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GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, a Work Session Meeting of the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 4:00 PM in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL:

BUSINESS:

1. Consider a motion to approve $2,667,164.00 in verified claims for July and August 2026.

2. Operations & Capital Updates

ADJOURNMENT:

The next Regular Meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 4:00 PM in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street.

The next Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 3:00 PM in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street.

The GRPUC has adopted a Meeting Protocol Policy, which informs attendees of the GRPUC's desire to conduct meetings in an orderly manner which welcomes all civil input from interested parties. If you are unaware of the policy, please contact our office at 218-326-7024 and we will provide you with a copy of the policy.

GRAND RAPIDS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE:	August 12, 2026
AGENDA ITEM:	Consider a motion to approve $2,667,164.00 in verified claims for July and August 2026.
PREPARED BY:	Taylor Bird, Finance Manager

BACKGROUND:

See attached check registers:

Bill list:	$1,533,830.36
Bill payments with prior approval:	$1,133,333.64
Total	**$2,667,164.00**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve $2,667,164.00 in verified claims for July and August 2026.

Grand Rapids Public Utilities
Meeting Date: 8/12/26
GRPU: Bill List

PUC Meeting Identifier	Vendor	Vendor Name	Payment Amount
Commission Meeting	APG Media of MN LLC	APG Media of MN LLC	3,680.00
Commission Meeting	Bolton and Menk Inc	Bolton and Menk Inc	12,861.50
Commission Meeting	City of Grand Rapids	City of Grand Rapids	34,575.00
Commission Meeting	Climate Makers Incorporated	Climate Makers Incorporated	4,115.41
Commission Meeting	Insite Instrumentation Group Incorporated	Insite Instrumentation Group Incorporated	13,773.00
Commission Meeting	MESERB	MESERB	3,560.70
Commission Meeting	Rob's Bobcat	Rob's Bobcat Service	72,000.00
Commission Meeting	Temporary Vendor- Rebates	Warren Jewett	20.00
Commission Meeting	Temporary Vendor- Rebates	Mitch Kellin	150.00
Commission Meeting	Temporary Vendor- Rebates	Andy Morgan	35.00
Commission Meeting	Temporary Vendor- Rebates	Kenneth Forst	400.00
Commission Meeting	Temporary Vendor- Rebates	Joe LaDoux	400.00
Commission Meeting	TNT Aggregates LLC	TNT Aggregates LLC	4,041.00
Commission Meeting	MN Power	MN Power	1,384,218.75
Total			**1,533,830.36**

Item 1.

Grand Rapids Public Utilities
Meeting Date: 8/12/26
Checks/EFT/Auto: 7/16/26-8/6/26
PUC: Bill Payments w/ Prior Approval

