

# A G E N D A WAUPUN UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING 817 S. Madison Street Monday, August 11, 2025 at 4:00 PM

There is a regular commission meeting scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Waupun Utilities Administrative Building, with option to join via virtual and teleconference. Instructions to join the meeting are provided below:

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

<u>1.</u> July 14, 2025

## **APPROVAL OF PAYMENT - PREVIOUS MONTHS BILLS**

2. July 2025 Accounts Payable

## FINANCIAL REPORT / APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL RESULTS

3. Finance Director Report

## **GM REPORT / OPERATIONS REPORT**

- 4. General Manager Report
- Electric Operations Report
- 6. Treatment Facilities and Operations Wastewater Report
- 7. Energy Services Manager Report

## **APPEARANCE BY VISITORS**

#### **AGENDA**

- 8. Discussion of General Manager Attendance at September Commission Meeting
- 9. Discuss Employee Performance Evaluation for Manager Position \*The Commission may convene in closed session as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The Commission may reconvene in open session and discuss and take action on the subject matter discussed in closed session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information, contact the General Manager at 920-324-7920.

## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Waupun Utilities Commission Monday, July 14, 2025

Meeting called to order by President Heeringa at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Heeringa, Homan, Kunz, Siebers and Thurmer

Absent with notice: Commissioners Daane and Mielke

Visitor present: Bruce Beth

Motion made by Kunz, seconded by Homan, and unanimously carried, to approve minutes from May 12, 2025 meeting.

Motion by Siebers, seconded by Kunz, and unanimously carried, bills for months of May and June 2025 approved as presented.

On motion by Thurmer, seconded by Siebers, and unanimously carried, year-to-date financial reports through May 2025 approved as presented by Finance Director Stanek. Electric operating income was \$260,500. Water operating income was \$252,100. Sewer operating income (loss) was (\$190,800).

General Manager Brooks updated commissioners on the mutual aid response, a facility fire incident, conference attendance, and state-level utility decisions. WU crews assisted the City of Juneau following a severe storm that caused significant damage and outages. The State of Wisconsin will permanently eliminate the sales tax on residential electricity effective October 1, 2025, extending a prior winter-only exemption. The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) has verbally approved Sturgeon Bay Utilities' parallel generation rate revisions, with other utilities needing to file individually if interested.

Assistant Electric Superintendent Vande Kolk reported on outages, mutual aid efforts, and current electric projects. Electric service has been energized for new construction at Kwik Trip East, Dollar General, United Coop (Soy Processing), and Eagle Flexible Packing. Vande Kolk is collaborating with ATC and contractors on distribution underbuilds to support long-term system performance and reliability.

Treatment Facilities and Operations Superintendent Schramm provided updates on the water and wastewater treatment and distribution systems. Routine preventive maintenance continues at both treatment facilities. The east and west clarifiers were inspected with no issues found, reflecting the team's commitment and diligence in equipment maintenance. Testing of the new wastewater facility generator is complete, with final wiring remaining. Crews have finished sanitary main flushing and valve exercising, now proceeding with hydrant fire flow testing. For the Rock/Newton Avenue reconstruction, all sanitary and water mainlines have been installed, sanitary laterals connected, and water main lateral connections are underway.

Treatment Facilities and Operations Superintendent Schramm presented a review of the 2024 Compliance Maintenance Report (CMAR). Plant received a 3.76 GPA. Motion by Siebers, seconded by Kunz and unanimously carried, 2024 CMAR approved as presented.

General Manager Brooks, Assistant Electric Superintendent Vande Kolk, and Bruce Beth of Forster Electrical Engineering presented the proposed 12kV substation and feeder buildout project to the commission. Waupun Utilities plans this upgrade to support growing demand, enhance system efficiency, and retire aging infrastructure for improved reliability and reduced long-term maintenance costs. The project includes construction of a new 22.5 MVA substation, 12kV feeder buildout, voltage conversion from 4kV to 12kV, SCADA and security system upgrades, and improvements to equipment storage facilities. The estimated cost is approximately \$6.7 million, to be funded through long-term debt issuance.

GM Brooks recommended that the commission approve proceeding with the preliminary plan as presented. Upon approval, a Construction Authorization application will be submitted to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. Next steps include finalizing land acquisition, completing site planning and layout, continuing the 12kV feeder buildout, completing the voltage conversion of existing 4kV feeders, and reconfiguring the storage yard to address material storage needs. On motion by Kunz, seconded by Homan and unanimously carried, to support and approve the new project.

Motion by Siebers, seconded by Thurmer, to adjourn in closed session under Section 19.85 (1)(c) of the WI Statutes to discuss employee performance evaluation of General Manager Position.

Motion by Siebers, seconded by Thurmer, and unanimously carried to reconvene in open session under Section 19.85 (2) of WI Statutes. No further action in open session.

On motion by Siebers, seconded by Kunz, and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next regular commission meeting will be held on August 11, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Jen Benson
Office & Customer Service Supervisor



TO: Waupun Utilities Commissioners FROM: Jeff Stanek, CPA, Finance Director

DATE: July 14, 2025

SUBJECT: May 2025 Financial Report

## **CONSTRUCTION AND PLANT ADDITIONS**

The electric utility construction activity consisted of primary extension work for customers including United Cooperative, Kwik Trip, Eagle Packaging and Dollar General. The electric utility also purchased transformers totaling \$63,724 during the month. Electric Utility crews provided Mutual Aid assistance for Juneau Utilities whose systems were affected by a tornado. Construction work began in May for Newton/Rock reconstruction projects for the Water & Sewer Utilities.

Plant additions consisted of phase two of the admin building HVAC replacement totaling \$45,580 and phase two of the admin building window replacement totaling \$27,440. Both projects were split between the three utilities.

## **MONTHLY OPERATING RESULTS – May 2025 Monthly and Year-To-Date (YTD)**

### Sales

## Electric

- Monthly kWh sales were 4.2% <u>below</u> budget & 0.4% <u>higher</u> than May 2024 on increased sales to Large Power customers.
- > YTD kWh sales were **2.7%** below budget & **1.4%** higher than May 2024 YTD actual sales.

#### Water

- Monthly sales units of 100 cubic feet were 4.4% <u>below</u> budget & 5.6% <u>lower</u> than May 2024 sales on lower sales to Industrial customers.
- YTD water sales were 3.1% <u>below</u> budget & 6.5% <u>lower</u> than May 2024 YTD actual sales.

## Sewer

- Monthly sales units of 100 cubic feet were **1.0%** <u>above</u> budget & **0.3%** <u>higher</u> than May 2024 from higher volumes to Industrial customers.
- YTD sewer sales were 2.2% below budget & 5.0% lower than May 2024 YTD actual sales.

## **Income Statement**

#### Electric

- Operating revenues and purchased power expense were <u>below</u> budget \$318,800 and \$335,000, respectively, due to overall lower purchased power costs from low market energy prices associated with natural gas commodities.
- > Gross margin was \$16,200 above budget as a result of lower market energy prices.
- > Operating expenses were \$6,900 <u>below</u> budget primarily due to lower distribution expenses associated with tree trimming and underground line work than budgeted.
- Operating income was \$260,500 or \$107,600 <u>above</u> budget, largely due to the lower market energy prices.

