stock. With the number of projects needed to be completed this year as well as the lack of inventory for winter we are needing to replenish our wire that we have on-hand. 2025 is planning to be heavy on new construction and replacement of wire across the service area, and the recent severe weather in the South which does not appear to be dropping off as 2024 continues we will start to see the cost increase as demand and inventories drop across the Nation. It is in the best interest of the Utility to make this purchase now and have the wire readily available for our needs moving forward.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. Quote from irby for electrical wire spools totaling \$35,890.50.

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Review, discuss, and approve purchase of wire spools from irby for the price of \$35,890.50.

Quotation

Item #4.



STUART C IRBY BR673 BURNSVILLE 12501 DUPONT AVE SOUTH BURNSVILLE MN 55337 763-588-0545

QUOTE DATE	ER NUMBER				
10/07/24	78673				
REMIT TO:	PAGE NO.				
STUART C IRBY CO	STUART C IRBY CO				
POST OFFICE BOX 741	4				
ATLANTA GA 30384-10	1				

SOLD TO:

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT DEPARTMENT P.O. BOX 228 950 MAPLE AVENUE COLUMBUS, WI 53925-0228

SHIP TO:

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT DEPARTMENT

950 MAPLE AVENUE

COLUMBUS, WI 920-623-5913

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ORDERED BY: Dalton

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Prices firm for acceptance within 30 days with the exception of commodity prices which are subject to change daily. Quotation is void if changed. Complete quote must be used unless authorized in writing.

All transactions are subject to and exclusively governed by our Terms and Conditions of Sale, which are incorporated herein and available at: https://www.irbyutilities.com/terms.
Additional or conflicting terms are rejected, void, and of no force or effect.

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Utility Commission Meeting Date: 10/17/2024

ITEM: Purchase or Rental of Wheel Loader for WWTP

DETAILED DESCRITPTION 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. Current practice has WWTP Staff going to DPW and requesting the use of a small and quite old wheel loader when Operations needed to unload and stack sludge cake in the hangar. The practice moving forward will be to move the sludge cake as often as possible to aid in drying as the sludge sits in the hangar. This will be done up to 3 times a week, and the amount of time that is spent retrieving the loader from DPW, cleaning the loader, filling with fuel, and then returning the loader time is better spent elsewhere in the WWTP and on the Collection System. The Utility has tested two models and both were an improvement over the DPW loader, but we found the John Deere 624 P to be the best option for the utility.

This will be a used piece of equipment and a Teflon/rubber squeegee will be affixed to the cutting edge of the bucket to aid in cleaning the floor and keeping the area cleaner when we plan on working the material over as often as we anticipate.

The options are to purchase the loader that we tested, lease the loader we tested, or purchase another loader "used" that has less hours. I will be recommending a 4th option and that would be to lease the loader with less hours, which in theory should be the same price or slightly higher. All leases require a minimum 12 month term and payments are made every 6 months.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

- 1. Purchase of used John Deere 624 P wheel loader tag # 169253 for \$167,500.
- 2. Purchase of used John Deere 624 P wheel loader tag #169405 for \$269,900
- 3. Lease of used John Deere 624 P wheel loader tag # 169253 for \$15,500 every 6mo for 1 year.

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Review, discuss, and approve lease of John Deere 624 P wheel loader for \$15,500/6mo. (Approval will be granted for lease of either unit by Commission; actual unit to be determined by Mid-State Equipment, and agreement signed by Director at his discretion.)

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Utility Commission Meeting Date: 10/17/2024

ITEM: Purchase of Hoist Truck w/ Utility Box for WWTP and sale of 2012 Chevy Silverado at Auction

DETAILED DESCRIPPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

WWTP Operations Staff will be in need of their own Service Truck moving forward. The Utility will need proper equipment to pull and inspect or replace pumps at lift stations as well as at the WWTP. The truck will also be used as a mobile sampling lab where Collection System Samples will be received, labeled, documented, and placed on ice ready for 3rd party testing. The truck will offer place for tools and spare parts needed for on-the-job emergencies as well as storing all required PPE.

The truck will also have a water tank and power washer w/ spray bottles on-hand to clean equipment as it is removed from the sewers or wet wells and clean the area the Operators were working.

Lynch Truck Center of Waterford, WI has provided us with a quote after having a sit-down meeting with the sales rep at Lynch the Utility feels the provided quote is our best option moving forward.

The sale price as of now is \$149,267, but final price will be slightly higher as the added equipment that is NOT a factory option has yet to be quoted. The additions will most likely be added as a change order and I have added \$10,000 to the total request as a not-to-exceed amount. If additional funds are needed and they meet the required limits for Commission Approval, approval will be requested.

Once truck is delivered the 2012 Silverado will be sent to Auction.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. Lynch Truck Center Build Sheet Documents for Hoist Truck

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Review, discuss, and approve purchase of 2023 Chevrolet Chassis and Knapheide Utility bed with Hoist for Sewer Utility for the price of \$159,267 budgeted on the 2025 Budget.



CUSTOMER PROPOSAL

Jacob Holbert

September 13, 2024

FOR:

Jacob Holbert Columbus Utilities 920-623-5912 jholbert@columbusutilitieswi.com BY:

Perry Hintz Lynch Truck Center 262-930-9708

phintz@lynchtruckcenter.com

VEHICLE INFORMATION

STOCK #: 25936T

YEAR: 2023

MAKE: Chevrolet

MODEL: Silverado 5500

COLOR: White

ADDITIONAL ITEMS: Knapheide KMS30-11 Mechanics body

5,000# 21-ft Hydraulic Crane

Line-X bed and over tops

DOT Inspection

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION:

2023 Silverado Med Duty 4WD Crew Cab, 19500 GVWR, Deep Tinted Windows, Remote Keyless Entry, Heated Power Outside Mirrors, Assist Steps, Diesel, Snow Plow Prep Pkg, Front Recovery

Hooks



PURCHASE INFORMATION

MSRP: \$ 154,979.00

DISCOUNT: \$ (6,400.00)

SALE PRICE:* \$ 148,579.00

DOWNPAYMENT: \$ -

TRADE: \$ -

BALANCE DUE ON TRADE: \$ -

TAX/TITLE/LICENSE/FEES: \$ 688.00

FINAL PRICE:** \$ 149,267.00

NOTES:

MUNICIPAL PRICING Final price includes WI dealer service fee, electronic filing fee,title fee and Municipal plate fees. Includes GM 3-year/36,000 mile bumper to bumper and 5-year/60,000 mile powertrain warranty.







Specially prepared for:

Jacob Holbert

Consumer Repayment Options

Vehicle: Silverado 5500 VIN: 1HTKJPVK1 PH49429

Miles: 10 Stock: 25936T

MSRP: \$154,979.00
Sales Price: \$148,579.00
Trade Value: \$0.00
Payoff: \$0.00
Doc Fee: \$499.00
Registration: \$169.50
Cash Down: \$0.00

Sales Tax: \$0.00 Balance: \$149,247.50

Repayment Options:

Rebate: \$0.00

BASE LOAN OPTIONS

Term	Rate	Payment
48	9.99%	3784.59
60	9.99%	3170.33
72	9.99%	2764.18

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20% RESIDUAL
NO MILEAGE RESTRICTIONS
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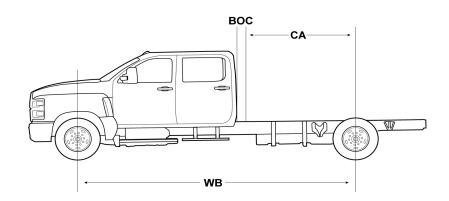


Vehicle: [Retail] 2023 Chevrolet Silverado MD (CK56043) 4WD Crew Cab Work Truck (✓ Complete)



Weight Distribution

SPECIFICATION SUMMARY	
Model #	CK56043
Truck/Tractor	
Wheelbase (WB)	199 in
Cab to Axle (CA)	84.09 in
Cab to Body/Swing Clear (BOC)	3 in
Body Length	0.00 ft
Body Weight	0.00 lbs
Cargo Weight	0 lbs
Front GAWR	7500 lbs
Rear GAWR	15000 lbs
GVWR	19500.00 lbs



CA: 84.09 in

BOC: 3 in

WB: 199 in

Fr%: 64.71

Rr%: 35.29

Front Wt: 5999.00 lbs

Rear Wt: 3272.00 lbs

GAWR/GVWR	GVW	Remaining Payload Wt
19500.00 lbs	9271.00 lbs	10,229.00 lbs

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Weight Distribution

SPECIFICATION DETAILS			
	Front Axle	Rear Axle	Total
Actual			
Chassis	5649.00 lbs	3272.00 lbs	8921.00 lbs
Body	0.00 lbs	0.00 lbs	0.00 lbs
Payload	0 lbs	0 lbs	0 lbs
Trailer			N/A
Totals	5999.00 lbs	3272.00 lbs	9271.00 lbs
Capacity			
Axle	7500 lbs	15000 lbs	22500.00 lbs
Suspension	7500 lbs	15500 lbs	23,000.00 lbs
Tire	7940 lbs	15000 lbs	22940.00
Total Axle Rating	7500.00 lbs	15000.00 lbs	22500.00 lbs

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Window Sticker

SUMMARY

[Retail] 2023 Chevrolet Silverado MD (CK56043) 4WD Crew Cab Work Truck

MSRP:\$65,405.00

Interior:Dark Ash seats with Jet Black interior accents, Vinyl seat trim

Exterior 1:Summit White

Exterior 2:No color has been selected.

Engine, Duramax 6.6L Turbo-Diesel V8, B20-Diesel compatible

Rugged Duty Service Transmission, Automatic close-ratio 6 SPD with double overdrive, Allison, A1750RDS

OPTIONS

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CODE	MODEL	MSRP
CK56043	[Retail] 2023 Chevrolet Silverado MD (CK56043) 4WD Crew Cab Work Truck	\$65,405.00
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R7N	5500 HD Series	Inc.
GZG	GVWR, 19,500 lb. (8845 kg)	\$2,255.00
R6I	30,000 lb. GCWR (13,607 kg)	\$0.00
L5D	Engine, Duramax 6.6L Turbo-Diesel V8, B20-Diesel compatible	\$0.00
PTO	Power Take Off, engine control provisions	\$280.00
MIO	Rugged Duty Service Transmission, Automatic close-ratio 6 SPD with double overdrive, Allison, A1750RDS	\$740.00
092	Rear axle, 4.30 ratio	\$0.00
FTB	Front axle, 7,500 lb., Dana Spicer 60-256, single-reduction, front driving	\$0.00
HD1	Rear axle, 15,000 lb. (6,804 kg) Dana Spicer S16-130, single reduction	\$675.00
FU7	Rear suspension, 15,500 lb. (7,031 kg) multi-leaf, vari-rate	\$50.00
EM1	Wheelbase, 199" (505.5 cm), 84" CA	\$180.00
1WT	Work Truck Preferred Equipment Group	\$0.00
PWQ	Wheels, 19.5" x 6.75", steel, Black painted, 8-holes, hub piloted	\$0.00
XMF	Tires, front 225/70R19.5G traction blackwall Goodyear	\$550.00
YMF	Tires, rear 225/70R19.5G traction blackwall Goodyear	\$1,100.00
9L3	Spare tire delete	\$0.00

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ZY1	Paint, solid	\$0.00
GAZ	Summit White	\$0.00
AE7	Seats, front 40/20/40 split-bench, 3-passenger	\$0.00
H2Q	Dark Ash seats with Jet Black interior accents, Vinyl seat trim	\$0.00
IO3	Audio system, 4.2" diagonal color display	\$0.00
VYU	Snow Plow Prep Package	\$340.00
7Y8	Batteries, heavy-duty dual 1300 cold-cranking amps	\$85.00
BTN	Battery, top post threaded, battery jump start stud	\$50.00
KW5	Alternator, 220 amps Inc.	
V76	Recovery hooks, front, frame-mounted, black	\$25.00
F59	Front stabilizer bar	\$175.00
G68	Shock Absorbers, rear	\$65.00
FPF	DPF, diesel particulate filter, manual regeneration	\$250.00
V46	Bumper, front chrome	\$350.00
E0N	Assist Steps, aluminum	\$200.00
UNL	Auxiliary harness, 3' for headlamps and turn signals Inc.	
TRW	Provision for cab roof-mounted lamp/beacon Inc.	
DPN	Mirrors, outside heated power-adjustable vertical trailering, upper glass, manual-folding and extending, black.	\$355.00
AKO	Glass, deep-tinted	\$200.00
VK3	License plate kit, front	\$15.00
5DX	Electrical Provisions, rear of cab, upfitter, body builder wiring	\$115.00
AQQ	Remote Keyless Entry	\$175.00
KI4	Power outlet, 110-volt AC	\$175.00
U05	Horn, dual-note	\$35.00
	SUBTOTAL	\$73,845.00
	Adjustments Total	\$0.00
	Tire Weight Tax	\$26.64
	Destination Charge	\$1,895.00
	TOTAL PRICE	\$75,766.64

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Seller: Knapheide Truck Equipment Center Chicago 2600 W IL ROUTE 120 MCHENRY, IL 60051-4563 www.knapheide.com



Quote Expiration: 09/29/2024

Contact(s): Chris Schmidt **Chris Schmidt (Inside Sales) Dale Meier (Outside Sales)**

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Customer: Lynch Motor Vehicle Group, Inc

ID: Phone: 2625144000 Terms: 1% 10 DAYS, NET 30 Address:

Bid Spec: Contact: Perry Hintz

2530 BECK DR Email: phintz@lynchtruckcenter.com WATERFORD, WI 53185-5104

Description: Crane Body

Delivery Information: Quote Information:

Customer Request Date: Total Price Includes F.O.B.:

Quote Completed Date: 09/09/2024 Ship Via: Drive Away

Ship To: Lynch Motor Vehicle Group, Inc # of Units: 1

2530 BECK DR

WATERFORD, WI 53185-5104

Vehicle Information:

GVWR: 19500

Make: Chevrolet Model: 5500HD Year: 2024 Chassis Type: Chassis Cab Cab to Axle: 84 Cab Type: Crew Rear Axle Type: DRW Drivetrain: 4x4 Engine Size: 6.6 Fuel Type: Diesel Transmission Type: Auto Wheelbase: 199

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total	
PACKAGE	KMS30-11 5,000# Hydraulic Crane- 21ft crane 60" front compartments on both sides - Vented (No Gas Bottle Retainers) Air Compressor LED compartment lighting Electronic locks Hydraulic outriggers Mechanics Vice on Bumper 4 corner strobes Amber Mini light bar on top of Head Rack - Amber	1.00		77,754.00	
Total does not include any applicable taxes or transportation charges unless specifically noted herein: Subtotal:					
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Customer PO		Total Price

Credit Card Policy: We do not accept credit cards for payment of anyorder in excess of \$10,000.00. For other orders, we do accept MasterCard, American Express, Visa and Discover for payment.

