MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RICHLAND CENTER

MUNICIPAL UTILITY COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 5:30p.m.,

Council Room, Municipal Building, 450 S Main St, Richland Center WI 53581

This Meeting was held in person and via Teams

Members present: Sawle, Coppernoll, Wallace, Collins, Walters, and Hoffman

Members absent: Jones

President Sawle called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. The meeting had been properly posted.

Motion by Hoffman, second by Wallace to approve the minutes of the last meeting and the joint meeting with common Council. All voting aye upon roll call, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was received and filed.

Motion by Wallace, second by Walters to approve the Electric Bills for September totaling $1,216,688.84. Also acknowledges the balance for August, thus totaling $1,154,618.70. All voting aye upon roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Hoffman, second by Collins to approve the Water bills for September totaling $61,470.18. Also acknowledges the balance for August, thus totaling $132,127.56. All voting aye upon roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Collins, second by Coppernoll to approve the Sewer bills for September totaling $116,164.63. Also acknowledges the balance for August, thus totaling $223,805.59. All voting aye upon roll call, motion carried.

Glad reported for safety that Steve Ellers has been making crew visits. Todd Fischer reported that the wastewater harness passed inspection, but they are 15 years old and will need to be replaced.

Gald explained to the commission Sturgeon Bay's Parallel Generation Net Energy Billing is. Basically, now customers that have solar power and overproduce get what the utility sells it for. If this gets added to City Utilities Richland Center Electric Tariff, the customer will only get .04. A motion by Coppernoll, second by Collins to add Sturgeon Bay's Parallel Generation Net Energy Billing to Richland Center Electric Tariff. All voting upon roll call, motion carried.

Gald stated that last year at this time we were looking at budgets and looking at the cost of living raise for employees. He was at a WPPI meeting last week and a few utilities were at 3.5%. Scott said he has also discussed with Ashley to inform her, so she is

aware. Sawle made a motion, second by Coppernoll that the cost of living raise for utility employees. All voting aye upon roll call, motion carried.

Water Superintendent Krueger reported that there were very few AMI meter changes due to staff vacations and other outdoor work. They continue to work on Utility side lead service replacements. H. James and Sons have been doing an excellent job on the Hwy 14 project with getting the valve boxes to proper grade level. G-Pro should be mobilizing on the Valley View project this week. We continue to flush the water main under the Stori Field development. There was an EPA cyber security meeting on August 18th. Steve had to answer questions and received a good report back that good systems are in place. 2026 valve exercising is over halfway completed. The Alzheimer's Association has requested a retired fire hydrant for their benefit in October. Hydro Corp has sent out letters to some of our commercial customers to schedule the first cross-connection inspections. L & R Meter Testing will be here in the last week of September to test our large commercial meters.

Wastewater Superintendent Fischer reported that his department completed collection system maintenance on the targeted footage for the year. The wastewater has continued to help electric and water with hydro-excavating. The Sextonville Pond does need to get jetted. They plan to locate the lift station force mains with ¾" jet hose. As soon as the fields are available, they will haul biosolids this fall. The Square Lift Station rehab will begin in October, depending on material.

Electric Superintendent/Utility Manager Gald reported that he is working on proposing the necessary easement for the Panorama Loop for building 2. The WPPI contract is completed. Scott continues to work on RP3 application. Final engineering and specifications are being completed for the new digger truck. The current build date is scheduled for December 2026. The truck has been on order for approximately three years. Ehlers is working on financing for approximately $2.7 million in debt for the Olson Substation transformer replacement. The crew has been working on pole changeouts. We are working with Alliant Energy to transfer wires along US 14 West near the Legion. City Utilities and Alliant Energy share the poles in this area. There has been a high volume of utility locate requests, requiring a significant amount of staff time to keep up with the workload. James & Son struck a City Utilities pole on the four-lane. The pole base needs to be replaced due to stripped mounting bolts. Repair costs will be billed back to James & Son. Scott continues to work on the 2027 budgets. Grant and Angie have been attending Caselle training. MEUW is continuing its long tradition of hosting member gatherings to exchange ideas and learn from one another about leading practices, operating challenges, and emerging issues affecting municipal electric utilities. This year's gatherings are being organized as roundtables in communities throughout the state. The October 15 session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and

conclude after lunch. Rotary Light setup will be held in conjunction with the SWTC Power Distribution Class on October 28 and 29.

There was nothing for correspondence.

There were no public comments

Collins had nothing to say because everyone is doing such a wonderful job. Coppernoll asked how the utilities were looking for new construction in the city. Water and sewer are all set for Panorama, electric has some stuff to do yet. Stori Field is good to go on the utility side. Sawl drove by Stori Filed and was impressed by the progress. He also feels like everyone is doing a great job so keep it up.

Motion by Collins, second by Sawle to adjourn, all voting aye upon voice vote, motion carried without dissent at 6:15p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Angie Edwards