- ➤ Net income was \$350,700 or \$198,900 <u>above</u> budget primarily from lower than budgeted purchased power expenses.
- The rolling 12-month Rate of Return was 9.1%.

## Water

- Operating revenues were \$18,300 <u>below</u> budget due to lower sales associated with Industrial customers.
- Operating expenses were \$10,500 <u>above</u> budget due to increased maintenance outlays at the water treatment facility.
- > Operating income was \$252,100 or \$100 below budget.
- ➤ Net income was \$272,800 or \$47,800 <u>above</u> budget.
- > The rolling 12-month Rate of Return was 3.9%.

## Sewer

- Operating revenues were \$56,500 <u>above</u> budget due to the new sewer rates effective April 1, 2025.
- Operating expenses were \$126,200 <u>below</u> budget due to lower maintenance expenses at the WWTF as part of the new ABNR system optimization process.
- Operating income (loss) was (\$190,800) or \$167,700 <u>above</u> budget as a result of additional non-cash depreciation expense associated with new ABNR facilities offset by the lower ABNR operating costs.
- ➤ Net income (loss) was \$233,800 or \$703,300 <u>above</u> budget largely due to additional non-cash depreciation expense associated with new ABNR facilities and \$483,900 in grant revenues received during the year. Without the grant revenues, the net loss would have been (\$250,100) or \$219,400 <u>above</u> budget.
- The rolling 12-month Rate of Return was (0.6%).

## **Balance Sheets**

### Electric

- ➤ Balance sheet *increased* \$106,600 from April 2025 due to an increase in receivables from higher sales during the month.
- ➤ Unrestricted cash *decreased* \$138,200 from routine operations.
- ➤ Net position *increased* \$83,300.

### Water

- ➤ Balance sheet *increased* \$70,500 from April 2025 from routine operations.
- Unrestricted cash increased \$37,600.
- ➤ Net position *increased* \$52,800.

#### Sewer

- ➤ Balance sheet *decreased* \$556,500 from April 2025 due to an annual principal and interest payment on the USDA loan in the amount of \$748,149. The principal portion was \$595,900 and the interest portion was \$152,249.
- Unrestricted cash increased \$41,500 from lower maintenance outlays than budgeted and the rate increase effective May 1st for April billings.
- Long-term debt decreased \$595,900 from the aforementioned annual debt payment above.
- ➤ Net position decreased \$51,800.

## **Cash and Investments**

The monthly metrics dashboard for cash and investments provides a monthly comparison of cash and investment balances and graphs that present long-term investments by maturity, type, and rating. The Utility's investments are typically fixed-income and held-to-maturity unless called before maturity by the issuer. Held to maturity investments recognize monthly mark to market adjustments that ultimately are not realized when the investment matures.

- > Total cash and investments *decreased* \$663,900 or **5.0%** from April 2025 primarily from the sewer principal and interest debt payment.
- Received interest and distributions of \$16,900 and recorded unrealized market adjustments of <\$19,600> along with (\$800) in management fees, resulting in a net portfolio *loss* of \$3,500 for the month.
- > Total interest and investment income earned (excluding market value adjustments) on all accounts for the month was \$34,500 and \$186,700 year-to-date.

## **OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

## WWTP Upgrade - Construction Update and Progress

Listed below is a summary of the costs incurred and paid for with USDA loan proceeds requested to date:

Total Project Budget (As of 4/14/2024):	\$	37,508,000
Total Project Costs to Date ( <i>Thru</i> 7/10/2025): Loan Draws – Project to Date ( <i>Thru</i> 7/10/2025): Grants Provided ( <i>Thru</i> 7/10/2025):		36,437,662 27,807,000 8,506,566
Disburse Request #38 Requested (4/9/2025): Disburse Request #38 – Paid (4/21/2025):	\$ \$	483,848 483,850

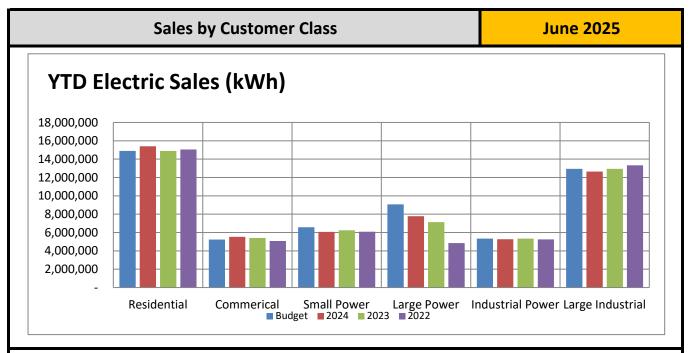
This concludes my report. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 324-7920 or jstanek@waupunutilities.org with any questions or comments.

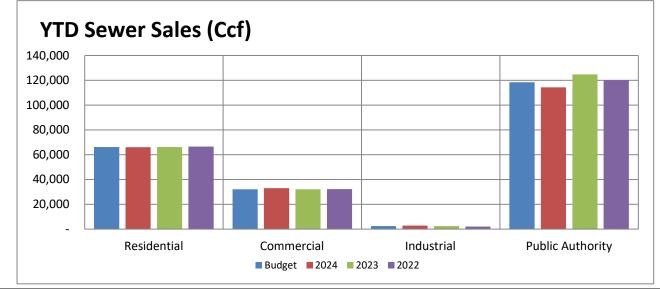
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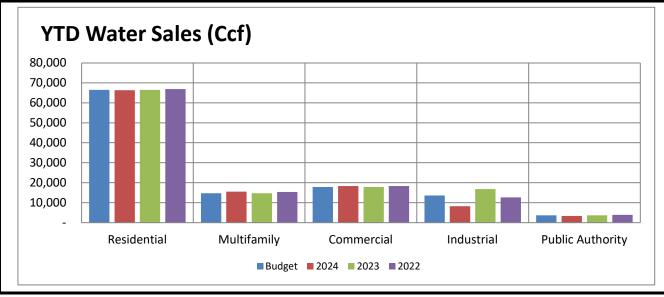
Construction and Plant Additions Summary