Cancellation Policy: Payment is due in full upon cancellation of any orders for non-stocked parts or products (provided part/product has been ordered by Seller) and upon cancellation of installation

Payment Policy: Payment Terms are due upon receipt of signed quote unless prior credit agreement has been established at the time of order. Payment terms for customers with an established credit account will be Net 30 from date of invoice. Seller has right to assess late charges at 1.5% per month on all invoices that are 60 days or more past due.

Pricing Policy: Price Quotation is good on orders received through the expiration date. Pricing quoted applies to chassis make/model originally provided



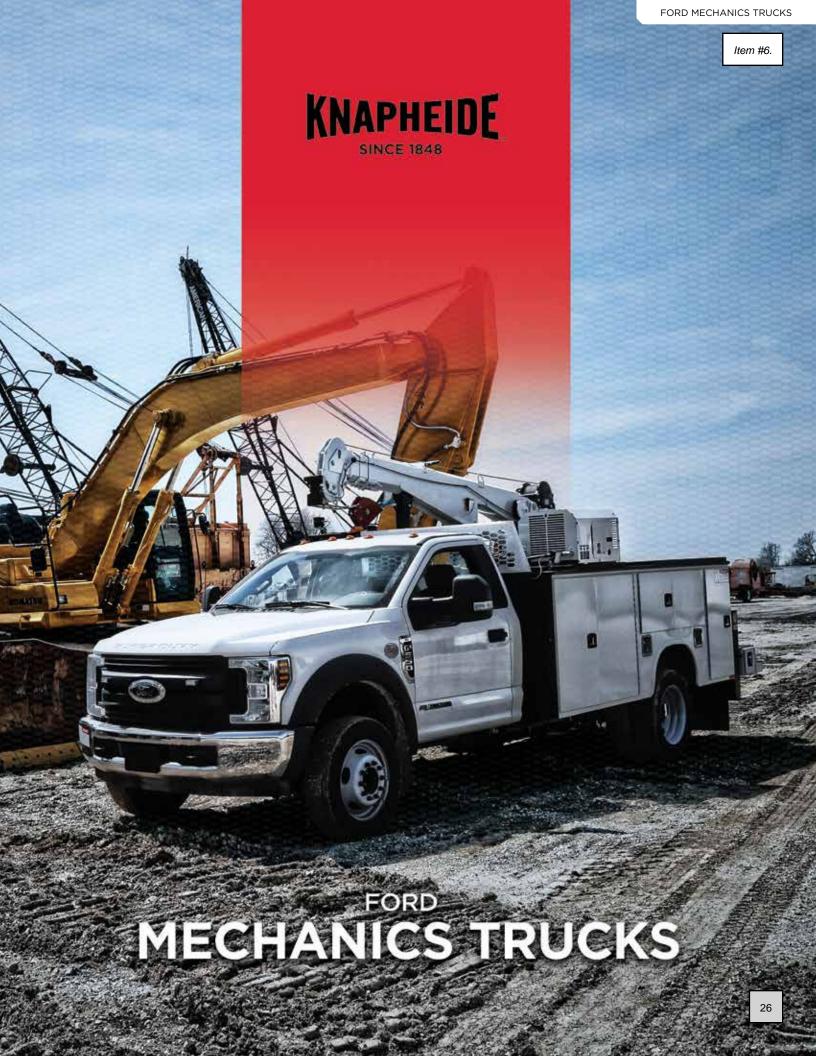
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Return Policy: All sales are final. Purchased parts or products are non-returnable.

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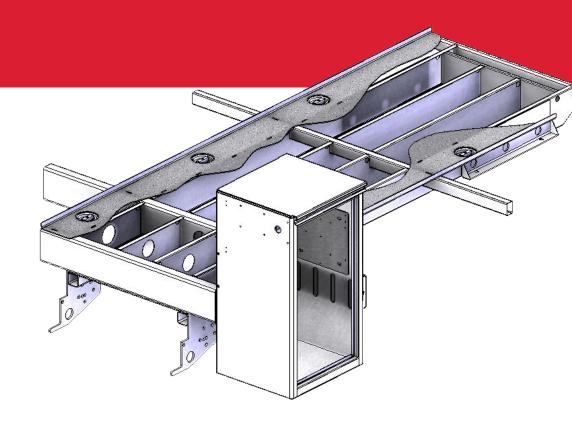
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KNAPHEIDE MECHANICS TRUCKS





CRANE BODY UNDERSTRUCTURE

Unique torq-isolator crane support system transfers lift forces into the full length torsion box subframe and outriggers, and not the side compartments.

Reinforced rear vertical curb side compartment is independent of all other side compartments, eliminating flexing and twisting of side packs.

*Applies to all models with exception of the steel KMS16.

AKMT1, KMT1, KMT2 & KMT3 MODELS

Knapheide KMT1 Mechanics Trucks are compatible with Class 5 trucks and built for crane load capacities of up to 8,600 lb. Count on our KMT2 and KMT3 trucks for the most demanding lifting applications. These are compatible with Class 6-8 trucks.

AKMS16, KMS16 & KMS30 MODELS

Knapheide AKMS16 and KMS16 trucks are equipped with an electric crane, while KMS30 trucks have the option of either an electric or hydraulic crane for lifting applications. Both are compatible with Class 3-5 trucks.

POPULAR VOCATIONS



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A. DOUBLE PANELED DOORS

on steel models made of 20-gauge galvanneal steel. Aluminum models feature box structure design of 5052 Aluminum

B. 3-POINT T-HANDLE LATCHES

ensure your compartment doors stay closed and are individually lockable

C. MASTER LOCKING SYSTEM

locks down all compartments on one side with one motion

D. KNAPLINER BUMPER

provides work surface with lockable through compartment, a vise plate, and two grip strut flex steps

E. HEAVY DUTY ALUMINUM **GRAB HANDLES**

installed on both sides at rear of the body for easy cargo area access

F. INTEGRATED LED S/T/T AND B/U, LED STROBES

with (8) selectable patterns and built-in reflectivity mounted to external rear light boxes made of UV-resistant ABS material

G. 16" HIGH DOUBLE PANEL SLAM TAILGATE

with center latch and flat space for displaying company graphics

H. CAB PROTECTOR

welded-on with fully punched window for visibility

*Knapliner applied on AKMT1

I. (4) LED 3000 LUMEN **WORK LIGHTS**

installed (2 at front, 2 at rear) for low-light working conditions

J. HYDRAULIC OUTRIGGERS

out-and-down curb side and hydraulic down street side for crane stability during lifting operations

K. 55.000 FT-LB. CRANE

with 21' hydraulic reach, provided by a two-stage hydraulic extension (AKMT1, KMT1)

66,000 FT-LB. CRANE

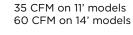
with 21' hydraulic reach, provided by a two-stage hydraulic extension (KMT2)

70,000 FT-LB. CRANE

with 30' hydraulic reach, provided by a two-stage hydraulic extension

L. RECIPROCATING **HYDRAULIC COMPRESSOR** up to 40 CFM (AKMT1, KMT1)

ROTARY SCREW HYDRAULIC COMPRESSOR



60 CFM on 14' models

M. PLANETARY WINCH

provides a 60 ft. per minute single line speed

N. KNAPLINER

applied to cargo area floor, sides, compartment tops, bulkhead, bumper and tailgate for durability

Note: Body shown

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DOUBLE-SPRING OVER-CENTER RETAINER

on vertical compartment doors eliminate involuntary swing

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*Aluminum models feature nitrogen strut door retainers



NEOPRENE DOOR SEALS

protect compartments from the weather



ADJUSTABLE DIVIDER SHELVES

250-lb. capacity



CONTINUOUS STAINLESS STEEL HINGES

are pry-proof and corrosion-resistant

*Aluminum models feature aluminum hinge with stainless steel rod

CRANE COMPARTMENT



50' X 1/2" COMPRESSOR HOSE REEL AND ROLLER FAIRLEAD through curb side vertical compartment



POLYETHYLENE FORMED DRIP PAN WITH DRAIN HOSE

placed under the crane manages water intrusion through the crane pedestal



KNAPHEIDE CONTROLLER

10 output system features two displays for user interface points of control. CAN bus system with continuous working load of 115 amps features built-in overload current protection for system and operator safety

FEATURES NOT SHOWN

SMALL PART STORAGE CONTAINERS

in horizontal compartment on street side

ALUMINUM MECHANIC 7-DRAWER SET

Extreme duty aluminum mechanic 7-drawer set on street side

MULTI-FUNCTION RADIO REMOTE CONTROL

control of the crane

ELECTRODEPOSITION

PRIME-PAINT SYSTEM provides superior corrosion resistance

(6) D-RING CARGO TIE DOWNS each D-ring provides a 2,000 lb.

working load capacity

REINFORCED COMPARTMENT **BOTTOMS AND END PANELS**

Steel models feature 12-gauge panels Aluminum models feature raised "sweep out" bottom panels

KNAPHEIDE'S WATER-BASED UNDERCOAT

Bodies are fully protected with Knapheide's water-based undercoat

3/16" TREAD PLATE FLOOR provides traction for safety

*10-gauge smooth steel flooring

A. CRANE COMPARTMENT

KMS16: crane reinforcement kit (CRK) AKMS16, KMS30: isolated crane pedestal

B. DOUBLE PANELED DOORS

on steel models made of 20-gauge galvanneal steel. Aluminum models feature box structure design of 5052 Aluminum

C. 3-POINT T-HANDLE LATCHES

ensure your compartment doors stay closed and are individually lockable

D. MASTER LOCKING SYSTEM

locks down all compartments on one side with one motion

E. KNAPLINER BUMPER

provides versatile work space on a flat surface

F. INTEGRATED LED S/T/T AND B/U, LED STROBES

with (8) selectable patterns and built-in reflectivity mounted to external rear light boxes made of UV-resistant ABS material

G. DOUBLE PANEL SLAM TAILGATE

with center latch and flat space for displaying company graphics

H. CAB PROTECTOR

welded on with fully punched window for visibility

*Knapliner applied on AKMS16

I. (4) LED 3000 LUMEN **WORK LIGHTS**

installed for low-light working conditions

J. HEAVY DUTY ALUMINUM **GRAB HANDLES**

installed on both sides at rear of the body for easy cargo area access

K. (1) MANUAL OUTRIGGER

for crane stability during lifting operations

L. UP TO 16.000 FT-LB. CRANE

with 20' reach (AKMS16, KMS16)

UP TO 38,000 FT-LB. CRANE

with 21' reach (KMS30)

M. PLANETARY WINCH

provides a 15 ft. per minute single line speed

N. KNAPLINER applied to cargo area floor, sides, compartment tops, bulkhead, bumper and tailgate for durability **B**

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Note: Body shown

is KMS16-09



DOUBLE-SPRING OVER-CENTER RETAINER

on vertical compartment doors eliminate involuntary swing

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*Aluminum models feature nitrogen strut door retainers



NEOPRENE DOOR SEALS

protect compartments from the weather



ADJUSTABLE DIVIDER SHELVES 250-lb. capacity



CONTINUOUS STAINLESS STEEL HINGES

are pry-proof and corrosion-resistant

*Aluminum models feature aluminum hinge with stainless steel rod



POLYETHYLENE FORMED DRIP PAN WITH DRAIN HOSE

placed under the crane manages water intrusion through the crane pedestal



CRANE COMPARTMENT

KMS16 OFFERS A: CRANE REINFORCEMENT KIT

allows you to incorporate a crane up to 4,000 lb. capacity (16,000 ft-lb. max.) onto the rear curb side corner of your body as shown on KMS16.

