



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
3:00 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, January 14, 2026 at 3:00 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 \$ 3,059,082.66 in verified claims for December 2025 and January 2026.
2. Operations & Capital Updates

ADJOURNMENT:

The next Regular Meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 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, February 11, 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: January 14, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to approve \$ 3,059,082.66 in verified claims for December 2025 and January 2026.

PREPARED BY: Taylor Bird, Finance Manager

BACKGROUND:

See attached check registers:

Bill list:	\$ 1,988,916.89
Bill payments with prior approval:	\$ 1,070,165.77
Total	\$ 3,059,082.66

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve \$ 3,059,082.66 in verified claims for December 2025 and January 2026.

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Grand Rapids Public Utilities
 Meeting Date: 1/14/2026
 Checks/Auto : Through 1/9/2026
 PUC: Bill Payments w/ Prior Approval

Item 1.

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PREPARED BY: GRPU Staff

BACKGROUND:

GRPU Operating & Capital Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Review Only.

Grand Rapids Public Utilities

January 14, 2026

Operational and Capital Updates

GRPU Management Team





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.



Strategic and Sustainable Fiscal Management (FM)

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Verified Claims

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Operations: Legionnaire's case by Julie Kennedy

Monday, Jan 12

- Voicemail from customer's daughter - mother home from hospital and had tested positive for Legionnaire's disease
- Phone call with the daughter in morning - daughter also sick and was getting tested - discussed Legionella, water heater temp, showers and humidifiers used, shared responsibility, offer to test home - scheduled Tuesday.
- Received MDH email in afternoon notifying of positive test - included helpful location information - HUGE WIN!!

Tuesday, Jan 13

- Site visit - provided printouts from website on homeowner tips to reduce Legionella growth, water heater set at 125°; customer requested we assist them in turning it to 130° - cautioned about scald risk but did adjust it with them, tested temperature, Chlorine residual, and Legiolert in locations shown below.

	Premise Hot Temp (°F)	Premise Cold Temp (°F)	Premise Hot Chlorine (mg/L)	Premise Cold Chlorine (mg/L)	Premise Hot Legiolert (MPN/10 mL)	Premise Cold Legiolert (MPN/10 mL)
Bathtub spout	122	53	1.43	2.33	TBD Jan 21	TBD Jan 21
Showerhead	122	53	1.43	2.33	TBD Jan 21	TBD Jan 21
Kitchen RO		53		0.92		TBD Jan 21



Uninterrupted, High-Quality Utility Services (US)

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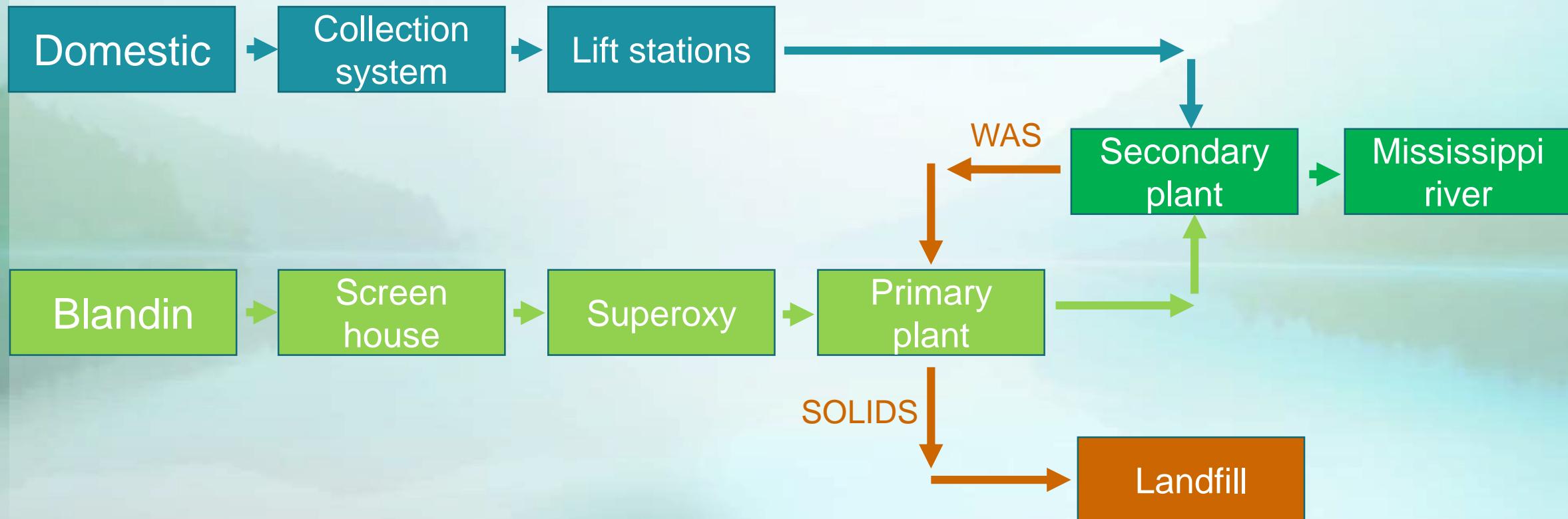
Operations: Proposed UPM and SAPP Joint Venture