PUC Meeting Identifier	Name	Sum of Bill Amount	
Prior Approval	V00048 Emergent Software LLC	10,658.58	
Prior Approval	V00122 RMB Environmental Laboratories Incorporated	5,676.40	
Prior Approval	V00161 MN Department of Revenue (Payroll)	11,461.25	
Prior Approval	V00184 Rob's Bobcat	33,100.00	
Prior Approval	V00285 Frontier Energy Incorporated	6,907.00	
Prior Approval	V00320 Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce	20.00	
Prior Approval	V00372 Climate Makers Incorporated	472.50	
Prior Approval	V00396 UNUM Life Insurance Company of America	5,345.37	
Prior Approval	V00420 Cooperative Response Center Incorporated	2,548.57	
Prior Approval	V00453 Computershare	136,609.11	
Prior Approval	V00678 Busy Bees Quality Cleaning Services Incorporated	2,444.00	
Prior Approval	V00734 MN Department of Revenue	124,537.00	
Prior Approval	V00965 Northeast Service Cooperative	200.00	
Prior Approval	V00977 Metro Sales Incorporated	48.62	
Prior Approval	V01002 First Net AT & T Mobility	561.75	
Prior Approval	V01159 Hawkins Water Treatment Group	29,699.57	
Prior Approval	V01173 Sandstrom's Incorporated	498.61	
Prior Approval	V01195 Casper Construction Incorporated	484,800.28	* Previously Approved
Prior Approval	V01210 Hach Chemicals	230.60	
Prior Approval	V01255 Herc U Lift Incorporated	350.83	
Prior Approval	V01258 Stuart C Irby Company	4,575.46	
Prior Approval	V01298 Postage By Phone System	10,000.00	
Prior Approval	V01353 Viking Electric Supply Incorporated	49.50	
Prior Approval	V01393 MN Council 65	1,900.80	
Prior Approval	V01550 Public Employees Retirement Association	38,195.57	
Prior Approval	V01632 Wesco	133.90	
Prior Approval	V01658 USA Bluebook	856.85	
Prior Approval	V01900 MN Child Support Payment Center	446.70	
Prior Approval	V01916 Davis Petroleum	1,153.49	
Prior Approval	V01919 MN Department of Labor & Industry	100.00	
Prior Approval	V01951 Clafton Builders and Skate	384.00	
Prior Approval	V02297 MN Unemployment Insurance Fund	5,763.48	
Prior Approval	V02358 Northern Drug Screening	190.00	
Prior Approval	V02429 Compass Minerals	9,838.54	
Prior Approval	V02521 MN Rural Water Association	425.00	
Prior Approval	V02574 Stantec Consulting Services, Inc	50,839.70	
Prior Approval	V02578 WEX Health	1,123.75	
Prior Approval	V02599 Xerox Corporation	170.76	
Prior Approval	V02700 Internal Revenue Service (Payroll)	66,199.40	
Prior Approval	V02790 Customer Refunds Utility Accounts	942.39	
Prior Approval	V02850 McMaster Carr	89.32	
Prior Approval	V02926 US Bank Corporate Trust	108,965.00	
Prior Approval	V03058 Railroad Management Co III Incorporated	4,446.47	
Prior Approval	V03113 CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	2,362.50	
Prior Approval	V03166 Grainger	6,081.73	
Prior Approval	V03201 Idexx Labroratories Inc	2,030.47	
Prior Approval	V03330 SEH	2,683.15	
Prior Approval	V03357 US Bank Equipment Finance	486.22	
Prior Approval	V03546 City of LaPrairie	26,600.25	
Prior Approval	V03641 Verizon Wireless	991.26	
Prior Approval	V03671 City of Grand Rapids	365,324.70	
Prior Approval	V03738 Paul Bunyan Communications	7,757.89	
Prior Approval	V03908 Lake States Constructions LLC	8,845.25	
Prior Approval	V04248 218 Electric LLC	3,200.00	
Prior Approval	V04340 Fastenal Company	690.34	
Prior Approval	V04434 Voya Institutional Trust Company	23,140.47	
Prior Approval	V04545 Nelson Truck & Trailer LLC	1,719.49	
Prior Approval	V04581 HDR Engineering Inc	3,260.08	
	Checks Previously Approved **	484,800.28	
	Prior Approval Chects/EFT to be approved	**1,133,333.64**	
	Total Prior Approvals	1,618,133.92	

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: August 12, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Operations & Capital Updates

PREPARED BY: GRPU Staff

BACKGROUND:

GRPU Operating & Capital Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Review Only.

Grand Rapids Public Utilities

August 12, 2026

Operational and Capital Updates

GRPU Management Team

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MISSION VISION VALUES

Item 2.

WHO WE **ARE**

Grand Rapids Public Utilities (GRPU) is a statutory municipal utility established by the city of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission (GRPUC) provides full control, operation and management of the GRPU electric power distribution system, the water production, treatment and distribution systems, and the wastewater collection and treatment systems.

Our Vision

Our vision is to be a dynamic public asset for the thriving community of Grand Rapids, enhancing lives and fostering growth through excellence in the provision of essential utility services.

Our Mission

Our mission is to empower GRPU team members to deliver safe, reliable, affordable, sustainable, and customer-focused utility services for our community.

Our Values

Safety	We hold paramount the well-being of our employees and the public in all operations.
Integrity	We uphold ethical standards and foster trust with all stakeholders.
Customer Focus	We prioritize customer needs and satisfaction in all our decisions and actions.
Efficiency	We maximize resources to provide cost-effective services without compromising quality.
Reliability	We consistently deliver high-quality utility services and strive for uninterrupted access.
Sustainability	We employ environmentally responsible practices in our operations and services.
Transparency	We openly share information and decision-making processes, promoting informed community involvement.