FEATURES NOT SHOWN

SMALL PART STORAGE CONTAINERS

ALUMINUM MECHANIC 6-DRAWER SET

Extreme duty aluminum mechanic 6-drawer set on street side

D-RING CARGO TIE DOWNS

Each D-ring provides a 2,000 lb. working load capacity (4 in 9' and 6 in 11')

KNAPHEIDE'S WATER-BASED UNDERCOAT

Bodies are fully protected with Knapheide's water-based undercoat

ELECTRODEPOSITION PRIME-PAINT SYSTEM

provides superior corrosion resistance

TORSION BOX SUBFRAME

REINFORCED COMPARTMENT **BOTTOMS AND END PANELS**

Steel models feature 14-gauge panels. Aluminum models feature raised "sweep out" bottom panels

1/8" TREAD PLATE FLOOR provides traction for safety

*10-gauge smooth steel flooring on AKMS16

POPULAR OPTIONS



AUXILIARY LIGHTING



WELDER



LED COMPARTMENT **LIGHTS**



CARGO **COVER**



ADDITIONAL MECHANIC **DRAWERS**



STEEL **MECHANIC DRAWERS**



APU UNIT



LUBE SKID

MODEL OPTIONS

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AKMT1, KMT1, KMT2 & KMT3

MODEL	GVWR MIN./RANGE	BUMPER	BODY LENGTH	BODY MATERIAL	COMPARTMENT HEIGHT	COMPARTMENT DEPTH	CARGO AREA WIDTH	TOPS & BACKS	REAR HITCH
AKMT1-11	10 500	21" with	11'	Aluminum	44", 60" raised front option	22"	50"	1/8" smooth steel	2.5" receiver tube below bumper
KMT1-11	- 19500 I	step down	II	Steel					
KMT2-11	26,000	24" with step down	11'	Steel	60"	22"	50"	1/8" smooth steel	Pintle mount plate below bumper
KMT2-13	26,000	24" with step down	11'	Steel	60"	22"	50"	1/8" smooth steel	Pintle mount plate below bumper
KMT2-14	26,000	24" with step down	11'	Steel	60"	22"	50"	1/8" smooth steel	Pintle mount plate below bumper
KMT3-14	33,000+	28" with step down	11'	Steel	60"	22"	50"	1/8" smooth steel	Pintle mount plate below bumper

AKMS16, KMS16 & KMS30

MODEL	GVWR MIN./RANGE	MAXIMUM CRANE	BUMPER	BODY LENGTH	BODY MATERIAL	COMPARTMENT HEIGHT	COMPARTMENT DEPTH	CARGO AREA WIDTH	REAR HITCH
AKMS16-9	13,300-19,500	16,000 ft-lb.	21" with outrigger tube	9,	Aluminum	44", 60" raised front option	22"	50"	2.5" receiver tube below bumper
KMS16-9					Steel				
AKMS16-11	13,300-19,500	16,000 ft-lb.	21" with outrigger tube	11'	Aluminum	44", 60" raised front option	22"	50"	2.5" receiver tube below bumper
KMS16-11				111	Steel				
KMS30-11	15,000-19,500	38,000 ft-lb.	12" with outrigger tube	11'	Steel	44", 60" raised front option	22"	50"	2.5" receiver tube below bumper

^{*}AKMT/AKMS are installed packages only

KNAPHEIDE ALUMINUM MECHANICS TRUCKS ARE THE ANSWER TO YOUR PAYLOAD NEEDS

AKMS16-09 has weight reduction of approximately 530 lbs.* AKMS16-11 has weight reduction of approximately 650 lbs.* AKMT1-11 has weight reduction of approximately 1,000 lbs.* *compared to Steel KMS & KMT models

BODY WEIGHT SAVINGS = INCREASED PAYLOAD





SIX YEAR, LIMI1 Item #6. TIME WARRANTY ON

STEEL MECHANICS TRUCKS

TEN YEAR, LIMITED TIME WARRANTY ON

ALUMINUM MECHANICS TRUCKS



NO RUST THROUGH



WILL NOT FAIL OR COME OFF BODY



LATCHES AND LOCK CYLINDERS WILL NOT FAIL TO OPERATE



SHELVES WILL NOT BEND UNDER MAX. LOAD OF 250 LBS.

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NEVER SETTLE

If you are going to be a leader, it takes more than building a high-quality product. It means never being totally satisfied with that product, no matter how high quality it may be. It requires constant vigilance and a willingness to take a chance on something new. And it means exceeding expectations every time. As the industry changes, one thing never will—our commitment to making customers like you as productive and efficient as possible. We know you don't settle, and we don't either. That's why we want you never to settle for anything less than Knapheide on the back of your truck.

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Utility Commission Meeting Date: 10/17/2024

ITEM: Approval to Create the Position of and Hire a Senior Lineman for Columbus Electric Utility

DETAILED DESCRITPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

While observing the requirements of our Electrical Utility and the amount of work that is placed at their feet it was obvious to me that the Utility is understaffed.

The need for a proper hierarchy which allows for full functionality of our Utility while allowing employees down time away from calls and requests for on-the-job information is imperative to the mental and physical state of our Staff. The creation of a Senior Lineman position creates a much-needed checkpoint between the Foreman and the Journeyman Staff. This position will work as the onsite Lead in regards to day to day functions and will organize labor as they see fit after discussion with the Foreman. The Senior Lineman will also assume Foreman Duties in the event the Foreman is off-duty on sick leave, vacation, or any other requested leave.

Hiring of a Senior Lineman will create a hierarchy that provides assistance to the Lineman Foreman in regards to time management, and allowing for more time spent in the planning and organization of major projects and repairs. Moreover, the added employee in the Electric Utility will reduce the need for assistance from other Utility Departments in assistance of emergency and after-hours work, will spread around the on-call duties, and will allow for dual two-man crews to work in the field all while office/admin work is being performed by the Foreman.

The Senior Lineman Wage Rate will be based on the State of Wisconsin Prevailing Wage Rate for a Journeyman Lineman in 2024. This rate is \$57.01 with a 3% cost of living increase for 2025, and an additional \$1.00/hr. Journeyman Lineman will have a rate of \$58.77/hr. the Senior Lineman rate will be \$59.77/hr. for 2025 and the Lineman Foreman will have a rate of \$60.77/hr for 2025.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. Senior Lineman Job Description (DRAFT)

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Review, discuss, and approve the request of the Director to create the position of, post for, and hire a Senior Lineman with an expected start date early 2025.

SENIOR JOURNEYMAN LINEWORKER/METERING TECHNICIAN

SUMMARY: This is a skilled position in the construction and maintenance of the municipal electric and water metering systems. The majority of the work is performed in the field with some duties performed in the office. Reports directly to the Line Forman or the Utilities Director.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following, but other duties may be assigned:

- Receive daily assignments from Line Forman or Utilities Director and schedules work for crews.
- Acts as Field Lead Lineman and is essentially 2nd in command of the Electric Utility.
- Instruct, train, assign and perform work duties with various crewmembers and direct and coordinate the entire task.
- Keep records of materials used; repairs conducted.
- Updates the Line Foreman or Utilities Director on the progress and status of assigned projects.
- Maintains a safe work environment.
- In the absence of the Line Foreman the Senior Lineman will assume the duties and responsibilities of that position, and will relinquish such duties upon Line Foreman's return to duty.

Oversee and participate in:

- Installation and removal of metering setups for both electric and water.
- Installation of Commercial and Industrial Metering points and related metering equipment.
- Install and remove overhead and underground wires secondary, primary, and transmission under direct supervision of Line Foreman.
- Installation of overhead and underground equipment.
- Termination of underground cable and equipment.
- Install streetlights and related equipment, along with setting poles, anchors/guys, and tree trimming.
- Perform trouble shooting and repairs on the overhead and underground electrical system.
- Install and maintain sub-station equipment.
- Operate and maintain backhoes, bucket trucks, pickups, compressors and related power equipment associated with the job.
- Reads Large Power and other meters if needed.
- Test all 3Ø and 1Ø meters as required by PSC Code.
- Tests all 2", and larger, water meters as required by PSC Code.
- Water system repairs as needed.
- Make sure that the trucks are cleaned out and ready for the next day.
- Other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required.

- Knowledge of the principles of electrical theory as applied to electrical circuits and wiring systems
- Ability to wire electric meter sockets according to the proper form.
- Ability to wire CT Cabinets.
- Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw conclusions.
- Ability to calculate figures and amounts as related to electric and water metering.
- Knowledge of the transmission/distribution system, both electric and water.
- Must be familiar with lay out of the electrical and water distribution and transmission systems.
- Ability to communicate and maintain a good working relation with customers, the public, superiors, and fellow employees.
- Must be able to work well with others.
- Knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions of the trade.
- Ability to climb poles and work with high tension wires, exercising proper safety precautions.
- Skills in the operation of the equipment, tools, and testing equipment.
- Ability to read and analyze technical procedures.
- Knowledge and experience with personal computers are required.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- High school diploma or GED and completion of the nine-month Power Distribution program or the equivalent combination of education and experience providing the knowledge's, abilities, and skills listed above
- Journeyman Lineworker's card.
- Successful completion of Yearly Metering Workshops
- Valid Wisconsin Commercial Driver's License class A.
- Knowledge of First Aid and CPR.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:

- Work is primarily performed in field, near moving parts and in the outside weather conditions. The employee will be exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, extreme heat, extreme cold and vibration. Requires ability to perform heavy manual labor for extended periods under unfavorable weather conditions.
- The employee may occasionally lift and/or move objects up to 100 pounds. The noise level in the work environment, on occasion, may exceed 85 decibels and requires hearing protection.
- Employee is required to be on stand-by call and report to the CU Operations Facility within 30 minutes of notification.

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 10/17/2024

ITEM: Approval to Hire Full Time Water Operator for Columbus Water Utility

DETAILED DESCRIPPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

After nearly a year of observing the Water Utility and speaking with the Staff on the needs of the Utility and how we can better ourselves as a Utility it has become evident that the Water Utility needs a third employee, as the part-time help we have is not available for our needs during the business day; nor is that position required to be licensed.

Most of our work requires two people for safety reasons. When we have a person out on sick leave or vacation we are restricted as to what we can actually do as a Utility. Also in regards to On-Call and overall work load spreading the rotation out another employee and allowing for a proper department hierarchy to be developed will allow a more fluid department operation.

Lastly our Staff is dedicated to excellence. You see this in how they conduct themselves on a daily basis and how they approach each job task. When you are rushed, fall behind, or flat out need to meet an urgent deadline and you are nowhere near ready to meet demand that is when errors, injuries, and shortcuts happen. We do not want to see this be common practice, but what I have witnessed is the department has needed to ride line between organized and disarray due to work load and emergency situations, and mistakes have been made that are fully avoidable.

The Water Operator will come in to a salary point based on experience and licensing, with the 2025 pay range expected to be between \$27.06 and \$38.66 with a midpoint hourly rate of \$32.86. The License incentive will remain standard for this position and the ability to acquire all eleven licenses for Columbus Utilities will remain at a rate of \$0.50/hr worked.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. Water Operator Job Description

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Review, discuss, and approve the request of the Director to post for, and hire a Water Utility Operator with an expected start date early 2025.

WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR

SUMMARY: This is a skilled position in the construction and maintenance of the municipal water distribution and transmission systems. The majority of the work is performed in the field with some duties performed in the office. Reports to the Operations Manager and/or Lead Water System Operator for daily assignments and field work activities.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following, but other duties may be assigned:

- daily water plant readings / testing
- maintaining water plants and water plant equipment
- install, test, maintain all sizes of water meters
- turning valves
- flushing and maintaining of hydrants
- making repairs to damaged mains, services, hydrants and valves
- install water valves or hydrants
- tapping water main for new water services
- operate dump truck hauling materials and equipment to / from the job site
- operate hydro-vactor truck for hydro excavation activities
- assist in backfilling excavations
- stock work vehicle with necessary supplies
- Other duties and responsibilities as assigned

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required.

- Must be familiar with operational requirements of water distribution and transmission system.
- Must be able to work well with others
- Must have excellent customer service skills
- Knowledge of the water transmission/distribution system.
- Ability to communicate and maintain a good working relation with customers, the public, superiors, and fellow employees.
- Knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions of the trade.
- Skills in the operation of the equipment, tools, and testing equipment.
- Ability to read and analyze technical procedures.
- Ability to calculate figures and amounts as related to the water utility.
- Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw conclusions.
- Knowledge and experience with personal computers is required.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- High school diploma or GED and technical or university college related coursework
- WDNR Water Supply Operator Certification in Groundwater, Distribution, Iron Removal and Zeolite Softening
- Valid Wisconsin Commercial Driver's License class B.
- Knowledge of First Aid and CPR.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT: Describes the physical demands required to perform the essential functions of the job and the work environment that the employee will encounter.

- Work is primarily performed in field, near moving parts and in the outside weather conditions. The employee will be exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, extreme heat, extreme cold and vibration. Requires ability to perform heavy manual labor for extended periods under unfavorable weather conditions.
- The employee may occasionally lift and/or move objects up to 100 pounds.
- The noise level in the work environment, on occasion, may exceed 85 decibels and require hearing protection.
- Employee is required to be on stand-by call and report promptly as needed.
- In addition, all water related work laying and repairing water mains and accessories; installing and repair water services; repairing broken and frozen water mains and services/any work that is designated by the Operations Manager or Leas Water System Operator.

2024 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 10/17/2024

ITEM: Purchase of Electric Utility 2024 Ford F-250 Service Truck w/ Utility Box

DETAILED DESCRITPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

The Electric Utility is due to rotate out of service one of the Service Trucks in 2025. The 2015 Ford F-250 Extended Cab Service Truck #32 will be Auctioned once the new truck arrives. We obtained quotes from Stevens Point Commercial Truck Sales and they did not quote what we asked. Lynch Truck Center in Waterford, WI provided exactly what we were looking for with multiple box options. The Electric Utility will continue to utilize the fiberglass utility body FX Brand Box, and a 2024 Ford F-250 Super Crew will be utilized for the chassis. The final price for the purchase will be \$76,923. Build should take 6 to 8 months with delivery anticipated May-June 2025.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. Lynch Truck Center Quote on Chassis and FX Service Box

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Review, discuss, and approve the Request to Purchase 2024 Ford F250 Service Truck at \$76,923 for Electric Utility



Window Sticker

SUMMARY

[Retail] 2024 Ford Super Duty F-350 SRW (W3B) XLT 4WD Crew Cab 8' Box

MSRP:\$56,760.00

Interior: Medium Dark Slate, Cloth 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat

Exterior 1:Oxford White

Exterior 2:No color has been selected.