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Operations: Blandin by Steve Mattson, Steve Langer, Jean Lane, Taylor Bird
WWTP Operations





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WWTP OPEX Costs

	2026 Budget	UPM Portion *	GRPU Portion
Screen House	\$291,000	\$291,000	\$0
Primary	\$1,486,000	\$1,486,000	\$0
Landfill **	\$602,000	\$602,000	Avoided cost
Service Center Building ***	\$175,000	\$154,000	\$21,000
Secondary	\$1,746,000	\$1,222,000	\$524,000
Total WWTP Expenses	\$4,300,000	\$3,707,000	\$596,000



* Agreements discussed on future slide.

** Avoided cost calculated annually

*** Cost based on square footage of SCB



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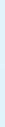
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GRPU Revenue

	2026 Budget – Electric	2026 Budget – Water
Screen House	\$99,600	\$11,600
Primary	\$232,000	\$4,700
Landfill	\$3,000	\$0
Service Center Building	\$49,000	\$400
Secondary	\$775,000	\$15,000
Total WWTP Revenue	\$1,158,600	\$31,700
Blandin	Power from MP	\$137,000





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WWTP Operations-Agreements

- Primary Waste Treatment User Agreement – 11/14/2000, Blandin pays 100% of operational cost
- Secondary Wastewater Treatment User Agreement – 11/14/2000, Blandin pays based on flow, BOD, TSS. 70% minimum.
- Letter of Understanding- 1/18/2011
Under the Agreements, the Company is required to reimburse the PUC on a cost of service basis for all identified operational and maintenance costs. In addition to the Agreements, the Company reimburses the PUC for capital costs, either directly or through Demand Charge Agreements, necessary to recover capital costs funded by the issuance of debt instruments, i.e. bonds or notes.



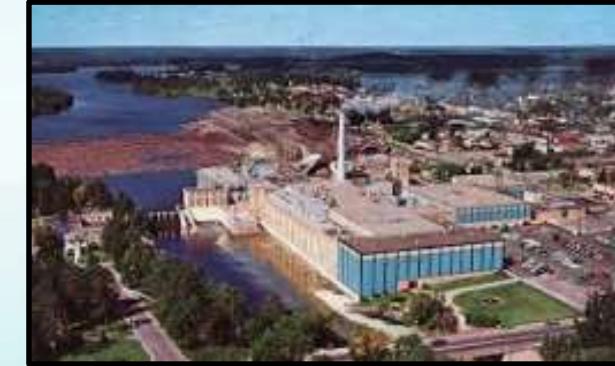


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Operations: Blandin by Steve Mattson, Steve Langer, Jean Lane, Taylor Bird WWTP Capital Projects

- 2009E PFA Loan
\$33.8 million
New Primary plant which included:
new WWT service center, aerated influent channel, 2 primary
clarifiers, WAS transfer tank, WAS transfer building, solids
processing building.
- 2013C Taxable GO Utility Revenue Bonds – Refinanced W/
2021C
\$2.3 million
Blandin forcemain replacement from angel of hope park to
WWTP.





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WWTP Capital Debt

	As of 1/2026	UPM Blandin Portion	GRPU Portion
2009E PFA Note	\$6,564,000	\$6,025,752	\$538,248
2021 C GO	\$780,000	\$780,000	\$0
Total Debt	\$7,344,000	\$6,805,752	\$538,248
Annual P&I	\$1,964,470	\$1,821,970	\$142,500
Total to 2029 Capital	\$7,844,740	\$7,266,940	\$577,800