				June 2025							
CONSTRUCTION:		Electric			Sewer			Water		То	tal
		Project			Project			Project		Project	
Description	Month	To Date	Budget	Month	To Date	Budget	Month	To Date	Budget	To Date	Budget
Projects:										_	
Substation upgrades	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,500
Transformers		78,292	75,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	78,292	75,000
Overhead and Underground Services	627	11,061	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,061	10,000
LED street lighting	11	1,336	10,000	-	-	-		-	-	1,336	10,000
Voltage conversion	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-		100,000
Rebuild overhead and underground line	116	298	185,000	-	-	-		-	-	298	185,000
Work Invoiced to Customer / Others - CIAC	46,278	88,362	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88,362	-
Meters / Meter Modules / Gatekeepers	225	6,018	22,500	-	-	-	412	5,485	8,000	11,503	30,500
Sewer CIPP & manhole lining	-	-	-	-	-	40,000		-	-	-	40,000
Rock & Newtown Street Reconstruction - Phase 2	-	-	-	216,482	218,592	427,253	10,313	11,433	437,123	230,025	864,376
Juneau Mutual Aid	1,020	18,482	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,482	-
Miscellaneous Work Orders	82	2,308								2,308	
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION	\$ 48,358	\$ 206,156	\$ 419,000	\$ 216,482	\$ 218,592	\$ 467,253	\$ 10,724	\$ 16,918	\$ 445,123	\$ 441,666	\$ 1,331,376
CARRYOVER PROJECTS:											
United Co-op primary extention	\$ 18,088	\$ 50,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,963	\$ -
OH & URD Re-Build Projects	5,586	137,481	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	137,481	-
Wilson Street Substation	1,123	79,234	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	79,234	-
WWTF Phosphorus Upgrade Engineering	-	-	_	_	3,862,133	3,804,000	-	-	-	3,862,133	3,804,000
WWTF Construction Upgrade - ABNR	-	-	-	1,111,824	33,685,243	33,704,000	-	-	-	33,685,243	33,704,000
TOTAL CARRYOVER CONSTRUCTION	\$ 24,797	\$ 267,678	\$ -	\$ 1,111,824	\$ 37,547,376	\$ 37,508,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,815,054	\$ 37,508,000
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PLANT ADDITIONS:		Electric			Sewer			Water		То	tal
	Current			Current			Current				
Description	Month	YTD	Budget	Month	YTD	Budget	Month	YTD	Budget	YTD	Budget
arge Bucket Truck - 60 foot	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 331,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 331,600
Admin Building Structures & Equipment	-	29,208	30,800	-	21,906	23,100	-	21,906	23,100	73,020	77,000
WWTF BioTower Pumps & Valve Replacements	-	-	-	35,429	35,429	-	-	-	-	35,429	-
Other equipment replacement	5,925	5,925	10,000		3,319					9,244	10,000
TOTAL PLANT ADDITIONS	\$ 5,925	\$ 35,133	\$ 372,400	\$ 35,429	\$ 60,654	\$ 23,100	\$ -	\$ 21,906	\$ 23,100	\$ 117,693	\$ 418,600









## **WAUPUN UTILITIES**

## Income Statement and Financial Ratios Electric Utility For the 12 Months Ending:

ELECTRIC	 June 2023	,	June 2024	June 2025
Sales of Electricity	\$ 10,919,089	\$	10,530,463	\$ 11,059,505
Purchased Power	8,827,976		8,338,871	8,514,609
Gross Margin	2,091,113		2,191,592	2,544,896
	19.2%		20.8%	23.0%
Other Operating Revenues	118,763		141,069	128,210
Operating Expenses				
Distribution expense	287,739		330,600	392,892
Customer accounts expense	119,498		130,991	142,293
Advertising expense	770		(814)	(290)
Administrative & general expense	390,629		492,190	513,334
Total operating expenses	798,635		952,967	1,048,230
Other Operating Expenses				
Depreciation expense	637,614		664,302	670,298
Taxes	281,360		315,785	301,505
Total other operating expenses	 918,974		980,087	971,803
Operating Income	492,267		399,607	653,074
Operating income	492,207		399,007	033,074
Other Income (Expense)				
Capital contributions	142,416		684,915	254,845
Interest expense	(20,455)		(15,463)	(8,187)
Amortization of debt-related costs	(6,495)		(6,291)	(6,073)
Other	57,423		169,915	205,740
Total other income (expense)	172,889		833,077	446,325
Net Income	\$ 665,156	\$	1,232,684	\$ 1,099,399
Regulatory Operating Income	504,503		490,893	770,897
Rate of Return	6.08		5.92	9.37
Authorized Rate of Return	5.00		5.00	6.30
Current Ratio	5.3		6.5	6.2
Months of Unrestricted Cash on Hand	3.9		5.3	6.0
Equity vs Debt	0.95		0.97	0.99
Asset Utilization	0.56		0.58	0.59
	2.00		2.30	2.00
Combined E&W Debt Coverage	4.29		4.22	4.41
Minimum Required Coverage	1.25		1.25	1.25

Note 1 - Electric rates increased April 2024.

## **Definitions**

Rate of Return - Return on investment in capital infrastructure. Should be near authorized rate of return.

Current Ratio - measure of liquidity or ability to pay obligations. Should be > 1.

Months of Unrestricted Cash on Hand - measure of reserves. Should be at least 2-3 months.

**Equity vs Debt** - Percent of infrastucture financed by operations. 50% is a good benchmark.

Asset Utilization - Illustrates the relative age of the system. Ratio of 1 indicates a system at full life expectancy.

Debt Coverage - Earnings coverage of annual debt service. Must exceed 1.25

## WAUPUN UTILITIES Detailed Income Statement and YTD Budget Comparison Electric Utility For the Period Ended June, 30 2025

	La	st 12 Months		YTD 2025	Υ	TD Budget	D	ifference
ELECTRIC								
Operating Revenues	\$	11,059,505	\$	5,302,241	\$	5,550,388	\$	(248,147)
Purchased Power		8,514,609		4,040,062		4,321,099		(281,037)
Gross Margin		2,544,896		1,262,179		1,229,289		32,890
		23.0%		23.8%		22.1%		
Other Operating Revenues		128,210		133,420		54,936		78,484
Operating Expenses								
Distribution expense		392,892		239,511		257,366		(17,855)
Customer accounts expense		142,293		65,200		62,064		3,136
Advertising expense		(290)		371		552		(181)
Administrative & general expense		513,334		264,171		269,880		(5,709)
Total operating expenses		1,048,230		569,252		589,862		(20,610)
Other Operating Expenses								
Depreciation expense		670,298		332,498		332,496		2
Taxes		301,505		151,628		160,956		(9,328)
Total other operating expenses		971,803		484,126		493,452		(9,326)
Operating Income		653,074		342,222		200,911		141,311
Other Income (Expense)								
Capital contributions		254,845		9,360		-		9,360
Interest expense		(8,187)		(3,387)		(3,390)		3
Amortization of debt-related costs		(6,073)		(2,977)		(2,982)		5
Other		205,740		110,569		(45,002)		155,571
Total other income (expense)		446,325		113,565		(51,374)		164,939
Net Income	\$	1,099,399	\$	455,786	\$	149,537	\$	306,249
Net income	Þ	1,039,399	Þ	455,786	Þ	149,537	Þ	306,249