Engine: 6.8L 2V DEVCT NA PFI V8 Gas

Transmission: TorqShift-G 10-Speed Automatic

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V	/3B	[Retail] 2024 Ford Super Duty F-350 SRW (W3B) XLT 4WD Crew Cab 8' Box	\$56,	,760.00
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2024 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 10/17/2024

ITEM: Replacement of Hydrant 118 Meister Drive – Dollar Tree

DETAILED DESCRIPPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

The construction of the Dollar Tree at 118 Meister Drive has been challenging in regards to the water service. The bacteriological testing initially failed and needed to be retested and then passed. The pressure testing of the line failed, and the contractor was ordered to make repairs to the hydrant that is onsite.

The contractor made the appropriate repairs of the hydrant and attempted the pressure test yet again. The pressure test once again failed. In conversation with the Project Manager at Ruekert & Mielke it was agreed by the contractor, Project Manager, and Utility Director that the Utility would authorize the installation of a new hydrant and would pay the contractor for the materials and service.

Upon completion the line will once again be pressure tested. If the pressure test fails, the contractor has agreed that the problem lies within the line that was constructed during the construction and will need to be excavated and repaired to meet the pressure requirements at NO CHARGE to the City or Utility.

The contractor performing the work CJ Kavon Company, LLC has provided the quote for the work and due to the fact they have performed all the work at the site it is highly recommended that they perform this task as well simply due to the liability factor that will be associated with the pending test results.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. Quote for Hydrant and Installation from CJ Kavon Company, LLC

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Review, discuss, and approve the replacement of the hydrant for the quoted amount of \$12,265 from CJ Kavon Company, LLC.

C J Kavon Company, LLC Email: chadjkavon@gmail.com

To: Ruekert & Mielke

Attn: Jason Lietha

From: C J Kavon Company, LLC 8/23/2020

Date: 10/15/2024

Re: 118 Meister Drive, Columbus: Hydrant & Valve Proposal

Kavon provides the following proposal for your review. This bid includes the scope of work outlined per site investigation for Site Work. This lump sum bid includes the furnishing of equipment, labor and materials required for the completion of the 118 Meister Dr. project.

Inclusions:

- 1. Mobilization
- 2. Furnish all materials required
- 3. Install Valve & Hydrant
- 4. Test

Bid for the above mentioned.....\$ 12,265.00

Exclusions:

Inspections, Fees, Permits, Testing, Signage, Protective measures, Utilities-in-conflict, Bed-rock, Private Locate, Asphalt/Concrete/Curb, Grade staking or Lay-out, Ground Disturbances, Landscaping/matting, As-built, Engineering

Signed

Chad J. Kavon (PM) # 608 333 2183

2024 AGENDA ITEM

Utility Commission Meeting Date: 10/17/2024

ITEM: Discussion and Approval of 2025 Utility Operating Budget

DETAILED DESCRIPPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER:

The 2025 Utility Operating Budget will show that 2025 plans to be the start of a very busy period with Columbus Utilities. Numerous projects will be planned, many will be started and finalized in 2025; we will also be needing to maintain or restore our inventories on Utility Supplies, and replace a number tools and equipment due to QA/QC issues and the age of the equipment.

Wage rates were adjusted to reflect the State of Wisconsin Prevailing Wage for the Electric Utility in 2024, then a 3% increase was added to the Journeyman Lineman wage. The Senior and Foreman roles will see an additional \$1.00 and \$2.00 respectfully. Water and Sewer Utility Wage Rates were adjusted to reflect the same gain as the Electric Utility bringing our departments to a break point where Columbus Utilities will be at or slightly above area Utilities and will no longer be looked at as an employee poaching ground. Our Employees are our greatest asset, these measures will ensure our Staff realizes the Commission and Administration do in fact value their efforts which have always gone above and beyond.

The Utility Office Personnel and Business Manager wages were also adjusted at the same rate reflecting the Prevailing Wage increase.

The Wage Rate of the Director was calculated as a placeholder to ensure budgetary room would be available. This rate is to be determined by the Commission and City Administrator.

LIST ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED:

1. 2025 Operating Budget (To be finalized when Sewer Rate Case is Completed)

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

Review, discuss, and approve the 2025 Utility Operating Budget.

SUMMARIZED UTILITIES BUDGET WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING.

THE FINALIZATION OF OUR SEWER RATE CASE IS ONGOING BUT WE HAVE PRELIMINARY NUMBERS TO BUDGET WITH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

Columbus Utilities Directors Update – 10/17/2024

Past Month

Electric:

- School has started for the Linemen who are still in the Apprenticeship Program
- Jake Boness, Jeff Hecht Jr, and Mason Moser volunteered to assist MEUW and other Wisconsin Public Power Providers in Florida to rebuild after Hurricane Milton.
- Conversions were completed removing more customers off of Substation #1.
- Substation #4 Repair work is still in a holding pattern as parts have yet to arrive.
- Substation #3 Transrupter project will be delayed as Sun Prairie Power Utility needed our copper bus work that we had available for the project. Forster Electric will handle the reorder and payment of the replacement parts for our project.
- Electric Utilities assisted contractors with the Waterloo Lift Station Project and will continue to do so once permanent power is ready to be restored to Lift Station.

Water:

- We are still waiting on the results of a VOC test that was taken from Reservoir #1.
- Plant #1 remains offline.
- Hydrants are still being sandblasted and painted.
- Hydrants are being flushed as the flushing season nears its end.
- Lead & Copper Inventory and Sampling has been completed for the year.
- Service Line Material Inventory for Federal EPA and State DNR has been completed.
- During the Meister Park Lift Station Replacement Project, a water main that was poorly
 marked was struck by the excavation contractor. The repairs were completed as fast as
 possible yet the area north of Church Street across the river and the entire Meister Park
 neighborhood was without water for the day until 8:30PM October 2nd.

Sewer:

- Our new Operator has started at the Plant Merle Noren. He comes with a vast amount
 of experience and expertise. We welcome him onboard and look forward to having him
 with Columbus Utilities for years to come.
- Effluent Disinfection Season has come to a close for 2024. The plant is no longer chlorinating or dechlorinating the plant effluent to the Crawfish River.
- We have been having some temperature control problems in the Admin/Lab area of the plant. Staff contacted Bassett Mechanical and they were able to assist us in making the repair.
- Our BOD incubator has been acting up. Staff has been able to regulate the
 temperatures in the incubator as of late but we are looking to purchase a backup unit,
 and Merle Noren mentioned his old plant had our exact unit sitting on a shelf so we may
 try and procure that Incubator from West Salem.
- The Vac Truck is currently on the auction block until October 30th @ 10:40AM.
- Rate Case is being finalized for the sewer utility.

Upcoming Month

Electric:

- Dalton would like to work on getting a few more conversions done while the weather holds out.
- Utility is going to finish the Highway K Project.
- Apprentices will be attending school.
- Hunting Season has started....We will be short staffed.

Water:

- Hopefully get Plant #1 back online
- Complete Hydrant flushing.
- Remove seasonal water meters.
- State DNR testing
- Finish up on project work that is lingering with the streets projects and whatever may come up with Plant #1 Start-up.
- Hunting Season has started....We will be short staffed. I should say Craig will be here!

Sewer:

- Continue to get the plant in an optimized state.
- Land Application of Sludge Cake. Empty out the hangar before winter.
- R&M will be Project Managing some of the Sewer Lining, jetting, and repair work that was planned.
- Finish Up Waterloo and Meister Park Lift Station Capital Projects.
- Begin working on 2025's plan of action on how we Optimize the Sewer Utility and our Documentation and Influent Tracking.
- Tony and Jeremy will be attending the WWOA Annual Conference in Appleton to obtain some quality CEU's and speak with vendors.

Utility Overall:

- Complete and await approval from DNR on updated "detailed" version of Fireman's Park PCB Remediation work.
- Remove the soil from the Countryside Building and relocate according to the DNR's requirement.
- I will be continuing to train through CVMIC as well as attending online webinars on Stormwater, Pretreatment Programs, and other monitoring procedures.

THEIMEUW

Innovative approach creating cleaner energy

Wisconsin's largest municipal electric utility, Manitowoc Public Utilities (MPU), is leading the way toward a cleaner energy future by refueling its power plant boilers to burn 100% Wisconsin-recognized renewable biomass pellets, resulting in both

production to power both boilers. The project aims to divert 18,000 tons of waste from landfills each month, reducing methane emissions while extending the life of its plants.

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Since the 1990s, MPU has blended coal,

petcoke, and biomass from local sources. Recognizing the potential of Wisconsin's paper industry waste, MPU partnered with local companies already producing pellets to increase their production. By burning these pellets, MPU even earns renewable fuel credits.

To further showcase its efforts, MPU is hosting a meeting of the

American Public Power Association's (APPA) Demonstration of Energy & Efficiency Developments program (DEED) in early October. The DEED program has funded research, pilot projects, and education to improve the operations and services of public power utilities for more than 40 years.

In addition to this fuel innovation, MPU is a diamond-level Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) designation by APPA for its safety and operational excellence. The prestigious status reflects MPU's long-time commitment to best practices and continuous improvement in sustainable energy production.

APPA News Director Paul Ciampoli contributed to this article.





economic savings and environmental benefits. The pellets, made from local indus-

trial non-hazardous secondary materials, offer a cost-effective, sustainable alternative to coal and petcoke. Rising fuel costs and global transportation disruptions were also factors in the utility's decision to transition.

MPU collaborated with the boiler manufacturers to optimize efficiency and achieve full capacity of both units. Currently, MPU runs its 23 MW boiler entirely on renewable fuel pellets and plans to expand pellet

Operations Conference and Expo set for January

Registration opens Oct. 2 for the annual Electric Operations Conference & Expo (EOCE) in Wisconsin Dells.

Each year, municipal and electric cooperative employees come together to network and learn about important topics impacting utility operations. MEUW and the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) will hold EOCE 25 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells on Jan. 15, 16 and 17. Employees at all levels are welcome and encouraged to attend this year's event. A preview of the event is available here.

EOCE 25 will feature presentations on topics of interest to municipal utilities and a large trade show featuring utility suppliers showcasing the latest products and services for utility operations. This year's Expo is also expected to include "Supplier"

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Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin's mission is to **strengthen and unify community-owned utilities**. Since 1928, MEUW has been the trade association for Wisconsin's 81 public power communities and is affiliated with the American Public Power Association (APPA) — www.publicpower.org

Inside 725 Insights from the MEUW Office

The change of seasons is often a time to look forward to what lies ahead. As the calendar turns to October and the daylight hours fade early, we know that autumn has arrived and the current year is winding down. As a new emptynester, I'm feeling a bit more nostalgic than usual at this time of year, but also excited about the future.

Thinking back — at this time last year, we were gearing up for MEUW's 95th Anniversary events. Details were being finalized for what proved to be an exciting and memorable celebration of public power in Wisconsin. We definitely made a splash with our parade of more than 80 municipal utility vehicles around the Capitol Square. It's safe to say that folks who didn't know about public power had a chance to learn more and hear our members toot their own horns — literally.

Oct. 18, 2023, was a share the public power story.
milestone day in the history of MEUW, and our work to achieve our mission to unify and strengthen public power utilities in Wisconsin continues. share the public power story.

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Municipal employees from

Cumberland and Rice Lake

Capitol during MEUW's 95th

anniversary celebration in

2023. Another "Day at the

Wisconsin lawmakers and

5, 2025, to engage with

Capitol" is planned for Feb.

posed outside the State

In support of this mission, we have a few key things planned for this fall: We will be hosting five District Dialogue lunches across the state, aimed at bringing members together to discuss topics of interest to them. We will also be commemorating Public Power Week, ensuring our message continues

to be shared with customers, lawmakers, and the folks whose decisions impact us. We also tried something new this fall by raising awareness of public power with a younger audience through sponsorship of three "Nightfall Classic" cross-country meets under the lights, helping the student-athletes and their families

learn about career opportunities with municipal utilities. It's been a busy time.

The MEUW Board of Directors recently gathered for a strategic planning session. The meeting was a chance to reflect on MEUW's progress, work over the past five years, and to discuss critical needs and focus areas as we approach our 100th anniversary in 2028. While we are still assessing the outcome of the Board's work, the path we've paved is one we plan to continue — with some refinement. We'll share

more details as the plan is updated. The session itself was productive, and the discussions demonstrated a strong degree of alignment among our Board members as well as a commitment to MEUW's mission for the long term.

I wouldn't blame you if you've stopped watching TV because of all the political ads filling the airwaves across our "battleground" state. Even so, I hope you will take time to cast a ballot and make your vote count on Nov. 5. Regardless of the outcome of the presidential election, we know change is coming to our state's Capitol. New legislative maps means there are sure to be new faces in both the Assembly and Senate when the new session starts in January. Those changes give us a great opportunity to share the public power story with both new and returning legislators. To that end, we have set 2/5/25 as the date for our next MEUW Day at the Capitol, and we hope you'll mark your calendars to join us in Madison. Watch for more details in MEUW communications as the date nears.

With 2025 fast approaching, we're deep into planning for a number of member-focused events, including the Electric Operations Conference & Expo in January (see story on page 1) as well as a second annual Foreman's Roundtable. After a successful gathering earlier this year, we've set Tuesday, March 19, 2025, for a gathering of crew leaders and line superintendents to "talk shop" and compare notes to enhance both communications and leadership among those managing line crews on a daily basis. Stay tuned for details.