Operational Excellence (OE)

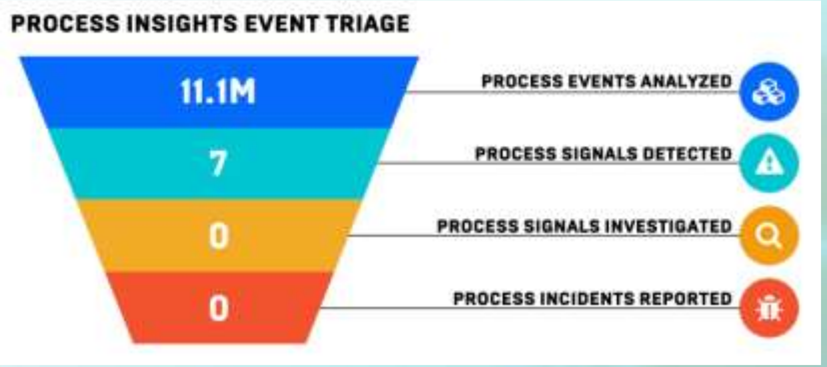
Operations: Cyber Security Update by Mike LeClaire

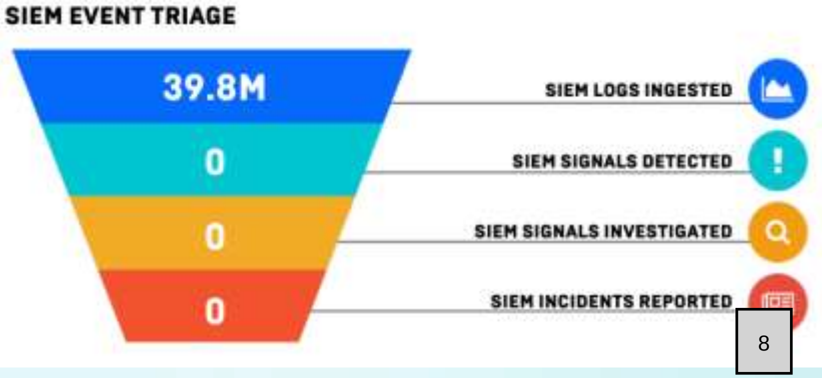
30 Minnesota Community Water Systems affected by coordinated cyber-attack:

- https://mn.gov/mnit/media/blog/?id=38-761869

July Cyber Security monitored by Managed Service Provider (MSP):

- July 11.9 million events analyzed; only 299 signals detected, no investigation or incidents were reported
- Ransomware Canaries with endpoints for 100 users in our system to detect early warning signals for ransomware.
- Process Insights detects precursor process malicious actors use to penetrate systems
- Managed ITDR anomalous logins, suspicious emails, and other hacker tradecraft
    - 2 users identified as high risk, locked down our access from US & Canada to MN only with exceptions to specific users and vendors.
- Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) analyzes and assesses various IT infrastructure sources to mitigate and respond quickly to risks.





Strategic and Sustainable Fiscal Management (FM)

Operations: Financial Reserve Policy by Taylor Bird

Purpose: Develop a comprehensive financial reserve policy that establishes appropriate operating reserve targets for each utility while maintaining long-term financial stability and rate affordability.

Objectives

- Protect utility operations during unexpected events
- Maintain strong financial health
- Improve long-term financial planning
- Support favorable bond ratings and borrowing capacity
- Reduce reliance on emergency rate increases

Strategic and Sustainable Fiscal Management (FM)

Operations: Financial Reserve Policy by Taylor Bird

Work Completed:

- Reviewing industry guidance and peer utilities
- Reviewing historical operating expenses
- Developing reserve calculations
- Building long-term reserve forecasting models

Work in Progress:

- Separating cash balances to each utility
- Determining utility specific reserve balances
- Evaluating long term funding strategy

Strategic and Sustainable Fiscal Management (FM)

Operations: Financial Reserve Policy by Taylor Bird

Critical Questions for Commission:

- Combined cash for all utilities question – is it important to find out whose cash it is?
    - Where do we start?
    - Why is this important?
    - Impact to 2026 financial goals
- How fast do you want to implement policy - aggressively vs. gradually?
    - Impact to customers on rates
        - Water - Commission decision to not increase rates greater than $50 in 5 years?
        - Sewer?
        - Electric?