	J	une 2025	М	lay 2025	Α	pril 2025	M	arch 2025	F	eb 2025	J	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	١	Nov 2024	o	ct 2024	s	ept 2024	Au	ıg 2024	Jul	ly 2024	June 2024	<u> </u>
Operating Revenues	\$	1,081,308	\$	891,003	\$	805,837	\$	835,491	\$	850,709	\$	837,894	\$ 828,506	\$	818,767	\$	799,700	\$	983,725	\$1,	188,929	\$1,1	137,636	\$1,001,48	8
Purchased Power		860,133		689,211		599,731		632,223		638,927		619,837	613,514		613,656		597,811		776,558		963,018		909,989	788,59	12
Gross Margin		221,175		201,792		206,106		203,268		211,782		218,057	214,992		205,112		201,889		207,166	- :	225,912	2	227,647	212,89	6
-		20.5%		22.6%		25.6%		24.3%		24.9%		26.0%	25.9%		25.1%		25.2%		21.1%		19.0%		20.0%	21.3	%
Other Operating Revenues		9,842		10,420		10,453		9,618		9,019		84,068	(57,900)		9,070		10,631		10,386		12,366		10,238	9,90	9
Operating Expenses																									
Distribution expense		25,609		35,865		31,900		66,023		49,442		30,673	(20,933)		45,293		27,995		23,769		43,106		34,152	30,58	0
Customer accounts expense		11,033		11,993		9,538		13,778		10,105		8,752	18,010		11,655		12,000		11,328		12,984		11,116	11,14	0
Advertising expense		(2,763)		663		450		1,004		766		250	(5,855)		1,942		2,739		1,936		(1,471)		48	25	0
Administrative & general expense		35,793		36,223		37,982		48,638		55,683		49,852	92,553		29,458		25,876		25,160		33,433		42,683	28,32	:3
Total operating expenses		69,672		84,744		79,869		129,444		115,997		89,526	83,775		88,349		68,610		62,193		88,052		87,999	70,29	3
Other Operating Expenses																									
Depreciation expense		55,416		55,416		55,416		55,416		55,416		55,416	63,396		54,881		54,881		54,881		54,881		54,881	54,88	<i>i</i> 1
Taxes		24,236		24,257		27,114		26,641		24,600		24,780	(4,171)		26,805		47,132		25,925		27,810		26,376	26,12	.4
Total other operating expenses		79,652		79,674		82,530		82,058		80,016		80,196	59,225		81,685		102,013		80,806		82,691		81,256	81,00	4
Operating Income		81,693		47,794		54,160		1,384		24,788		132,403	14,091		44,147		41,897		74,554		67,535		68,629	71,50	7
Other Income (Expense)																									
Capital contributions		-		9,360		-		-		-		-	48,938		753		-		-		-		195,793	11,37	9
Interest expense		(565)		(565)		(565)		(565)		(565)		(565)	1,075		(1,175)		(1,175)		(1,175)		(1,175)		(1,175)	(1,17	5)
Amortization of debt-related costs		(496)		(496)		(496)		(496)		(496)		(496)	(516)		(516)		(516)		(516)		(516)		(516)	(51	6)
Other		24,460		27,210		13,537		14,593		15,196		15,572	(2,062)		16,426		10,709		16,846		32,207		21,044	15,51	6
Total other income (expense)		23,400		35,509		12,476		13,533		14,136		14,512	47,436		15,489		9,018		15,155		30,517	2	215,146	25,20	4
Net Income	\$	105,092	\$	83,304	\$	66,636	\$	14,917	\$	38,924	\$	146,914	\$ 61,527	\$	59,636	\$	50,915	\$	89,708	\$	98,051	\$ 2	283,775 \$	96,71	1

## **WAUPUN UTILITIES**

## Income Statement and Financial Ratios Water Utility

## For the 12 Months Ending:

WATER		June 2023	J	lune 2024	June 2025
Operating Revenues	\$	2,686,880	\$	2,716,457	\$ 2,681,539
Operating Expenses					
Source of supply expenses		32,910		3,961	2,877
Pumping expenses		92,761		79,923	94,794
Water treatment expenses		187,243		315,077	395,983
Transmission & distribution expenses		261,545		230,911	227,294
Customer accounts expenses		108,734		114,581	121,483
Administrative & general expense	-	341,309		372,290	374,261
Total operating expenses		1,024,502		1,116,742	1,216,691
Other Operating Expenses					
Depreciation expense		568,618		612,825	600,708
Taxes		335,971		335,392	329,629
Total other operating expenses		904,589		948,216	930,337
Operating Income		757,789		651,499	534,512
Other Income (Expense)					
Capital contributions from customers and municipal		_		1,189,564	10,900
Interest expense		(97,180)		(79,688)	(71,063)
Amortization of debt-related costs		(15,837)		(14,696)	(13,508)
Other		54,536		152,878	136,136
Total other income (expense)		(58,481)		1,248,059	62,465
Net Income	\$	699,308	\$	1,899,557	\$ 596,976
Regulatory Operating Income		798,419		740,102	541,329
Rate of Return		5.79		5.39	3.97
Authorized Rate of Return		6.50		6.50	6.50
Current Ratio		57.09		38.37	50.18
Months of Unrestricted Cash on Hand		20.49		25.23	29.02
Equity vs Debt		0.79		0.83	0.85
Asset Utilization		0.40		0.41	0.44

Note 1 - Water rates increased May 2012.

## **Definitions**

Rate of Return - Return on investment in capital infrastructure. Should be near authorized rate of return.

Current Ratio - measure of liquidity or ability to pay obligations. Should be > 1.

Months of Unrestricted Cash on Hand - measure of reserves. Should be at least 2-3 months.

**Equity vs Debt** - Percent of infrastucture financed by operations. 50% is a good benchmark.

Asset Utilization - Illustrates the relative age of the system. Ratio of 1 indicates a system at full life expectancy.

## WAUPUN UTILITIES Detailed Income Statement and YTD Budget Comparison Water Utility For the Period Ended June 30, 2025

	Las	t 12 Months	YTD 2025	Υ	TD Budget	D	ifference
WATER							
Operating Revenues	\$	2,681,539	\$ 1,324,415	\$	1,342,724	\$	(18,309)
Operating Expenses							
Source of supply expenses		2,877	679		600		79
Pumping expenses		94,794	44,423		44,286		137
Water treatment expenses		395,983	163,031		115,374		47,657
Transmission & distribution expenses		227,294	93,400		123,127		(29,727)
Customer accounts expenses		121,483	57,439		63,498		(6,059)
Administrative & general expense		374,261	197,908		209,528		(11,620)
Total operating expenses		1,216,691	556,879		556,413		466
Other Operating Expenses							
Depreciation expense		600,708	281,337		299,340		(18,003)
Taxes		329,629	169,001		185,466		(16,465)
Total other operating expenses		930,337	450,338		484,806		(34,468)
Operating Income		534,512	317,197		301,505		15,692
Other Income (Expense)							
Capital contributions		10,900	-		-		-
Interest expense		(71,063)	(31,194)		(31,194)		(0)
Amortization of debt-related costs		(13,508)	(6,446)		(6,450)		4
Other		136,136	67,651		4,998		62,653
Total other income (expense)		62,465	30,010		(32,646)		62,656
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Net Income	\$	596,976	\$ 347,207	\$	268,859	\$	78,348