The success of MEUW is a reflection of the engagement level among our members. We appreciate your ongoing feedback and suggestions to help improve the quality and types of services we provide. Thank you for your continued support of MEUW and our mission.

You can reach MEUW's President and CEO **Tim Heinrich** by phone at (608) 478-0998 or by email at theinrich@meuw.org

Dates set for 2025 professional development training classes

MEUW will offer another round of training in both the Fundamentals of Utility Management Series and Municipal Utility Leadership Certificate Program in the new year. The 2025 training calendar is here.



EOCE 25 is Jan. 15-17 in Dells

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Showcase" demonstrations on a designated stage inside the Exhibit Hall, allowing exhibitors to lead hands-on discussions with show attendees.



The agenda is structured to offer more joint sessions for municipal and co-op

attendees to hear about key industry topics, including grid resiliency, cybersecurity, and the importance of advocacy, among others. In addition to topical breakout sessions, there will be structured cohort discussions to enable deeper networking and idea sharing.



Brown

The keynote address will be delivered by Gilbert Brown, the Green Bay Packers Hall of Famer, who will will share powerful insights about teamwork, inspiring others, overcoming adversity, and the importance of community. Brown played 125 games for the Packers in the 1990s and from 2001-03, earning a nickname as "The Gravedigger" for

his defensive contributions, including 15 playoff games and Green Bay's win in Super Bowl XXXI in 1997.

Three types of registration passes — Kilowatt, Megawatt, and Gigawatt — are available to accommodate those who wish to

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attend only part of the three-day event (see table above). Those most interested in the Expo (trade show), for example, will want to purchase a Megawatt pass, which offers access to the Wednesday Welcome Reception and Thursday's confer-

Members' NEWS



Todd Weiler was named General Manager of Wisconsin Rapids Water Works and Lighting Commission (WRWW&LC) in September. He has been with the utility since 2008, and since 2014 worked as Director of En-

gineering & Electric Operations.



Scott Gald has been promoted to Utility Manager for City Utilities of Richland Center. He has been with the utility for 16 years and most recently held the title Electric Superintendent, a role he assumed in 2019.

Mason Senso started as an Apprentice Lineman at Sturgeon Bay Utilities in August.

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ence sessions, meals, and the Expo. MEUW members who register as an "Early Bird" can get a Megawatt pass for \$225.

Full details about the conference, including the registration link, are available at *www.meuw.org/eoce*. There is a \$25 discount for all registrations received on or before Dec. 1. ●

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This e-newsletter is distributed to more than 1,200 utility professionals and leaders throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest on the first Tuesday of every month.

LIVE LINES has been published continuously for many decades and provides useful information, news on emerging utility issues and legislation, updates on events, training programs and member services, as well as engaging feature stories spotlighting utilities, communities and leaders.

Reader comments and suggestions are welcome — send by email to news@meuw.org

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Every October, Wisconsin's community-owned electric utilities join the nationwide celebration of **Public Power Week** to highlight what differentiates public power from other types of utilities — namely, being local, being not-for-profit, and offering reliable electric service that's second-to-none. Many of the 81 communities that own and operate their electric utility host events, offer giveaways, and engage with their customers to celebrate what makes public power special.







OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; every day, individuals living and working across Wisconsin enjoy the benefits of being served by a municipal-owned electric utility; and

WHEREAS; public power utilities and their dedicated workers help to ensure thousands of Wisconsinites and their families have access to safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to power their homes and places of business; and

WHEREAS; most of Wisconsin's public power utilities have been in continuous operation for more than a century, helping to build strong communities and contributing to the quality of life in towns, villages, and cities across the state; and

WHEREAS; by operating as not-for-profits, public power utilities are able to focus primarily on providing quality service to their customers and neighbors and remain committed to working safely, maintaining essential services, keeping the public out of harm's way, and enhancing communities; and

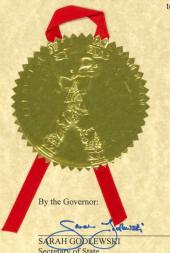
WHEREAS; through the input of community members and local decision-making, the city councils, village boards, and utility commissions that oversee community-owned power companies can ensure that the local utility is financially stable, well-run, and responsive to the needs of the individuals who live and work there; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins municipal utility communities along with dedicated advocates and organizations across the state in celebrating the unique operational advantages of municipal-owned public power utilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim October 6 – 12, 2024, as

PUBLIC POWER WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 27th day of September 2024.

> ONY EVERS GOVERNOR

How did your community celebrate Public Power Week? Take time to tell us and send pictures to *news@meuw.org*

Watch for a wrap-up in the next LIVE LINES.



New Holstein: Making meaningful customer connections



Situated between Lake Winnebago and Lake Michigan in Calumet County, New Holstein is a beautiful, tight-knit community of about 3,100 people. One of the many benefits of living in New Holstein is that

the community owns its own utilities, providing electric, water, wastewater, and water softening services.

"Being locally owned and operated, our utilities are deeply invested in the community," said Marc Stephanie, General Manager of New Holstein Utilities (NHU). Stephanie joined NHU about three years ago, citing one of the primary reasons for his career move was the top-notch staff and the welcoming community.

With a team of four journeymen linemen, one apprentice lineman, and four office employees, the electric utility serves about 2,200 residential electric customers and 450 commercial customers.

"Our employees are dedicated, well-trained, and focused on high-quality service and customer satisfaction," Stephanie said. "We enjoy a great relationship with our customers, who are also our neighbors and friends."

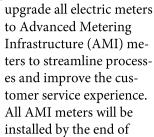
NHU Provides Exceptional Service

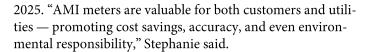
NHU provides electric service to the town of New Holstein as well as customers in the surrounding townships of Brothertown, Charlestown, Eaton, and Schleswig.

"Our service territory is among the largest of the municipal electric utilities in Wisconsin," Stephanie said. The electric utility team is responsible for operating, maintaining, and rebuilding 25 miles of overhead and underground lines within the City of New Holstein and 123 miles of mostly overhead line in its rural territory. The electric utility also maintains two substations and has a capacity of more than 30 megawatts.

Stephanie said the electric utility team's main current focus is updating

equipment. In 2025, NHU will





NHU, which was one of the founding members of WPPI Energy, continues to be a member today. "We know our customers want reliable power at an affordable cost," Stephanie said. "To ensure our success, we share resources with other community-owned utilities."

The electric utility has a good working relationship with Kiel Electric Utility and Plymouth Utilities. "While it hasn't happened often, we know we can rely on each other during emergencies or unusual situations when we need assistance," Stephanie said.

Customers Have Access to an Add-on Service

One unique benefit for NHU customers is that they also have the option to add on water softening services. Customers can rent a water softening system from NHU for a monthly fee, and the utility handles the installation and maintenance.



Marc Stephanie

According to Stephanie, NHU offers water softening services because the area has very hard water, which contains high levels of minerals that can decrease the lifespan of plumbing and appliances over time. The successful program — first launched in 1967 — has about 1,400 customers. "It's a helpful, costeffective service for our customers," he said.

"We always get positive feedback on the program."

History of New Holstein

New Holstein was first settled by German immigrants in 1848. Originally named Schleswig-Holstein after the region in Germany, the town was later renamed New Holstein. New Holstein was incorporated as a village in 1901 and later became a city in 1926.

On June 20, 1912, the residents of New Holstein voted to establish their own municipal utility to provide electric lights to the village. "It was a tight race," Stephanie said. "The history books show that it only passed by one vote. But it proved to be successful, as we've been providing electric service to New Holstein for more than 112 years."

Initially, the town was a farming community, producing crops such as potatoes, wheat, and barley. But as New Holstein grew, it saw the establishment of several manufacturing companies, such as Lauson Manufacturing Company (later to be known as Tecumseh Products Company). The Tecumseh

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plant in New Holstein shut down in 2007, when engine production operations moved overseas.

But today New Holstein continues to thrive, and NHU serves a diverse group of commercial customers. NHS still has many customers involved in agriculture, but it also serves manufacturers such as Metko, which specializes in metal fabrication, and NHU's biggest commercial customer, Buechel Stone Corp., which offers a wide range of stones for building and landscaping.

The town also has a variety of service-based businesses, including retail stores and restaurants. "We are a relatively quiet town," Stephanie said. "But we also have many thriving small businesses." It is home to Altona Supper Club, Honeymoon Acres (a massive greenhouse), and Hidden Hollow (a metal art retailer), which attract people from the surrounding areas.

Connecting with Customers

While NHU's main goals are to provide reliable and affordable power for its customers, the team also works hard to maintain meaningful connections with the community. "One of the ways we like to connect to customers is through events," said NHU's Business Manager Kathy Kovach. "Our team is involved in community events, such as the annual Christmas Parade, Firemen's Picnic, and Trunk and Treat."

NHU also typically recognizes Public Power Week with various community activities, including a food drive held in the lobby of the utility. Every year, the food is donated to the local food pantry. Kovach, who has been with the utility for more than 20 years, said that NHU decided to reach "higher" for Public Power Week this year.

This year's Public Power Week celebration was held on Tuesday, Sept. 24. According to Stephanie, NHU chal-

New Holstein Utilities commemorated 2024 Public Power Week during a communitywide celebration on Sept. 24. The graphic here shows highlights of the activities the utility hosted to engage with its customers.

lenged the students at New Holstein Elementary School to help restock the local food pantry. If the students brought in five large bins of non-perishable items, then the principal would get a glimpse of what's it's really like to be a utility lineman by going up high in a NHU aerial truck.

"We decided to go bigger than a food drive in our lobby, and it was really successful," Kovach said. Through the generosity of our school kids and their parents, NHU was able to fill the shelves of our local food pantry ... and have a lot of fun.

"The kids met our challenge and loved seeing their principal harness up and be lifted above the school in our aerial," Kovach said. The students were also treated to story time with Electric Operations Supervisor Justin Schneider with help from Lineman Apprentice Mason Meyer. The kids also had the opportunity to ask questions and to see some of the equipment the utility owns. Lineman Nathan Boehnlein was there to demonstrate some of the tools used every day by NHU's electric crew.

"Our entire team is wonderful," said Kovach. "And so are our customers. New Holstein has a strong sense of community where everyone knows each other, which creates such a friendly environment. It's a great place to work and call home."

The **Community Spotlight** is a regular feature of MEUW's LIVE LINES. Seventy Wisconsin communities that own and operate their own electric utility have been showcased since this column first appeared in the August 2018 edition.



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Utility Accounting & Finance

class is Oct. 9: Understanding the various financial aspects associated with utility operations is essential for anyone in a management position. The next course in our four-part Fundamentals of Utility Management Training Series, Utility Accounting & Finance, will provide attendees the fundamentals of public utility accounting, a clear understanding of business operations, and how to review and effectively manage budgets. Register here today.

Friend of Public Power Dinner on Oct. 14 in Cuba City: At the Annual Conference earlier this year, MEUW

honored state Sen. Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) with the association's "Friend of Public Power



Sen. Marklein

Award" for 2024, for his legislative efforts to advocate for municipal utilities' ability to own and operate EV charging stations, among other issues.

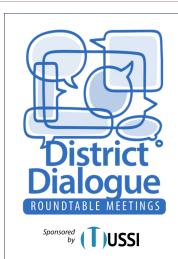
MEUW is holding a dinner on Monday, Oct. 14, in Cuba City to present Sen. Marklein with his award. All MEUW members are invited to attend the event at Red's Supper Club. Full details and registration information can be accessed here.

Next class in Leadership series

set for Dec. 4: Collaborating is much more than just working with people — it also involves using influence and persuasion to drive high-performing teams. Leaders skilled in collaboration understand how individuals impact one another and how to foster creative thinking and effective problem-solving to drive results. This one-day class, part of our three-part Municipal Utility Leadership Certificate series, will give attendees practical ideas and skills they can bring back to their workplace. More information and registration are available here.

Census Bureau seeking customer usage data

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for public power utility partners willing to work with them to share account data about customer utility usage. This data can help the U.S. Census Bureau determine whether housing units are likely vacant, occupied, or nonresidential for the 2030 Census. The results of the decennial census will help determine how trillions of federal tax dollars are distributed to state and local governments. All data shared with the Census Bureau is confidential and protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. If your utility is interested in this opportunity or would like to learn more, please contact Katherine Reeves at the Census Bureau at (301) 763-7912.



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Tuesday, Oct. 22 **Lake Mills**

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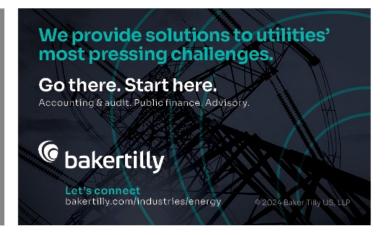


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Open meetings and public records promote transparency



By Jared Walker Smith

More than 75 citizens attended a July common council open meeting over the fate of the City of Richland Center utility commission. The substantial citizen response in support of the commission resulted in the common council postponing any decision in order to continue evaluating the issues. This process perfectly reflects the goal of Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law (OML) and the companion Public Records Law (PRL) to provide the greatest, fullest, and most complete information regarding the affairs of government in order to empower and inform the electorate. This objective of transparency in government extends to all forms of local government, including utility commissions and committees.

This article highlights utility-specific features of Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law (Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-19.98) and Public Records Law (Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31-19.39). The scope of the laws are far too broad for a brief summary to do them justice. A thorough overview of both laws is available in the June 2024 edition of the League of Wisconsin Municipality's magazine, *The Municipality*,

or in the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Compliance Guides.