Strategic and Sustainable Fiscal Management (FM)

Operations: Financial Reserve Policy by Taylor Bird

Key Policy Question

- **Should all utilities maintain the same reserve target?**

- **Reserve targets should reflect each utilities unique risk**
  - Revenue stability
  - Operational risk
  - Infrastructure age
  - Capital improvement needs
  - Rate stability

Strategic and Sustainable Fiscal Management (FM)

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Operations: Financial Reserve Policy by Taylor Bird

Example: Water Utility

Water Utility Budget / Customer Rate Increases		BASELINE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
ANNUAL WATER RATE INCREASES	10%	10%	12%	12%	5%	5%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Typ. Res. (5/8-3/4 meter) Monthly Customer Bill	$30.54	$33.61	$37.64	$42.15	$44.26	$46.47	$48.80	$49.77	$50.77	$51.79	$52.82	$53.88
Cumulative Projected Rate Increase(s)			12%	25%	32%	38%	45%	48%	51%	54%	57%	60%
Utility Operating Revenues (rates)	$ 2,367,681	$ 2,682,948	$ 3,004,902	$ 3,365,490	$ 3,533,764	$ 3,710,453	$ 3,895,975	$ 3,973,895	$ 4,053,373	$ 4,134,440	$ 4,217,129	$ 4,301,472
Other Operating Revenues (cell antenna, new svcs)	$ 185,500	$ 184,000	$ 189,520	$ 195,206	$ 201,062	$ 207,094	$ 213,306	$ 219,706	$ 226,297	$ 233,086	$ 240,078	$ 247,281
OPERATING REVENUE	$ 2,553,181	$ 2,866,948	$ 3,194,422	$ 3,560,696	$ 3,734,826	$ 3,917,546	$ 4,109,282	$ 4,193,600	$ 4,279,670	$ 4,367,526	$ 4,457,207	$ 4,548,752
YOY change in Revenue		$ 313,767	$ 327,474	$ 366,274	$ 174,131	$ 182,720	$ 191,735	$ 84,319	$ 86,069	$ 87,856	$ 89,681	$ 91,545
CASH O&M EXPENSES (EXPAND)	$2,454,306	$2,408,353	$2,467,950	$2,396,250	$2,445,657	$2,538,048	$2,634,830	$2,734,946	$2,839,051	$2,947,309	$3,059,890	$3,176,971
Depreciation (not using yet)	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Ops Reserve Contribution (% of PY O&M Exp)	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.3%	1.6%	1.9%	2.2%	2.5%	2.8%	3.1%	3.4%	3.7%
New Ops Reserve Contribution (Expense)	$0	$0	$24,084	$32,083	$38,340	$46,467	$55,837	$65,871	$76,578	$88,011	$100,208	$113,216
New Ops Reserve Cumulative Balance (no spend)	$0	$0	$24,084	$56,167	$94,507	$140,974	$196,811	$262,682	$339,261	$427,271	$527,480	$640,696
New Ops Reserve % of Exp (shooting for 20% of Exp)	0%	0%	1%	2%	4%	6%	7%	10%	12%	14%	17%	20%
Capital Replacement Fund Contribution (Expense)	$0	$0	$150,000	$187,500	$234,375	$292,969	$366,211	$457,764	$572,205	$715,256	$894,070	$1,117,587
Interest on Existing Debt		$ 101,178	$ 102,204	$ 95,256	$ 87,906	$ 80,431	$ 72,906	$ 65,131	$ 57,529	$ 49,231	$ 41,581	$ 34,031
Interest on New Debt		$ -	$ -	$ 314,193	$ 413,270	$ 403,273	$ 479,817	$ 470,276	$ 542,479	$ 529,501	$ 597,951	$ 581,941
OPERATING CASH	$98,875	$357,416	$450,184	$535,413	$515,278	$556,359	$499,680	$399,613	$191,828	$38,218	-$236,492	-$474,995
Net Non Operating Revenue/Expenses (not using yet)	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
NET INCOME (19+21)	$ 98,875	$ 357,416	$ 450,184	$ 535,413	$ 515,278	$ 556,359	$ 499,680	$ 399,613	$ 191,828	$ 38,218	$ (236,492)	$ (474,995)
Add back non-cash item (depreciation-not using yet)	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
CASH AVAILABLE AFTER DEPRECIATION	$98,875	$357,416	$450,184	$535,413	$515,278	$556,359	$499,680	$399,613	$191,828	$38,218	-$236,492	-$474,995
Existing Debt Principal Payments		$ 143,250	$ 186,500	$ 196,500	$ 195,000	$ 200,000	$ 205,000	$ 210,000	$ 220,000	$ 160,000	$ 175,000	$ 175,000
New Debt Principal Payments		$0	$0	$0	$265,000	$380,000	$390,000	$485,000	$525,000	$625,000	$670,000	$775,000
CIP Replacement Fund - starting balance	$300,000	$300,000	$144,652	$130,652	$139,827	$129,796	$250,507	$563,270	$1,035,475	$1,650,731	$2,444,800	$3,462,387
Planned Capital Projects		$ 305,348	$ 201,500	$ 225,200	$ 303,000	$ 245,500	$ 145,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ 100,000
Balance after projects		-$5,348	-$56,848	-$94,548	-$163,173	-$115,704	$105,507	$463,270	$935,475	$1,550,731	$2,344,800	$3,362,387
IS THIS NUMBER >0?	$398,875	$208,818	$206,836	$244,365	$157,105	$240,655	$400,187	$652,883	$907,302	$1,428,949	$1,933,308	$2,712,393