_	Jı	une 2025	May 202		April 2025	March 2025	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	N	ov 2024	Oct 2024	Sept 2024	Au	ıg 2024	July 20	24	June 2024	
WATER																			_
Operating Revenues	\$	227,864	\$ 227,9	33 \$	215,555	\$ 219,715	\$ 212,031	\$ 221,267	\$ 217,877	\$	217,863	\$ 226,201	\$ 228,451	\$	232,863	\$ 233,	869	\$ 225,576	3
Operating Expenses																			
Source of supply expenses		348	-		331	-	-	-	1,740		-	-	77	,	-		381	2,73	5
Pumping expenses		8,059	7,3	18	6,230	7,570	7,698	7,518	7,949		6,921	6,622	8,350	)	12,139	8,	389	7,042	2
Water treatment expenses		28,358	28,3	18	27,476	33,583	24,823	20,473	17,890		22,627	19,191	46,506	6	112,077	14,	661	20,109	9
Transmission & distribution expenses		16,216	24,4	19	9,162	14,975	15,233	13,365	26,521		16,136	23,437	25,634	ļ	24,637	17,	528	20,348	3
Customer accounts expenses		9,497	8,8	57	8,548	13,453	9,030	8,055	11,131		10,396	10,558	10,075	5	11,910	9,	975	9,816	3
Administrative & general expense		25,226	29,3	32	24,765	37,743	41,959	38,853	15,285		39,113	26,937	26,167	,	27,742	41,	109	27,74	5
Total operating expenses		87,703	98,3	34	76,512	107,324	98,742	88,264	80,516		95,193	86,745	116,810	)	188,505	92,	043	87,79	4
Other Operating Expenses																			
Depreciation expense		46,890	46,8	90	46,890	46,890	46,890	46,890	90,206		45,833	45,833	45,833	3	45,833	45,	833	45,833	3
Taxes		28,188	28,0	74	27,770	29,131	27,934	27,904	10,852		29,568	29,979	29,772	2	30,969	29,	487	29,334	4
Total operating expenses		75,077	74,9	64	74,659	76,020	74,824	74,794	101,058		75,401	75,812	75,605	j	76,802	75,	320	75,16	<u>-</u>
Operating Income		65,084	54,6	36	64,384	36,370	38,465	58,209	36,302		47,270	63,644	36,037	,	(32,444)	66,	506	62,610	ŝ
Other Income (Expense)																			
Capital contributions		-	-		-	-	-	-	10,900		-	-	-		-		-	-	
Interest expense		(5,199)	(5,1	99)	(5,199)	(5,199)	(5,199)	(5,199)	(6,037)		(6,766)	(6,766)	(6,766	6)	(6,766)	(6,	766)	(6,766	3)
Amortization of debt-related costs		(1,074)	(1,0	74)	(1,074)	(1,074)	(1,074)	(1,074)	(1,177)		(1,177)	(1,177)	(1,177	")	(1,177)	(1,	177)	(1,17	7)
Other		15,571	4,4	18	10,712	11,696	12,513	12,741	3,411		13,255	8,294	13,508	3	14,835	15,	182	18,42	5
Total other income (expense)		9,298	(1,8	55)	4,438	5,423	6,239	6,467	7,096		5,312	351	5,565	5	6,891	7,	239	10,482	2
Net Income	\$	74,381	\$ 52,8	30 \$	68,822	\$ 41,793	\$ 44,704	\$ 64,677	\$ 43,398	\$	52,582	\$ 63,996	\$ 41,602	2 \$	(25,552)	\$ 73,	744 \$	73,09	7_

## **WAUPUN UTILITIES**

## Income Statement and Financial Ratios Sewer Utility

## For the 12 Months Ending:

SEWER	 June 2023	June 2024	·	lune 2025
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,107,861	\$ 3,402,393	\$	3,264,220
Operating Expenses				
WWTP operation expenses	548,609	712,263		492,161
Laboratory expenses	78,785	108,509		112,444
Maintenance expenses	506,162	474,870		568,508
Customer accounts expenses	143,164	151,591		151,629
Administrative & general expenses	454,860	532,561		498,525
Total operating expenses	1,731,579	1,979,794		1,823,266
Other Operating Expenses				
Depreciation expense	 709,851	863,043		1,430,063
Total other operating expenses	709,851	863,043		1,430,063
Operating Income	666,431	559,556		10,891
Other Income (Expense)				
Interest expense	(306,374)	(310,522)		(305,978)
Capital contributions	5,477,200	2,319,665		1,533,471
Other	70,967	164,979		167,084
Total other income (expense)	5,241,793	2,174,123		1,394,577
Net Income (loss)	\$ 5,908,224	\$ 2,733,679	\$	1,405,468
Operating Income (excluding GASB 68 & 75)	634,812	585,489		(57,304)
Rate of Return	3.86	4.30		(0.43)
Current Ratio	16.95	13.85		16.12
Months of Unrestricted Cash on Hand	6.51	7.63		8.68
Equity vs Debt	0.43	0.46		0.48
Asset Utilization	0.52	0.53		0.56
Debt Coverage	1.15	1.75		1.79
Minimum Required Coverage	1.20	1.20		1.20

Note 1 - Sewer rates increased April 2023.

## **Definitions**

Rate of Return - Return on investment in capital infrastructure.

**Current Ratio** - measure of liquidity or ability to pay obligations. Should be > 1.

Months of Unrestricted Cash on Hand - measure of reserves. Should be at least 2-3 months.

Equity vs Debt - Percent of infrastucture financed by operations. 50% is a good benchmark.

Asset Utilization - Illustrates the relative age of the system. Ratio of 1 indicates a system at full life expectancy.

Debt Coverage - Earnings coverage of annual debt service. Must exceed 1.20

## WAUPUN UTILITIES

## **Detailed Income Statement and YTD Budget Comparison**

## Sewer Utility

For the Period Ended June 30, 2025

	Las	st 12 Months	YTD 2025	YTD Budget	Difference
SEWER					
Operating Revenues	\$	3,264,220	\$ 1,706,429	\$ 1,602,595	\$ 103,834
Operating Expenses					
WWTP operation expenses		492,161	322,489	427,419	(104,931)
Laboratory expenses		112,444	52,916	62,856	(9,940)
Maintenance expenses		568,508	240,708	284,988	(44,280)
Customer accounts expenses		151,629	73,521	81,378	(7,857)
Administrative & general expenses		498,525	291,283	296,912	(5,629)
Total operating expenses		1,823,266	980,916	1,153,553	(172,637)
Other Operating Expenses					
Depreciation expense		1,430,063	894,729	876,732	17,997
Total other operating expenses		1,430,063	894,729	876,732	17,997
Operating Income (Loss)		10,891	(169,217)	(427,690)	258,473
Non-operating Income (Expense)					
Interest Expense		(305,978)	(153,165)	(153,168)	3
Capital contributions		1,533,471	1,033,775	-	1,033,775
Other		167,084	86,919	19,998	66,921
Total other income (expense)		1,394,577	967,529	(133,170)	1,100,699
Net Income (Loss)	\$	1,405,468	\$ 798,312	\$ (560,860)	\$ 1,359,172