The OML applies to meetings of all local governmental bodies. These bodies include utility commissions and committees and any committee formed by those bodies. The basics of the OML require that a governmental body provide advance notice of the time, date, place, and subject matter of any meeting of the governmental body. The notice must have sufficient detail to reasonably inform

the public of what will be discussed and acted upon at the meeting.

Public notice

is typically required even when a quorum of one public body attends the meeting of another. For example, if a quorum of the utility commis-

sion attends the meeting of a subcommittee, the commission should properly notice its attendance as a meeting in the subcommittee's notice or as a separate notice. This is frequently referred to as a *Badke* notice, named for the Supreme Court case that clarified this issue.

Similarly, a meeting can be deemed to have occurred even when a quorum of members is not present in

one location at one time. This is the "walking quorum" trap. And this trap is easy to fall into with the proliferation of quick and easy ways to communicate. A walking quorum is when enough individual conversations and communications result in a tacit or explicit agreement to act uniformly in sufficient number to reach a quorum. Discussion, however, is supposed to take place in an open meeting. It is therefore a problem when a public body's members feel there is no need to discuss an



Former City Utilities of Richland Center Commissioner Marsha Machotka was one of more than two dozen concerned citizens who spoke at a July 2 public hearing addressing the future of the utility's governance.

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agenda item because they have hashed out the issues outside of the meeting.

This presumption that all meetings must be open to the public is a key feature of the OML. The presumption holds unless any of the limited statutory exemptions to close a meeting apply. The OML requires that advance notice of the closed session be provided, along with the specific statutory authoriza-

tion in Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1) to close the meeting.

The most common exemptions used by utilities to enter closed session include: par. (e), where competitive or bargaining reasons related to purchasing public properties, investing public funds, or conducting other public business require confidential discussion; par. (g), when conferring with legal counsel over strategy to be taken in pending or potential litigation, which includes contested cases before the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin;

and pars. (b) and (c), relating to employment matters. Notably, par. (g) requires that the utility's attorney actually be present and rendering legal advice concerning litigation strategy.

With cybersecurity continuing to be a hot topic for utilities, utilities are also turning to par. (d) to discuss strategies to enhance cybersecurity measures. Paragraph

(d) provides that, except for certain matters involving the parole commission, closed session may be held for "considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention" (the bolded portion being that cited by utilities). With the broader scope of par. (d) and its initial focus on persons

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within the criminal justice system, it is recommended that a utility consult with its legal counsel when contemplating closing a session by reason of par. (d). Since closed session exemptions can also be used to support the denial of public records requests, it is important that there is no room to contest the validity of the closed session when cybersecurity is discussed.

Clearly, then, the OML and PRL are linked by a presumption of transparency. The PRL's presumption is of complete public access to records of a utility with denial to occur only in exceptional cases. Consequently, when a records request comes in, the utility's records custodian should analyze the request under a four-step process: (1) is the request for a record and, if so, does one exist; (2) if so, is the requester entitled to access the record by law; (3) if not, is the requester prohibited access by law; and (4) if not, is the public interest in disclosure outweighed by a competing public interest in non-disclosure (the "balancing test").

Unfortunately, knowing whether a statute or court case prohibits disclosure of all or a part of a record is not always straightforward. Unlike exemptions for closed session, no singular statute lists all the reasons why access can be prohibited. For a utility, however, one of the most common exemptions from disclosure under the PRL is for "customer information." Customer information is "any information received from customers which serves to identify customers individually by usage or account status." See Wis. Stat. § 196.137.

Except for statutorily identified persons, a utility is prohibited from releasing customer information, including under a PRL request. The statute specifically authorizes a utility to continue to utilize postcard billing statements.

The other portion of the PRL that is sometimes overlooked is the PRL notice requirements. The PRL requires that an "authority," which may include a utility commission or committee, adopt, prominently display, and make available for

inspection and copying at its offices, a notice about the utility's public records policies. The notice must contain specific information listed in Wis. Stat. § 19.34(1). Since municipal utilities are considered departments of their parent municipality from a legal standpoint, the municipality may have policies in place to be the one to prepare and provide these policies and notices. However, where a municipality grants its utility independence to act as its own "authority" (as defined in Wis. Stat. § 19.32(1)) with respect to public records, it would be on the utility to prepare and provide utility-specific public records policies and notices.

The OML and PRL provide transparency in government, which is the cornerstone of democracy. And, as was seen in Richland Center, compliance with the OML and PRL is not only the law but can have crucial implications for utility commissions. Consequently, it should be the practice of a utility that all members of its commission, committees, and administrative staff be intimately familiar with the requirements of both laws.

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President Biden visits Wisconsin to announce funding for clean energy grant that will benefit Wisconsin municipal utility customers

President Joe Biden made a visit to Westby, Wis., on Sept. 5 to award federal grants that support clean energy generation, including a \$579 million grant to Dairyland Power Cooperative. The funds are part of a \$7.3 billion grant program known as the New Empowering Rural America (New ERA) that was part of the federal government's Inflation Reduction Act. New ERA funds are available only to rural electric cooperatives, to help with the cost of new clean energy and storage projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"This is the most significant, transformative investment in electricity and electrification and clean energy for rural America since FDR's New Deal," President Biden said during an event hosted at Vernon Electric Cooperative against a backdrop of a vast solar array.

La Crosse-based Dairyland provides wholesale power to 24 distribution cooperatives and 27 municipal utilities across a four-state service area that includes Wisconsin, Minnesota, lowa, and Illinois. The company plans to use the grant award to add more than 1,000 megawatts (MW) of renewables, including 593 MW of wind, 427 MW of solar, and 60 MW of battery storage.

Dairyland President and CEO Brent Ridge said the funding will "[launch] the next chapter in Dairyland's 80-year history. It's a win, win, win ... for our members, the environment, and the farm economy. Yesterday we were at a crawl, today we're going to run."

The New ERA projects will help Dairyland reduce its carbon footprint by more than three million metric tons, or 70%, and will provide enough clean energy to power nearly 250,000 homes. Dairyland is among 16 electric cooperatives in 23 states to receive funding from the New ERA program.



Long-awaited transmission line connecting lowa and Wisconsin is now fully energized

Co-owners ITC Midwest, ATC, and Dairyland Power Cooperative have announced completion the western half of the new 345,000-volt (345-kV) Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line. The project was first approved by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) in 2011 and received approval from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin in 2019 and the Iowa Utilities Board in 2020.

The entire 102-mile line was placed in service on Sept. 26, and will help to ensure lower-cost, renewable energy can move more freely along the transmission grid by having increased capacity and reducing congestion on the region's transmission system.

The newly-energized western segment of the line runs from the Hickory Creek Substation near New Vienna, lowa, to the Hill Valley Substation near Montfort, Wis. The eastern segment, connecting Hill Valley to the Cardinal Substation near Middleton, Wis., became operational in December 2023.

Facts about public power in Wisconsin

3,349 Median population of the 81 communities that operate their own electric utility.

Merrillan is the smallest with about 500 residents and Sun Prairie is the largest with a population of nearly 37,000.

305,696 Number of homes and businesses that receive power from a community-owned utility. The total population of those communities is about 503,000.

\$0.00 Profit earned on \$764.7 million in electric sales revenue by the state's community-owned utilities in 2024. *Public power utilities are not-for-profit.*

Percentage of state's electricity distributed by municipal utilities.





Public power biz customers earn Focus on Energy honors

Focus on Energy recently recognized three business customers of municipal electric utilities for their extraordinary commitment to energy efficiency. Kayson Corporation in Manitowoc and PMI Manufacturing in Bloomer were presented with the 2024 Energy Efficiency Excellence Award. Badger State Lighting in Marshfield received the 2024 Trade Ally Contractor Excellence Award.

Kaysun, a plastics custom-injection molding company and customer of Manitowoc Public Utilities (MPU) received the award for recognizing the environmental impact of their business



and the products it produces

and taking energy sustainability seriously. During the award presentation, MPU's Jeff Matzke credited Kaysun's leadership and employees. "Through their Green Team, (Kaysun has) been very proactive in achieving environmental goals, whether it has been through converting their plastic waste to pellets which fuel our power plants, or through installing energy efficiency equipment with the assistance of Focus on Energy."

In 2023, Kaysun completed a dryeroven-conveyor project that will save 1.5 million kWh of electricity each year, more than doubling the amount of energy savings achieved from its previous 20 energy-efficiency projects.

PMI, a metal fabrication plant served by Bloomer Electric Utility, was selected for incorporat-

ing energy efficiency and sustainable practices



into every aspect of the business from replacing lighting fixtures with efficient LEDs to improving the efficiency of its compressed air and heat recovery systems. The company has completed 23 energy-efficiency projects since 2018. PMI has saved nearly 6 million kWh of electricity and 170,000 therms of natural gas with these projects, allowing the company to double the size of its facilities and employ more than 100 people.

State Senator Jesse James (R-Altoona) and Wisconsin Representative Rob Summerfield (R-Bloomer) attended the award presentation and congratulated PMI for its sustainability efforts and contributions to the community. "That is mind blowing ... when you hear about powering up 325,500,000 cell phones," from the energy PMI has saved, said Sen. James. Rep. Summerfield pointed to how PMI's energy sustainability efforts will benefit the community by keeping operating costs down, staying competitive and, "... employing our high school students, our neighbors, our friends, and immigrant community."

As a Focus on Energy Trade Ally, Badger State Lighting in Marshfield was recognized for helping businesses and schools throughout central Wisconsin install energy efficient lighting and secure financial incentives from Focus. Steve Zunker and his team at Badger State Lighting have helped customers with 659 lighting projects over the last seven years. In addition to the financial benefit of working with Badger State Lighting and Focus on Energy, customers appreciate the other attributes of energy efficient lighting. "We look more professional and also look better inside and outside," said Jenny Bring-Rockwood co-owner of Wisconsin Rapids-based Bring's Cycling & Fitness after Badger State overhauled the lighting in her store.

Presenting the award to Badger State Lighting, Public Service Commissioner Kristy Nieto noted how important Trade Allies are to the success of Focus on Energy. She added that beyond



Nieto

reduced energy consumption and energy costs, these projects advance innovative technologies, create jobs, lower environmental impacts, increase the competitiveness of Wisconsin businesses, and reduce dependence on nonrenewable resources.

To learn more about the honorees, visit focusonenergy.com/success-stories.



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Black River Falls Municipal Utilities

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Waunakee Utilities

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Friends of Public Power making progress toward fundraising goal

2024 fundraising goal for Wisconsin candidates:

\$20,000



Raised to date:

\$9,350

Through Friends of Public Power, the political action committee and conduit managed by MEUW, the association directs financial resources to support in-state legislative candidates who have signaled their support for public power and the electric-utility industry. Many of the same politicians have shown a willingness to listen to and learn about the issues that matter to MEUW members. As with other trade associations, political giving and developing good relationships with lawmakers is important to advocacy.

MEUW set a goal to raise \$20,000 for the 2024 elections. The funds are directed to both Republican and Democrat candidates in races for the Wisconsin Assembly and State Senate.

To learn more about MEUW's political giving, please contact Director of Legislative and Regulatory Relations Tyler Vorpagel at (920) 265-7720 or visit <u>www.meuw.org/fpp</u>. ●

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October 14 2024

To the Parties:

Re: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funded by

the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in a Department

of Energy Grant

Comments Due: Address Comments To:

Public Service Commission Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - 1:30 PM

P.O. Box 7854

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system (ERF).

The Public Service Commission (Commission) memorandum concerning its consideration of the Rural Energy Startup Program (RESP) design and budget is being provided for public comment. Comments must be received by 1:30 pm CT on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Members of the public may also file comments through the Commission's website. Click on the "File a Comment" button at the bottom of the website home page. On the public comments page, click on the "file a comment" hyperlink associated with this case (or "docket number," 9714-FG-2024).

All comments will be posted to the Commission's Electronic Records Filing System (ERF).

Please direct questions about this docket or requests for additional accommodations for the disabled to the Commission's docket coordinator, Nick Labinski at (608) 267-7854 or nicholas.labinski@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Joe Fontaine Administrator

Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs

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Attachment: Commission Memorandum

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Memorandum

October 14, 2024

FOR COMMISSION AGENDA

TO: The Commission

FROM: Joe Fontaine, Administrator

Tara Kiley, Deputy Administrator

Joe Pater, Director, Office of Energy Innovation Olivia Shanahan, State Energy Office Supervisor Nick Labinski, Stakeholder Engagement Lead

Division of Digital Access, Consumer, and Environmental Affairs

RE: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Funded by

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the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in a Department of

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Suggested Minute:

The Commission (established/established consistent with its discussion/did not establish) the eligible applicant types for Rural Energy Startup Program (RESP) Round 2.

The Commission (established as proposed by Commission staff/established consistent with its discussion/did not establish) the eligible activities for RESP Round 2.

The Commission (established as proposed by Commission staff/established consistent with its discussion/did not establish) a maximum for grant funding requests for RESP Round 2.

The Commission (established as proposed by Commission staff/established based on its discussion/did not establish) a budget for RESP Round 2.

Background

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin's (Commission) Office of Energy Innovation (OEI) administers and implements innovative and effective energy planning, policy, and programming to benefit Wisconsin's citizens and businesses, and is Wisconsin's designated State Energy Office (SEO) under Wis. Stat. § 196.025(7). The OEI's work includes administration of multiple federally-funded programs such as the Energy Innovation Grant

Program, which supports subrecipients with a wide variety of energy related projects (including renewable energy, energy storage, energy efficiency, and energy planning). The OEI also administers the State Energy Program (SEP) formula grant which provides funding for core duties of the SEO. (PSC REF#: 500784.)