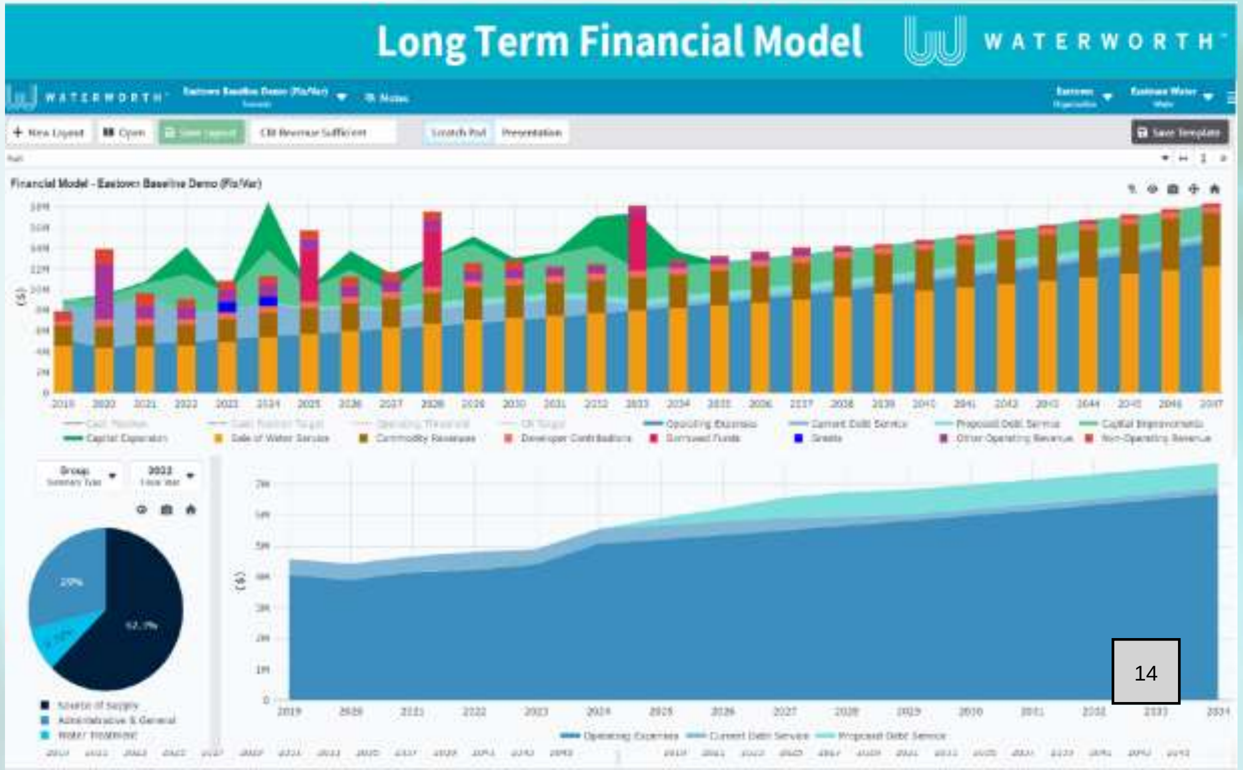
Strategic and Sustainable Fiscal Management (FM)

Operations: Muniworth by Taylor Bird

What is Muniworth: a cloud-based software platform designed specifically for utilities to support long-term financial planning and data-drive decision making.