	Jun	e 2025	May 2025	April 2025	March 2025	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Oct 2024	Sept 2024	Aug 2024	July 2024	June 2024
SEWER														
Operating Revenues	\$	316,442	\$ 334,044	\$ 323,568	\$ 243,888	\$ 239,641	\$ 248,846	\$ 242,979	\$ 243,823	\$ 253,280	\$ 263,246	\$ 266,905	\$ 287,558	\$ 276,569
Operating Expenses														
WWTP operation expenses		48,337	71,176	50,926	37,110	43,361	71,579	63,861	35,979	60,287	(110,285)	54,281	65,550	58,650
Laboratory expenses		6,392	11,325	7,418	7,117	10,182	10,482	8,697	7,581	8,740	10,032	13,324	11,155	9,356
Maintenance expenses		36,503	68,149	19,295	39,677	33,080	44,004	92,535	44,509	34,482	70,399	48,038	37,837	68,178
Customer accounts expenses		12,496	11,724	11,340	15,456	12,111	10,395	11,786	13,002	13,312	12,782	14,762	12,464	12,700
Administrative & general expense		42,053	51,891	35,634	52,380	46,931	62,394	(19,079)	32,693	36,502	48,489	55,859	52,777	40,111
Total operating expenses		145,783	214,265	124,613	151,739	145,664	198,853	157,799	133,764	153,323	31,417	186,264	179,783	188,994
Other Operating Expenses														
Depreciation expense		149,122	149,122	149,122	149,122	149,122	149,122	111,612	84,744	84,744	84,744	84,744	84,744	84,744
Total other operating expenses		149,122	149,122	149,122	149,122	149,122	149,122	111,612	84,744	84,744	84,744	84,744	84,744	84,744
Operating Income (Loss)		21,538	(29,342)	49,833	(56,972)	(55,145)	(99,129)	(26,432)	25,315	15,213	147,084	(4,104)	23,031	2,830
Other Income (Expense)														
Interest expense		(25,528)	(25,528)	(25,528)	(25,528)	(25,528)	(25,528)	(24,531)	(25,656)	(25,656)	(25,656)	(25,656)	(25,656)	(25,656)
Capital contributions		549,925	-	483,850	-	-	-	6,850	206,096	-	209,250	-	77,500	-
Other		18,568	3,091	11,891	19,952	17,307	16,110	10,847	16,880	(1,507)	16,003	18,475	19,467	27,410
Total other income (expense)		542,966	(22,436)	470,213	(5,575)	(8,220)	(9,418)	(6,833)	197,319	(27,164)	199,597	(7,182)	71,311	1,754
Net Income (Loss)	\$	564,504	\$ (51,779)	\$ 520,046	\$ (62,548)	\$ (63,365)	\$ (108,546)	\$ (33,266)	\$ 222,634	\$ (11,950)	\$ 346,681	\$ (11,285)	\$ 94,342	\$ 4,584

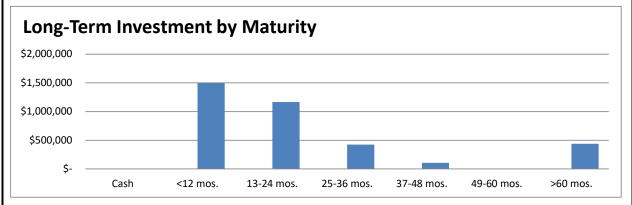
## WAUPUN UTILITES

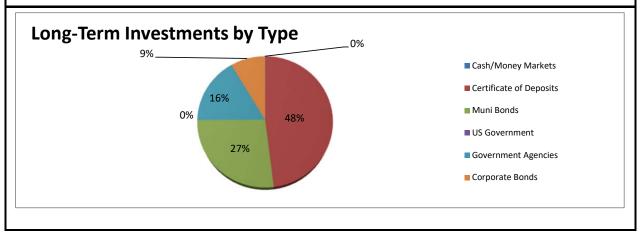
## **Balance Sheets**

## Electric, Water, and Sewer

ELECTRIC		June 2023		June 2024		June 2025		May 2025	_ (	Change
Cash and investments - unrestricted	\$	3,188,060	\$	4,248,648	\$	4,892,127	\$	4,753,764	\$	138,363
Cash and investments - restricted		107,626		109,564		113,268		96,112		17,156
Receivables		1,077,551		1,153,758		1,244,190		1,101,071		143,119
Materials and supplies		463,226		433,034		459,221		465,769		(6,548)
Other assets		112,153		105,703		100,427		92,462		7,965
Plant - net of accumulated depreciation		8,988,072		9,500,584		9,746,582		9,724,497		22,085
Deferred outflows of resources		1,004,815		803,475		559,453		559,453		
Total Assets	_	14,941,503	_	16,354,766	_	17,115,267	_	16,793,128		322,140
Accounts payable		800,097		827,428		982,495		779,325		203,170
Payable to sewer utility		-		-		-		-		-
Interest accrued		6,038		4,700		1,487		923		565
Accrued benefits		74,597		85,657		92,931		93,981		(1,050)
Deferred inflows of resources		1,257,185		1,580,710		1,268,256		1,253,893		14,363
Long-term debt		560,000		380,000		195,000		195,000		-
Net Position		12,243,587		13,476,271		14,575,098		14,470,006		105,092
Total Liabilities & Net Position	\$	14,941,503	\$	16,354,766	\$	17,115,267	\$	16,793,128	\$	322,140
<u>WATER</u>		June 2023		June 2024		June 2025		May 2025		Change
Cash and investments - unrestricted / designated	\$	2,323,132	\$	3,053,455	\$	3,739,294	\$	3,626,368	\$	112,926
Cash and investments - restricted		343,216		349,839		358,657		311,773		46,885
Receivables		258,812		254,172		249,627		251,917		(2,290)
Materials and supplies		72,368		81,653		109,436		109,656		(220)
Other assets		95,641		65,290		48,893		54,427		(5,534)
Plant - net of accumulated depreciation Deferred outflows of resources		15,739,469		16,523,105		15,894,053		15,928,320		(34,267)
	_	577,351	_	451,080	_	328,826	_	328,826		
Total Assets	-	19,409,989	_	20,778,594	_	20,728,787	=	20,611,287	_	117,500
Accounts payable		14,770		64,179		60,680		23,419		37,261
Interest accrued		30,458		22,023		18,816		13,617		5,199
Accrued benefits		59,390		56,075		62,093		60,318		1,775
Deferred inflows of resources		755,749		647,138		471,042		472,159		(1,117)
Long-term debt		3,430,000		2,970,000		2,500,000		2,500,000		-
Net Position		15,119,622		17,019,179	_	17,616,156		17,541,774		74,381
Total Liabilities & Net Position	\$	19,409,989	\$	20,778,594	\$	20,728,787	\$	20,611,287	\$	117,500
<u>SEWER</u>		June 2023		June 2024	_	June 2025		May 2025		Change
Cash and investments - unrestricted	\$	939,683	\$	1,258,963	\$	1,318,257	\$	1,462,267	\$	(144,010)
Cash and investments - restricted		2,136,493		2,328,142		2,539,757		2,439,796		99,961
Receivables		309,502		300,368		336,823		356,161		(19,338)
Receivable from electric utility		- 0.754		- 0.507		- 0.707		- 0.750		- (40)
Materials and supplies		8,754		8,597		8,707		8,750		(43)
Advances to other funds		0 36,618		61,202		- 51,567		- 54,268		- (2.701)
Other assets Plant - net of accumulated depreciation		47,497,318		49,177,191		49,619,975		49,152,960		(2,701) 467,015
Deferred outflows of resources		797,752		729,543		501,909		501,909		407,013
Total Assets	_	51,726,121	_	53,864,006	_	54,376,995	_	53,976,111	_	400,884
Total Assets	-	31,720,121		53,004,000	_	54,376,995		55,976,111		400,004
Accounts payable		22,769		62,388		50,979		242,835		(191,855)
Interest accrued		50,918		50,187		51,666		26,138		25,528
Accrued benefits		86,554		84,999		94,180		91,472		2,708
Deferred inflows of resources		897,217		853,190		557,361		557,361		-
Long-term debt		27,122,500		26,533,400		25,937,500		25,937,500		-
Net Position		23,546,162	_	26,279,842	_	27,685,309	_	27,120,806		564,504
Total Liabilities & Net Position	\$	51,726,121	\$	53,864,006	\$	54,376,995	\$	53,976,111	\$	400,884

