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Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
August 5th, 2026, at 5:00pm

1. **Call to order:** John Hurtley called the meeting to order at 5 pm.

2. **Roll call:** Members present were John Hurtley, Mike Michaud and Dale Fayerweather. Absent: Greg Sandstrom & Kelsey Gilmore. Also present were Dave Vosen and Ron Goeldner.

3. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

4. **Review and approval of 7-9-26 meeting minutes:** Dale Fayerweather made a motion to approve the minutes from July 9,2026. Motion seconded by John Hurtley. Motion passes.

5. **Utility Plant Staff Update/Report:** Ron Goldner reported that he has passed his test that was needed for him to qualify as a Wastewater Plant System Operator. Congratulations were expressed by all. He continues to study for the water system operator license.

   Dave Vosen reported that we are down to 13 sites for the water system lead/copper testing, we need 20. There was discussion about how to get the additional sites needed.

   There were not many new meter installations because of employee leave taking.

   Our distribution system Ph testing is averaging 7.5 Ph levels.

   The new Chlorine pump is installed; some start up issues have been resolved.

   We had an antenna failure on our Well #3 SCADA system that required outside technical assistance.

   We have discovered one customer that has their basement sump pump connected to the sewer system that is being investigated.

There was discussion about a recent notice we received about Public Water Systems SCADA being hacked into. We are reviewing our system protection status.

Dave reported he is gradually lowering Alum usage as we start to rely on our Phosphorus Water Quality Trading Credits.

The new Sludge Automatic Wasting Valve is installed and operating.

We are having issues with our automatic Wastewater Samplers. This will likely involve getting some new equipment. Dave will discuss with Randy Kallstrom for ordering equipment as needed.

6. Discussion / Actions on Water System Issues:

a. ***Water Meter bill errors update and discussion***: Mike reported that progress is slow on the complaints as we are waiting for the PSC staff to respond to our previous filings.
b. ***Update on DNR requirement regarding PH control***: We are still waiting for a DNR response to our previous proposal to do additional testing before proceeding to install another new system.
c. ***Backflow prevention devices inspection update***: No word from Hydro Corp. Mike will look for additional contact info for Hydro Corp.
d. ***Update on search for water sample locations***: This was discussed under the Staff Report. Still need to find more volunteer residential locations for water testing.

7. Discussion / Action on Wastewater Treatment Plant Issues:

a. ***Update on bypass gate, bar screen, and conveyor status***: No schedule update at this time.
b. ***Update on dissolved oxygen meter replacement***: Dave is looking for an additional Dissolved Oxygen meter to do a comparison against our probe.
c. ***Waste Valve replacement install***. The new waste valve has been installed.
d. ***Sampler repair / replacement***. This was discussed in the Plant Staff Report.

8. Discussion/action on project lists.

The Wastewater project list discussion.

The sludge Blower project, **#1** is complete. Item **#2**, rebuilding the old blower has no path forward as yet. Item **#3**, the Blower motor is also complete. No change to **#4**. Dave Vosen will reach out to the contractor for an update on **#5**, the bypass screen replacement for price and schedule. The security camera system, **#6**, is on hold pending office action on a larger system. Item **#7** is still on hold pending further definition of scope and cost. Item **#8** on hold along with item #7. No change to item **#9**. Item **#10**, waste valve replacement is complete. Item **#11** is to be changed to show in process. Item **#12**, Centrate tank valve actuator is changed to in process, will keep as a #1 priority. No change to item **#13**. Item **#14** is changed to in process; price is reduced to $10,000. Item **#15** is in the hands of the finance group. Item **#16**, RAS pumps, is complete.

The Water system project list discussion.

Item **#1**, water meter replacement, has no changes needed. Item **#2**, PH control system is also Ok as it is. Item **#3**, Well #2 inspection and packing gland replacement needs quotes. Status is also ok as it is. Item **#4**, Well #2 building upgrade needs quotes, it is primarily a heating issue. Item #5 includes SCADA costs and some engineering costs, status OK. Item **#6** is regarding a fire hall issue with backflow device. No change. Item **#7** status is changed to complete. Item **#8** is in process, getting quotes for both the WWTP and the portable generator for water system. Item **#9** includes a cost for inspecting all three wells. Keep status the same. Item **#10**, for building repairs is primarily for roof repairs. Need quotes. Infrastructure committee? Item **#11** is a proposed three year project at $10,000/yr. Many hydrants need work.

9. **Rate case progress report.** Bauman & Associates has been contracted to do both water and sewer rate analysis. No updates available on progress.

10. **Set the next meeting date.** The next meeting date was set to be September 9th at 5 pm.

11. **Adjournment.** Dale Fayerweather made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Michaud. Motion passes.

Mike Michaud