On November 16, 2021, the U.S. Congress enacted the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The IIJA includes significant energy provisions and funding for energy related programming. The IIJA directly allocates funding to states through the SEP formula grant, and opens competitive funding opportunities to states, local governments, utilities, and other eligible applicants as specified. As Wisconsin's statutorily designated SEO, the OEI is the recipient of certain IIJA funds.

IIJA Section 40552, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), delivered formula funding through the U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) to operationalize financing programs for energy efficiency, renewable energy, zero-emission transportation, and more for local communities that do not meet the population threshold to receive a direct federal EECBG allocation.² The OEI, under the direction of the Delegated Commissioner, submitted the necessary application filings (EECBG Application), for the receipt of the Wisconsin EECBG allocation of \$2,330,720 to support subrecipient EECBG grants. The EECBG Application included federally-required proposed program design details that established Wisconsin's EECBG program to focus supporting development of energy plans in rural units of local government serving Disadvantaged Communities (DACs). The application was approved and Wisconsin's funds received in November 2023.

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¹ Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58 (2021), https://www.congress.gov/117/plaws/publ58/PLAW-117publ58.pdf

² See EECBG Program Formula Grant Application Hub, U.S. DOE, https://www.energy.gov/scep/eecbg-program-formula-grant-application-hub

In its Order of November 29, 2023, the Commission approved the proposed scope of Wisconsin's EECBG program, renamed the Rural Energy Startup Program (RESP). (PSC REF#: 485930). U.S. DOE established a 180-day requirement to allocate and award at least 60 percent of the funding. ³ With this deadline in mind, the OEI established and launched the inaugural round, "Round 1," of the program in late November 2023, with an initial application deadline of January 31, 2024. During this open period, staff sent over 5,000 emails to eligible local governments and made 171 phone calls to rural DACs across the state. Additionally, staff engaged with the Wisconsin Towns Association and the Wisconsin Counties Association, as well as Focus on Energy's Energy Advisors, to inform these groups of the program and encourage them to share the information with their own networks. The OEI hosted a webinar 4 to cover program basics approximately two weeks into the application phase. As OEI was simultaneously administering an IIJA-funded round of EIGP, it hosted a second webinar titled "Energy Funding for Wisconsin Rural Communities: Choosing the Right OEI Grant Program" to describe both programs and encourage eligible RESP applicants to consider the tailored program.

With the initial application deadline approaching, staff informed the Delegated Commissioner that total requests were below both the total \$2.3 million allocation of funds and the 60 percent U.S. DOE threshold. The Delegated Commissioner made the decision to extend the application deadline from January 31 to March 29, giving local governments more time to

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³ U.S. DOE application instructions provide that: "The state shall provide the subgrants no later than 180 days after the date on which DOE approves the proposed energy efficiency and conservation strategy." *See INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT OF 2021 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FORMULA GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS*, U.S. DOE, https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-

^{01/}IIJA%20%2840552%29%20EECBG%20Program Application%20Instructions.pdf

⁴ See the 2023 Rural Energy Start Up Program Application Instructions webinar: https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/2252665565194139222.

⁵ See Energy Funding for Wisconsin Rural Communities: Choosing the Right OEI Grant Program webinar: https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/2005921962357642846.

apply and for the state to meet the 60 percent requirement. By January 31, twenty applications were submitted. This initial batch of applicants was processed and reviewed by a three-person panel before Commission review. At the Commission's open meeting of March 14, 2024, 16 of the 20 applications submitted by January 31 were awarded \$705,698.02 in funding. The Commission determined that the other four applicants either needed to cure parts of their application or be considered under the extended application period. (PSC REF#: 495070).

During the extended application period, staff emailed 1,630 local municipalities and 171 DACs, making them aware of the extended deadline and encouraging them to apply. Staff received an additional 11 applications. These 11 applications, along with the four applications cured or reconsidered from the initial opening round were reviewed and sent to the Delegated Commissioner for an awards decision. The Delegated Commissioner awarded all 14 applications it determined eligible for funding, and awarded total funding of \$768,600. (See PSC REF#: 500920). With these additional awards, the RESP program met the U.S. DOE's 60 percent requirement, awarding a total of \$1,452,098.02.6 After this first round of funding, \$878,622 remained. During RESP's Onboarding and the Grant Agreement phases, two awardees declined their awards, bringing the available funding for RESP Round 2 to \$957,572.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information on the federal requirements for the RESP and the Commission's options for the RESP Round 2 program design. This memorandum also provides information as reference for the Commission on routine program administration elements that will be tailored to match the Commission's discussion and decisions

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⁶ The Town of Russell's initial \$22,200 award is calculated in both Awards Totals because both projects were Activity 3. To simplify the project and allow them to be eligible (applicants can only apply once per Activity), the two applications were combined into one project. However, because the Order for the first period was issued before the second application period closed, their \$22,200 appears in both. They declined the first award and accepted the second. This is why adding the two Awards totals does not equate the number actually awarded.

on program design. The EECBG program's performance period ends on December 31, 2026, and program funds must be expended before that date. As described in further detail in the Program Administration section, Commission staff are prepared to launch Round 2 in winter 2024, to facilitate program awards and establishment of grant agreements in spring and summer 2025 and permit awardees more than a year to complete their projects before the performance period deadline.

Considerations for Program Design

To assist the Commission in defining program designs for 2024 RESP, this section reviews lessons learned from RESP Round 1 and other OEI grant programs, especially the EIGP; the strategic objectives of the RESP program; and other relevant policy drivers.

Lessons from Previous RESP and EIGP Rounds

While the RESP is not a direct analogue to the EIGP, there are similarities between the programs in their structures and goals, and certain lessons learned from past rounds of EIGP can be applied to create a more successful second RESP round. Multiple rounds of EIGP have also been conducted over time, allowing the Commission to consider and implement continuous improvement efforts.

Staff identified two interrelated considerations relevant to considering a RESP Round 2 Scope. First, EIGP's own experience with grant offerings that permit multiple activities has led the Commission to establish a practice of requiring grant applications to be prepared for a single eligible activity. The ability to review single-activity applications has helped streamline administration throughout the process, from application intake to contract negotiations and activity-specific compliance review. Second, the Commission's practice in recent EIGP rounds has been to allow individual applicants to submit multiple applications, limited to one per

eligible activity. This practice has allowed applicants the flexibility to pursue multiple interests in a single grant round and eliminate unintended competition among eligible activities, while maintaining the administrative efficiency of limiting applications to a single activity.

RESP Strategic Objectives

Wisconsin's EECBG application, as approved by U.S. DOE, establishes that its EECBG funding allocation will be used to fund a RESP program designed to support rural communities taking initial steps to reduce energy use, reduce fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency by investing in the adoption of innovative energy technologies and processes. The application further establishes that RESP will support investments in innovative program and partnership models that expand access to clean energy, efficiency, and preparedness for Wisconsin communities that are otherwise unable to adopt these technologies and for whom these are innovative approaches. This would include applicants who may traditionally face barriers to adopting clean energy solutions and the benefits they provide, or whose communities may be disproportionately impacted by the negative effects of traditional fossil fuel inefficient energy systems.

Policy Drivers

In addition to RESP's program-specific strategic objectives, Commission staff's Round 1 RESP scoping memo noted two broader policy drivers relevant to the program, which continue to be relevant in identifying equity and inclusion as key considerations relevant to program design.

First, in April 2022, Wisconsin released the State of Wisconsin Clean Energy Plan (CEP)⁷ as a policy pathway to achieving Wisconsin's goal of 100 percent carbon-free electricity

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⁷ *Clean Energy Plan*, Wisconsin Office of Sustainability & Clean Energy, https://osce.wi.gov/pages/cleanenergyplan.aspx.

consumption by 2050.⁸ The CEP provides four key strategies: Accelerate clean energy technology deployment; Maximize energy efficiency; Modernize buildings and industry; and Innovate transportation. The CEP further discusses prioritizing health equity, environmental justice, and equitable economic development.

Second, EECBG is a Justice40-covered program⁹ and as such contributes to the goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments in clean energy and climate solutions flow to DACs. As such, Commission staff intends to continue providing and tracking measurable direct or indirect investments or positive project outcomes that achieve or contribute to the following in DACs: (1) a decrease in energy burden; (2) a decrease in environmental exposure and burdens; (3) an increase in access to low-cost capital; (4) an increase in job creation, the clean energy job pipeline, and job training for individuals; (5) increases in clean energy enterprise creation and contracting (e.g., minority-owned or disadvantaged business enterprises); (6) increases in energy democracy, including community ownership; (7) increased parity in clean energy technology access and adoption; and (8) an increase in energy resilience.

In consideration of these and other equity and inclusion considerations, Commission staff provides examples of eligible applicant and activity types in the next sections of this memorandum. The Commission may consider its determinations of eligible applicant and activity types in the context of meeting RESP's strategic objectives and accounting for broader policy drivers.

⁸ See Executive Order # 38, Office of the Governor,

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/executive_orders/2019_tony_evers/2019-38.pdf.

⁹ U.S. Department of Energy Justice40 Initiative: Justice40 Initiative | Department of Energy.

Commission Alternatives on RESP

To establish the scope of RESP Round 2 requires a Commission decision on the following program elements: eligible applicants, eligible activities, maximum allowable grant requests, and program budgets.

Eligible RESP Applicant Types

EECBG Application

Federal EECBG requirements dictate that the allocation to Wisconsin shall use not less than 60 percent of the amount received to provide subgrants to units of local government in the state that are not eligible for direct EECBG formula grants of their own. Wisconsin's approved EECBG application exceeded that requirement by allocating 100 percent of funds toward subrecipients under the RESP. Additionally, the EECBG Application suggested that in order to maximize benefits to DACs, in alignment with the Wisconsin CEP and Justice40 policy drivers, eligible units of local government (city, village, town, county) must qualify as rural, as defined below, and is expected to also be located within a DAC or have a DAC located within the planned project area.

Rural Community Definitions

Commission staff notes that different agencies and organizations use different population thresholds for defining municipalities as rural, with a majority relying on U.S. Census Bureau data. ¹¹ For reference, Wisconsin municipality populations range from 40 (Wilkinson) to 577,222 (Milwaukee).

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¹⁰ 42 U.S.C. 17155(c)(1)

¹¹ The 2010 U.S. Census reported Wisconsin to have 190 cities, 1,257 towns, and 404 villages, with an average population of 3,404 across all municipality types. County populations range from 4,255 (Menominee) to 939,489 (Milwaukee), with an average population of 79,719.

Rural Municipality. For its Rural Energy for America Program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) uses census data to identify rural as "any area of a State not in a city or town that has a population of more than 50,000 inhabitants, not in the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to a city or town that has a population of more than 50,000 inhabitants, and excluding certain populations pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 1991(a)(13)(H) and (I)." These USDA definitions have also been used as the basis for defining eligibility for Focus on Energy's rural bonus incentives. (PSC REF#: 442095).

Rural County. The U.S Census does not classify counties as rural or urban specifically, but the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) uses census data to establish a range of rural and urban classifications known as Rural-Urban Continuum (RUC) codes. ¹² Using this definition, there are 46 Wisconsin counties (64 percent) considered to be rural. ¹³

Defining Disadvantaged Community (DAC) under the Justice40 Initiative. To ensure an equitable distribution of grant funds, outcomes, and benefits, applicants will be required to demonstrate how their projects meet the objectives and metrics of the program as they pertain to Disadvantaged Community Benefits. Applicants may use the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)¹⁴ map to identify the extent to which grant benefits fall within a disadvantaged community. CEJST uses datasets to identify disadvantaged communities by census tract.

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¹² These nine RUC classifications where each code is delineated by population and/or proximity to a major metropolitan area. Rural counties are considered nonmetropolitan with an RUC of four to nine, with four being

[&]quot;Nonmetropolitan – Urban population of 20,000 or more, adjacent to a metro area" and nine being

[&]quot;Nonmetropolitan – Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, not adjacent to a metro area."

¹³ See Economic Research Service-County Level Data Sets, U.S.D.A, https://data.org.usda.gov/reports.orgv2ID=17827

https://data.ers.usda.gov/reports.aspx?ID=17827

14 Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool: https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/

Round 1 Applicant Eligibility

The Commission established for the first round of RESP eligible applicants would include cities, villages, towns, and counties that have not received direct allocations of federal formula funding under the IIJA EECBG Program that qualify as rural, with priority given to those located within a DAC or have a DAC located within the planned project area. Applicants could demonstrate their rural eligibility using any of the definitions listed above. To support applicants, OEI staff incorporated the rural definitions into a map for applicants to establish their eligibility. As discussed above, 31 total applications were submitted from 30 eligible applicants (one applicant submitted two applications), of which 29 were awarded. Of the 59 census tracts listed by applicants in their projects, totaled 17 were located in a DAC (28.8 percent); however, 14 of the 29 awarded projects had at least one census tract that is a DAC (48.2 percent). ¹⁶

Round 2 Applicant Eligibility Commission Alternatives

Alternative One would adopt the eligibility requirements from Round 1, establishing the eligible applicant types to include cities, villages, towns, and counties that have not received direct allocations of federal formula funding under IIJA EECBG that qualify as rural, as defined by the Commission, with priority given to those also located within a DAC or have a DAC located within the planned project area. This alternative would keep program eligibility the same as the first round of RESP, where staff engaged in extensive outreach to meet the 60 percent threshold and maintaining eligibility consistency between rounds. Additionally, 48 percent of Round 1 projects included at last one DAC census tract. The Commission may consider this an

¹⁵ OEI's mapping tool: OEI Map (wi.gov).