Monthly Dashboard - Cash & Investments						June 2025
Account	Restrictions	June 2025	May 2025	\$ Inc/(Dec)	% Inc/(Dec)	
Checking - E	Unrestricted	\$ 1,150,444	\$ 1,013,144	\$ 137,300	13.55%	
Checking - W	Unrestricted	1,028,668	884,429	144,239	16.31%	
Checking - S	Unrestricted	435,639	492,269	(56,630)	-11.50%	
Reserves - E	Unrestricted	3,741,683	3,740,621	1,063	0.03%	
Reserves - W	Unrestricted	2,238,342	2,271,360	(33,018)	-1.45%	
Reserves - S	Unrestricted	882,618	969,998	(87,380)	-9.01%	
P&I Redemption - E	Restricted	67,359	50,498	16,861	33.39%	
P&I Redemption - W	Restricted	182,780	137,028	45,752	33.39%	
P&I Redemption - S	Restricted	152,863	79,178	73,685	93.06%	
Bond Reserve - S	Restricted	440,434	430,146	10,288	2.39%	
Construction - S	Restricted	4,095	47	4,048	8629.61%	
Depreciation - E	Restricted	45,910	45,614	296	0.65%	
Depreciation - W	Restricted	175,877	174,744	1,133	0.65%	
ERF - Water Plant	Designated	472,284	470,579	1,704	0.36%	
ERF - WWTP	Restricted	1,942,365	1,930,425	11,940	0.62%	
		\$ 12,961,361	\$ 12,690,080	\$ 271,281	2.14%	
Unrestricted and Designated			\$ 9,842,399	\$ 107,279	1.09%	
	Restricted	\$ 3,011,683	\$ 2,847,681	\$ 164,002	5.76%	







TO: Waupun Utilities Commissioners FROM: Steve Brooks, General Manager

DATE: August 11, 2025

SUBJECT: General Manager Report

## **Key Account Meeting**

Waupun Utilities staff engaged in a collaborative meeting with the leadership team at National Rivet to explore key topics related to their energy needs. The discussion focused on current energy usage patterns, opportunities for efficiency grants, and strategies to enhance both reliability and affordability. Additionally, staff highlighted the long-term value and benefits of public power, emphasizing its role in supporting local industry through stable rates, responsive service, and community-focused energy solutions.

## 2026 Budget Prep

WU staff continues to make steady progress on the annual budget process. Departments are actively submitting their capital budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year, outlining anticipated infrastructure investments, equipment upgrades, and other critical needs. These submissions are being reviewed and evaluated to ensure alignment with organizational priorities, long-term planning goals, and available funding.

## Wastewater Treatment Facility Open House – Featuring ABNR Upgrade

We are pleased to invite the community to an Open House at the Waupun Utilities Wastewater Treatment Facility on August 27, 2025, from 1:00–4:00 p.m., to showcase our recent Advanced Biological Nutrient Removal (ABNR) upgrade. This event offers a unique opportunity for residents to learn firsthand about the innovative technologies we are implementing to enhance water quality, protect local ecosystems, and deliver sustainable wastewater solutions for our city.

## **Community Outreach**

As part of our ongoing community engagement efforts, team members from both the Waupun Utilities treatment facilities and office collaborated with the Waupun Parks Department to host an educational outreach activity focused on water purification. The event provided an interactive, hands-on learning experience where participants built their own mini water filtration systems using materials like sand and gravel. Guided by staff, they learned how water is cleaned using granular media, gaining insight into the importance of water treatment in our community. The activity not only emphasized the value of clean water, but also highlighted the role of engineering and environmental science in everyday life.

## **Staff Training**

A WU employee participated in the first session of a three-part leadership training series focused on core leadership competencies essential for success in a municipal utility environment. Designed for new, emerging, and experienced leaders, the training emphasized practical skills, peer learning, and networking opportunities. Participants gained tools and strategies they can apply immediately in their roles.

## **MEUW District Dinner**

MEUW is once again hosting its series of District Dinners this fall, offering local utility leaders the chance to connect, share ideas, and discuss issues shaping the future of public power in Wisconsin. We invite you to join us for our District Dinner on Tuesday, September 23, in Hartford. The evening will begin with a social at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a brief program afterward. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

This concludes my report for August 2025. Please contact me at 324-7920 or sbrooks@waupunutilities.org with any questions or concerns.



TO: Waupun Utilities Commissioners

FROM: Owen Vande Kolk, Assistant Electric Operations Supervisor

DATE: August 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Electric Operations Report

## **Electric Department Update:**

## Call-Ins

- On July 26th, at approximately 10:30 AM, the lineman on call responded to an outage reported in the county park.
   Some of the campground areas were without power. The outage was caused by an underground primary cable fault. The lineman on call requested another lineman; together they were able to locate and repair the faulted cable. Power was restored around 7:30 PM.
- On July 31st, at approximately 7:30 PM, a lineman was called in to disconnect power at a residence on the 500 block of McKinley for an electrician to replace a failed main breaker in the home.