Key Capabilities:

- Long-term financial forecasting
- Capital improvement planning
- Asset replacement planning
- Utility rate modeling (upgraded package)
- Scenario modeling for future projects & financing



Strategic and Sustainable Fiscal Management (FM)

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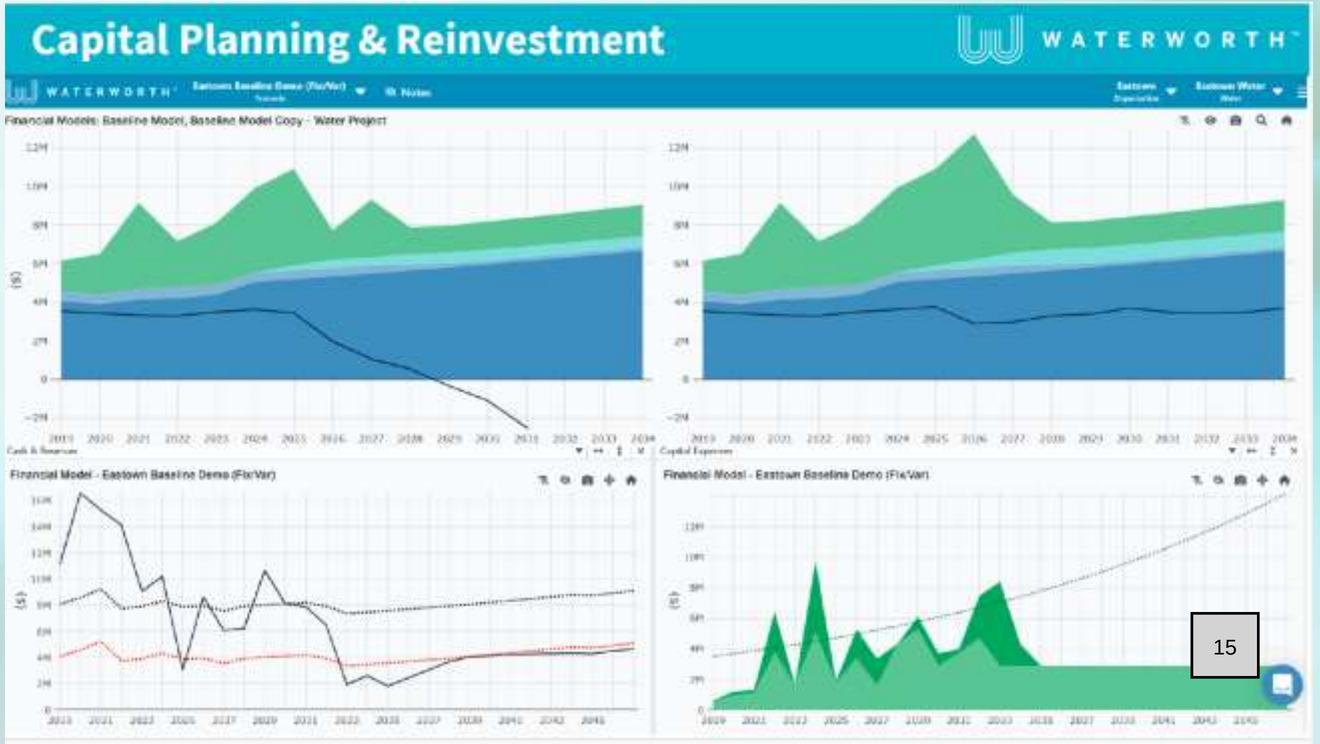
Operations: Muniworth by Taylor Bird

Why Muniworth?

- Aligns with GRPU's current financial initiatives
- Supports reserve policy development
- Assists with capital planning
- Provides financing and rate scenario planning



Strategic and Sustainable Fiscal Management (FM)

Operations: Muniworth by Taylor Bird

Initial Priorities: During the first year, staff plans to use Muniworth to support:

- Financial reserve policy
- Long-term financial forecasting
- Debt planning
- Scenario modeling for decision making
- Future capital improvement planning

Strategic and Sustainable Fiscal Management (FM)

Operations: Financial Reserve Policy by Taylor Bird

Commission Directives:

- Combined cash for all utilities vs. separated cash for each of Electric, Water, Wastewater?

- How fast do you want to implement the new policy - aggressively vs. gradually?

Grand Rapids Public Utilities

Upcoming Commission Meetings

Regular Meeting: August 26, 2026

Work Session: September 9, 2026

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