¹⁶ The disparity is explained by a countywide project. For this project, one of 13 census tracts were DACs. When totaling all census tracts, the 12 non-DAC census tracts greatly weighted the percentage. Most projects were local government projects of one or two census tracts either being a DAC or not.

inclusive alternative to ensure the largest number of potential projects are considered, while also engaging rural DACs to both support the Justice40 initiative and to ensure these communities are supported in clean energy and energy efficiency projects.

Under Alternative Two, the Commission may consider the option to limit eligibility solely to rural DACs. This alternative would exclude from eligibility the rural non-DAC communities that were also eligible for RESP Round 1. The Commission may consider whether this option is in alignment with a strategic objective to ensure benefits of clean energy efficiency, and preparedness reach rural DACs across the state and is in alignment with the Justice40 initiative by requiring all funds be directed specifically towards rural DACs. The Commission may also wish to consider whether this option may limit participation in RESP Round 2, given that rural DACs accounted for slightly less than half of awarded funds in Round 1.

Alternative Three would be to modify the eligible applicant types for the RESP to some other selection, subject to further review and approval by the U.S. DOE.

Commission Alternatives – RESP Eligible Applicant Types

Alternative One: Establish the Eligible Applicant Types consistent with RESP Round 1 to local governments that have not received direct allocations of EECBG federal formula funding that qualify as rural, with priority given to those also located within a DAC or have a DAC located within the planned project area.

Alternative Two: Establish the Eligible Applicant Types as local governments that qualify as rural, and are located within a DAC or have a DAC located within the planned project area.

Alternative Three: Establish the Eligible Applicant Types consistent with its discussion, subject to further review and approval by the U.S. DOE.

Alternative Four: Do not establish Eligible Applicant Types and remand the matter back to staff.

Eligible Activity Types and Maximum Allowable Requests

RESP Round 1 established three eligible activities, outlined below. The definitions of these activities are informed by EECBG Blueprints¹⁷ provided by U.S. DOE, which were established in Wisconsin's U.S. DOE-approved application as the basis for eligible RESP activities. These blueprints are designed to help applicants who may not have much experience with Federal grants or energy projects follow a structured program guide, reducing barriers and assisting applicants in achieving impactful results with available funds.

The three Commission-approved activities as defined in Round 1 are: Comprehensive Energy Planning (Activity 1), ¹⁸ Renewable Resource Planning (Activity 2), ¹⁹ and Energy Audits and Building Upgrades (Activity 3). ²⁰

Eligible Activity 1: Comprehensive Energy Planning. This activity funded technical consultant services to assist the eligible applicant in the development of Comprehensive Energy Planning to include the following: evaluation of current energy use and sources, determination of the entity's potential for generating energy locally, and creation of goals for energy savings and generation. Efforts would include community-wide and stakeholder engagement and formal plan adoption.

¹⁷ See EECBG Blueprints, the U.S. DOE: https://www.energy.gov/scep/energy-efficiency-and-conservation-block-grant-program-blueprints

¹⁸ RESP Activity 1 is attached to Blueprint #1: <u>Blueprint 1: Energy Planning | Department of Energy</u>

¹⁹ RESP Activity 2 is attached to Blueprint #3D: <u>Blueprint 3D</u>: <u>Renewable Resource Planning for Rural and Tribal Communities | Department of Energy</u>

²⁰ RESP Activity 3 is attached to Blueprint #2A: <u>Blueprint 2A: Energy Efficiency: Energy Audits, Building Upgrades | Department of Energy</u>

Eligible Activity 2: Renewable Resource Planning. This activity funded technical consultant services to assist the eligible applicant in the development of Renewable Resource Planning to include the following: assessing renewable resource potential with a focus on the greatest value and job opportunities for the area, setting a collective vision with stakeholders for optimal renewable energy deployment, and creating an action plan for formal adoption and implementation.

Eligible Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades. This activity funded technical consultant services to assist the eligible applicant to identify potential energy saving opportunities in buildings and provide the technical and financial information (such as upfront costs, ongoing costs, projected energy savings, return on investment) that the community would need to evaluate and approve energy efficiency, electrification, and grid interactive retrofits.

This activity also permitted using the results of an energy audit to allow for retrofitting existing buildings, presenting an opportunity to improve the energy performance and operational costs of building assets including heating, cooling and ventilation (HVAC) systems and equipment, lighting and control systems, and the building envelope, while improving occupant control (such as with grid-interactive technologies).

The Commission awarded 29 projects in Round 1 of RESP. Of those 29 projects, 23 were for Energy Audits and Building Upgrades; awardees primarily used RESP funding as an opportunity to implement energy efficiency upgrades, such as LED lighting and high-efficiency HVAC systems. Four awards were provided for Energy Planning, and two for Renewable Resource Planning.

In RESP Round 1, the maximum request amount for each of the three activities was \$75,000. Applicants were not required to provide matching funds, but some projects did,

frequently reflecting that the total cost of their projects exceeded the maximum request. Total project costs ranged from \$3,950.00 to \$753,400.00, including matching funds. Table 1 has a more detailed breakdown of the Total Project Costs for each activity.

Table 1: Total RESP Total Project Cost

Total Project Cost	Energy Planning (Activity 1)	Renewable Resource Planning (Activity 2)	Energy Audits and Building Upgrades (Activity 3)
>\$100,000	1	0	3
\$90,000-\$99,999	0	0	0
\$80,000-\$89,999	2	1	1
\$70,000-\$79,999	1	0	5
\$60,000-\$69,999	0	0	1
\$50,000-\$59,999	0	0	1
\$40,000-\$49,999	0	1	1
\$30,000-\$39,999	0	0	2
\$20,000-\$29,999	0	0	4
\$10,000-\$19,999	0	0	3
<\$10,000	0	0	2
Total	4	2	23

For the entire program, the average cost of an awarded project was \$96,591.82, with an average grant award amount of \$47,486.14 and the remainder provided through matching funds. Table 2 shows averages by activity type. Of the six planning projects within Activities 1 and 2, four had total costs exceeding \$75,000 due to the inclusion as match of in-kind contributions for staff wages collaborating on these planning projects. Activity 3 had the widest variance, with

two projects totaling below \$10,000 in total project costs and two projects being over \$700,000 in total project costs, creating the lower Grant Award and higher Total Project Cost averages.

Table 2: Average RESP Grant Award and Total Project Cost

Activity Type	Average Grant Award	Average Total Project Cost
Activity 1	\$73,200.00	\$86,600.00
Activity 2	\$60,000.00	\$63,750.00
Activity 3	\$45,186.87	\$104,433.16

Commission Alternatives

While participation varied between activity type in Round 1, successful applications were submitted under all three eligible activities. For that reason, Commission staff propose to maintain the same Round 1 eligible activities as the eligible activities for Round 2. Consistent with previous Commission decisions and lessons learned from past RESP and EIGP rounds, Commission staff would also propose continuing to allow applicants to submit one separate application per eligible activity. This approach is expected to enable the fastest delivery of funding to eligible projects and meet the needs of prospective applicants to engage in multiple eligible activities.

On the other hand, Commission staff have used the cost information collected through Round 1 to identify revised Round 2 maximum grant requests for Commission consideration. While Round 1 established maximum grant requests of \$75,000 for each of the three activities, the variation in project costs between activities suggests the Commission may wish to consider establishing different maximum grant requests for different activities.

Experience with RESP grant awards in Round 1 can inform a Commission determination of maximum grant awards for Round 2. Commission staff propose for consideration maintaining

a maximum grant request of \$75,000 per applicant for Activity 1: Energy Planning and Activity 2: Renewable Resource Planning, while increasing the maximum grant request to \$125,000 for Activity 3: Energy Audits and Building Upgrades. As noted above, some planning projects in Round 1 had total costs exceeded the maximum grant request, but only as a result of in-kind contributions for staff support. On the other hand, several Activity 3 upgrade projects neared or exceeded the \$75,000 threshold. A \$125,000 threshold would have covered project costs for all but two first round building audit and upgrade applicants and could provide applicants with the opportunity to propose more broadly scoped projects.

Table 1 summarizes Commission staff's proposed activities and maximum grant requests. Under Alternative 1 below, the Commission may consider implementing Commission staff's proposal, including the modification from Round 1 to increase the Activity 3 maximum grant request to \$125,000. Under Alternative 2, the Commission may consider an alternative combination of activities and maximum grant requests. Modifying the eligible activities would likely require Wisconsin to amend its EECBG application with U.S. DOE before proceeding with Round 2. Application amendments would not be necessary to set different maximum grant amounts, and the Commission may consider whether other maximum grant request levels are best aligned with RESP's goals and objectives.

Table 1. RESP Eligible Activities Summary Table

Eligible Activity	Maximum Grant Request
1. Comprehensive Energy Planning	\$75,000
2. Renewable Resource Planning	\$75,000
3. Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	\$125,000

Commission Alternatives - RESP Eligible Activity Types and Maximum Grant Requests

Alternative One: Establish the RESP Round 2 Eligible Activity Types and Maximum Grant Requests as listed in Table 1.

Alternative Two: Establish the RESP Round 2 Eligible Activity Types and Maximum Grant Requests consistent with its discussion.

Alternative Three: Do not establish Eligible Activity Types and Maximum Grant Requests and remand the matter back to staff.

Overall Budget

Commission staff proposes a total budget of \$957,571.98 for RESP Round 2 in accordance with the total remaining EECBG funds. Making the full budget available could best position the program to spend available funding before the program performance period ends in December 2026. Staff propose not to designate specific budgets by activity, consistent with the approach in Round 1 to make funding available in the most flexible manner possible and allow eligible applicants to apply for multiple projects in areas of need.

Alternatively, the Commission may wish to select a different option that allocates a portion of the available EECBG funding to the subrecipient grant program RESP and redirects or designates certain amounts of the subrecipient grant program budget for certain categories such as eligible applicants or eligible activities, subject to the U.S. DOE review and approval.

Table 2. Proposed Overall Budget for RESP

Activity	Total Available Funds
1. Comprehensive Energy Planning	\$957,571.98
2. Renewable Resource Planning	
3. Energy Audits and Building Upgrades	
Total	

Commission Alternatives – EECBG Budget

Alternative One: Establish a budget of \$957,571.98 for the RESP as provided in Table 2.

Alternative Two: Establish a budget for the RESP consistent with its discussion.

Alternative Three: Do not establish a budget for the RESP and remand the matter back to staff.

Program Administration Information

This informational section addresses all of the other routine elements of program design for Commission reference. These items will be further defined by the Commission's discussion and decisions on the preceding program design elements and routine program administrative practices and available resources, and in collaboration with the Delegated Commissioner.

Application Review and Merit Scoring Criteria

In RESP Round 1, requested funds were less than the available budget. As a result, Commission staff limited their application review to assessing program eligibility. Should requests in Round 2 exceed the available budget, then a merit scoring review will be implemented.

The merit scoring review criteria will be based on these core factors and further refined to apply uniquely to each eligible activity category. Projects will be scored among the like projects in its respective category. Per the Commission Order establishing Round 1, the merit review criteria in Round 1 were designed to give priority scoring to projects impacting DACs.

Depending on the Commission decisions and discussion around priority applicants in the RESP Eligible Applicant Types alternatives above, Commission staff will work with the Delegated Commissioner to develop weighted scoring.

Merit review scoring criteria may include, but is not limited to the following:

- Eligibility screening and ability to achieve the objectives
- Budget justification

- New or existing plans and opportunities (application demonstrates level of prior planning completed or demonstrates the need for a new plan)
- Ability and preparedness to achieve objectives (application affirms the use of a blueprint, how the applicant's/connected contractor's experience will assist them to achieve the objectives)
- Equity and energy justice (benefits of awards in total aim to meet Justice40 expectations)
- Cost savings and payback, economic impacts (job creation, economic development, compliance with Federal provisions related to wage rates and domestic production)
- Energy savings and environmental impact

The Commission will not be bound by the recommendations of the review panel when making awards, as the scoring of a particular project will be one of several considerations that the Commission may consider.

<u>Table 3. Tentative Timeline</u>

November 2024	Commission consideration of RESP Round 2 scope, including public comment	
December 2024	Applications available	
March 2025	Applications due (Close application period)	
Spring 2025	Application review	
Spring 2025	Commission consideration of RESP Round 2 awards	
Summer through Fall 2025*	Contract negotiations, Grant Agreements signed by awardees	
Date of Countersignature		
through typical end dates at	Project performance period	
Calendar or Fiscal Year ends*		
90 days after Project	Final reports and requests for reimbursement due	
Performance Period Ends*		

^{*}Timing of these steps will depend on the program and levels of Federal review.

Opening Grant Rounds

To facilitate implementation of these programs Commission staff will work with the Delegated Commissioner to develop and issue the Application Instructions. To collect the necessary information required for application merit review, the application must include all required information, data and submissions as instructed in the forthcoming application instructions.

Eligible Costs

To support project implementation within the limits of Federal code, eligible costs may include labor (salary/fringe), travel, supplies, equipment, other, contractual, and indirect. These costs are subject to limitations, upfront documentation, and reporting requirements associated with the Federal provisions (such as historic preservation, wage rates, environmental review, domestic production).

Performance Period

Performance periods for grant awarded projects will be detailed in the Grant Agreements. While grant recipients may have various performance period start dates, subject to Federal review and other factors, beginning in 2025, all will be subject to the same quarterly performance reporting requirements by program throughout the performance period. Extensions may be considered and early project completion and requests for reimbursements may be allowed.

Reporting Requirements

To ensure that grant recipients are compliant with grant agreement terms and conditions and are on track for success, the Commission will continue to require routine performance reporting that addresses the following: all scope deliverables, objectives, and metrics identified

through contract negotiations, compliance with federal flow-down provisions, grant expenditures, and percent of project completion.

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