## **Development Planning**

- WU's electric department has been working on coordination, design, material procurement, and construction for the following projects:
  - Eagle Manufacturing
    - Requires a primary extension to serve two 2000-amp 277/480v services.
    - One service for the new construction, and an additional service setup for future additions.
      - 1000 KVA transformer currently in stock.
      - Temporary construction service has been energized.
      - · Additional temporary service will be provided for building lighting.
      - Dual transformer pad to be poured in coming weeks.
  - 56-unit housing complex
    - Complex requires a primary extension to serve four 800-amp services.
      - 300 KVA transformer currently in stock.
      - WU also has the required number of 12s meters in stock for development.
      - Junction and transformer for are set to provide temporary power.
      - Currently working with Spectrum on joint trenching coordination.

## Bayberry Lane Street Lighting

- Crew to install three new street lights on Bayberry Ln. starting at Shaler Dr. extending north to end of cul-de-sac.
- This is a City of Waupun funded street light extension.

## 2025 URD Cable Installation and Replacement

- Rock and Newton
  - WU took advantage of current street project to install conduit under Rock Ave. to eliminate back-lot overhead primary to the west of N. Harris Ave. between Rock and Newton Ave.
  - Backlot overhead reconstruction is scheduled for 2026.

#### McDonalds

- o Conduits installed to replace aging primary conductor.
- As part of the three phase URD cable replacement, WU will also be replacing aging steel junction cabinet on Gateway Dr.

## Westview Apt.

- Conduits installed to replace aging primary conductor.
- WU will work to combine a 2-meter setting to single metering.
- Cable replacement will also include setting a dual voltage transformer in anticipation for voltage conversion.

## Johnson/Elm/ W. Jefferson/W. Brown St. Back Lot Rebuild.

- Conduits installed to bring URD primary into backlot.
- Conduits installed to eliminate a span of backlot OH secondary.
- Crew will be starting pole replacement in the coming weeks.

## N. Madison St. Secondary Re-Conductor-ATC Reconstruction

• WU used the opportunity to replace multiple three-phase poles on N. Madison St. As part of the project, WU will re-conductor a portion of the secondary on N. Madison St. to eliminate aging copper conductors.

## Business Park Substation and Feeder Buildouts

- Started putting together estimates and timeline for Business Park Substation, feeder buildouts, and voltage conversions of 4kV circuits.
  - Utilizing a system map provided by WPPI's GIS Service, which includes data on remaining 4kV distribution transformers, to develop estimates and request quotes for dual-voltage distribution transformers needed for the existing 4kV system.

This concludes my report for the August 2025 WU Commission Meeting. Please contact me at 324-7920 or <a href="mailto:ovandekolk@waupunutilities.org">ovandekolk@waupunutilities.org</a> with any questions or concerns.



TO: Waupun Utilities Commissioners

FROM: Steve Schramm DATE: August 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Monthly Operation Report

## Water Treatment Facility:

There are no call-ins to report this month.

The water treatment facility experienced a stable month, maintaining consistent operations despite higher demand driven by warmer temperatures.

## **Wastewater Treatment Facility:**

## Call-In Report

There is one call-in to report for the month.

On August 5, 2025, staff was called in to respond to multiple system alarms. Upon investigation, it was found that all membrane units had transitioned into Safe Mode, and the centrifuge feed flow had failed.

The root cause was identified as a PLC communication failure, which disrupted normal operations across several systems. Once communication was successfully restored, all affected processes were reset and returned to normal operating conditions.

## Centrifuge Performance Issue

Flottweg field technicians were onsite to investigate a possible premature failure of components on the centrifuges. The suspected component issues are contributing to "blowby", resulting in lower-than-expected solid concentrations in the output.

Further assessment and recommendations are pending based on the technicians' findings.

## Generator Project Schedule Update

The revised schedule for the ongoing generator project has been finalized. The planned outage and cut-in are confirmed for August 19, 2025. This critical milestone will involve switching over to the new generator system and verifying the proper operation of the Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS).

Following the outage, Caterpillar owner training is scheduled for August 21 and 22, 2025. This training will ensure the operations team is fully prepared to operate and maintain the new equipment effectively.

## **Wastewater Treatment Facility Continued:**

## • Summer Park Program

As part of the Summer Park Program, staff conducted activities with the kids focused on cleaning water and promoting water awareness. These hands-on activities were designed to be both educational and engaging, encouraging learning through interactive participation.

At the end of the event, goody bags were provided, which included a water bottle, pencil, and a Water Activity Book to reinforce the day's learning in a fun and memorable way.

## **Collection and Distribution Crew:**

There are no call-ins to report this month.

The Collection and Distribution team continues to perform key preventative maintenance tasks as part of our ongoing efforts to maintain system reliability and performance. Activities currently underway include:

## • Sewer Main Flushing:

We are continuing sewer main flushing operations as part of our regular maintenance of the wastewater collection system. This process uses high-pressure water to remove debris, sediment, and other obstructions from sewer pipes. Regular flushing is essential to preventing blockages and ensuring the efficient transport of wastewater throughout the system.

## Hydrant Fire Flow Testing

In accordance with NFPA standards, fire hydrant flow testing is essential to verify that the community's water supply and hydrant system provide adequate pressure and flow to support effective firefighting operations.

## Key requirements include:

- Measuring static and residual pressures to assess system performance under flow conditions.
- Confirming that flow rates meet or exceed the minimum standards based on the risk classification of the served area.
- Documenting all test results and comparing them to design criteria and regulatory standards.
- Initiating corrective actions if flow or pressure is found to be insufficient, to maintain compliance and ensure community safety.

Testing will continue over the next couple of weeks to ensure comprehensive coverage of the entire distribution system.

This concludes my report. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns at 324-7920 or sschramm@waupunutilities.org.



TO: Waupun Utilities Commissioners

FROM: Chelsea Lisowe, Energy Services Manager

DATE: August 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Energy Services Manager Report

## • Value of Local Utility Program

- See attachment of overview of the program that allows WU to make contributions to the community and be reimbursed by WPPI
- o WU total 2025 funding: \$33,020
- Some examples of how funds are used: scholarships, lamp recycling for businesses, donations/advertising/sponsorships for teams/clubs/events

# Value of Local Utility Program



## **Overview**

The **Value of Local Utility Program** empowers members to strengthen their utility's reputation, foster meaningful community connections, and build lasting customer trust and loyalty.

## **Community Contributions - \$2,500**

The Community Contributions Fund was created to help member utilities build a positive image while supporting good causes in the community. When utilities give to local projects or charitable events, it benefits both the community and the utility. Being involved in community causes helps strengthen the utility's reputation.

## School & Education Outreach - \$3,500

The School & Education Outreach Fund helps teach customers about the benefits of having a community-owned utility. It supports local youth education and connects with K-12 students to share important lessons about energy awareness, efficiency, and safety.

## Community Development Partnership - \$2,000

The purpose of this fund is to help members build strong relationships with local economic development organizations. These organizations play a key role in member communities. Fostering good connections with them helps create a solid base of support for the local utility. The fund can also be used to support specific economic development projects.

## Customer Services & Branding - \$2,500 + \$5/meter

The Customer Services & Branding Fund helps local utilities build a stronger brand presence and educate customers about the benefits of locally owned, not-for-profit utilities. It supports efforts like brand positioning, energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, and promoting customer services.