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WWTP Capital - Agreements

- Demand Charge Agreements –
 - 2009E PFA Loan
 - Demand Charge Agreement – December 1, 2009
 - LOC/Reimbursement Agreement – December 1, 2009
 - Indenture of Trust Agreement – December 1, 2009
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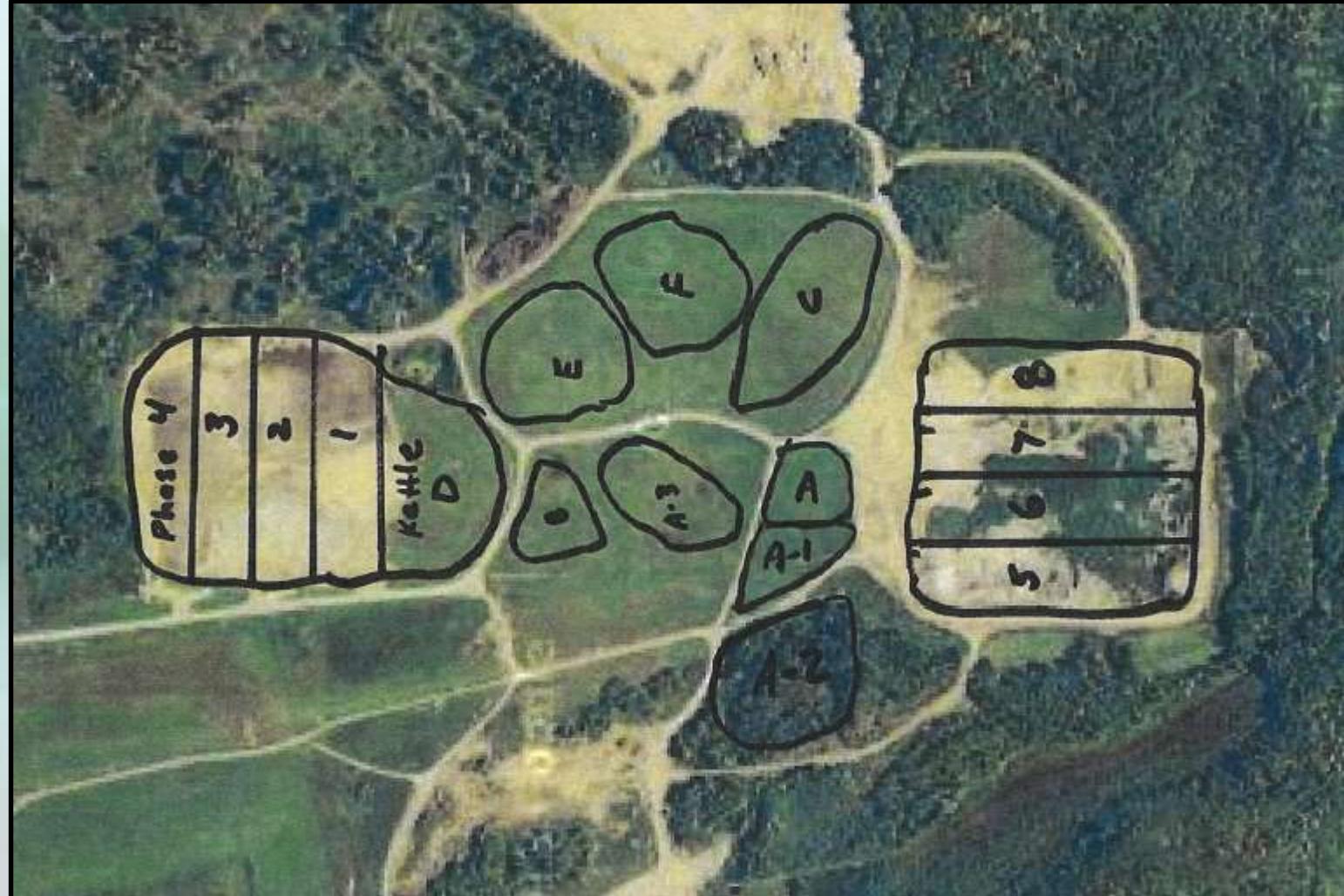


Use and Stewardship of the Natural Environment (NE)

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Operations: Landfill Discussion by Steve Mattson, Steve Langer

Landfill SW-210



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Landfill – Project and Letter of Credit

- Cover Project for Phase 1-4, Kettle D
2026 project approx. \$2,825,000
Currently working on bid preparation
- Financial Assurance Required for Landfill Permit
Letter of credit (LOC) for the future closure and post closure costs
LOC value approved by MPCA – Provided by UPM Blandin





Discussion on Future by Team

- Scenario planning for loss of major customer
 Retooling WWT, process changes, biosolids
- Secondary plant renovations – with or without major customer
- Continuous operational improvements
- Landfill financial assurance
- New customers
- Other thoughts?



Grand Rapids Public Utilities

Upcoming Commission Meetings

Work Session: February 11, 2026

Regular Meeting: February 25, 2026

