# **Grand Rapids Public Utilities**

**April 30, 2025** 

**Operational and Capital Updates** 

**GRPU Management Team** 





### **MISSION VISION VALUES**

# WHO WE

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.

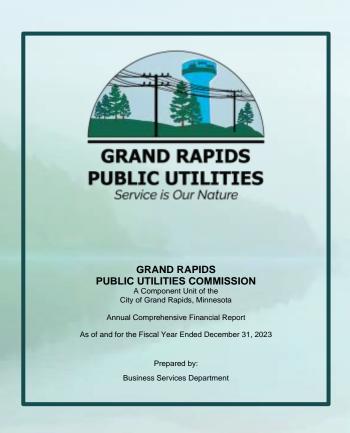
Transparency We openly share information

and decision-making processes, promoting informed community

involvement.



Operations: GFOA Certificate of Excellence for 2023 by Julie Kennedy





THANK YOU to ALL EMPLOYEES

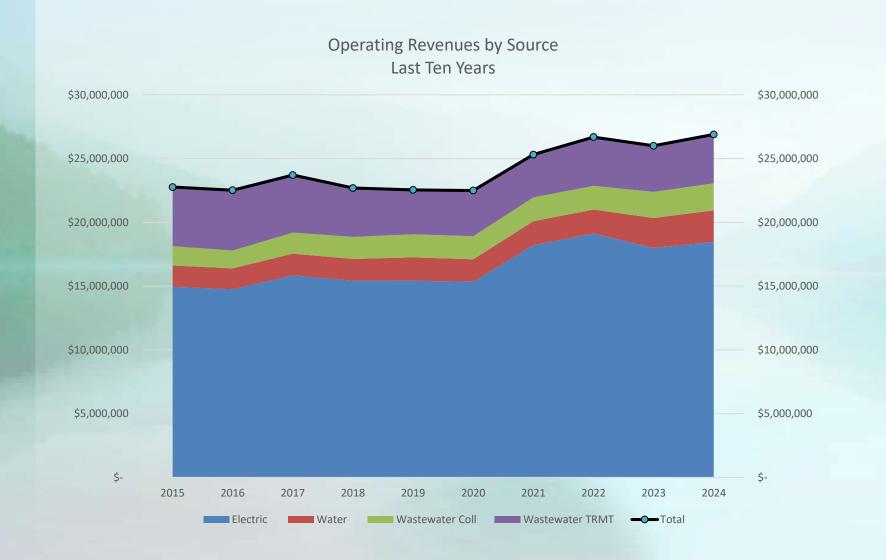
Key employees to recognize:

Jean Key
Kari Helal
Jean Lane

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. GFOA Michele Levin, Director/TSC



Operations: Historical review of operating revenue by Jean Lane

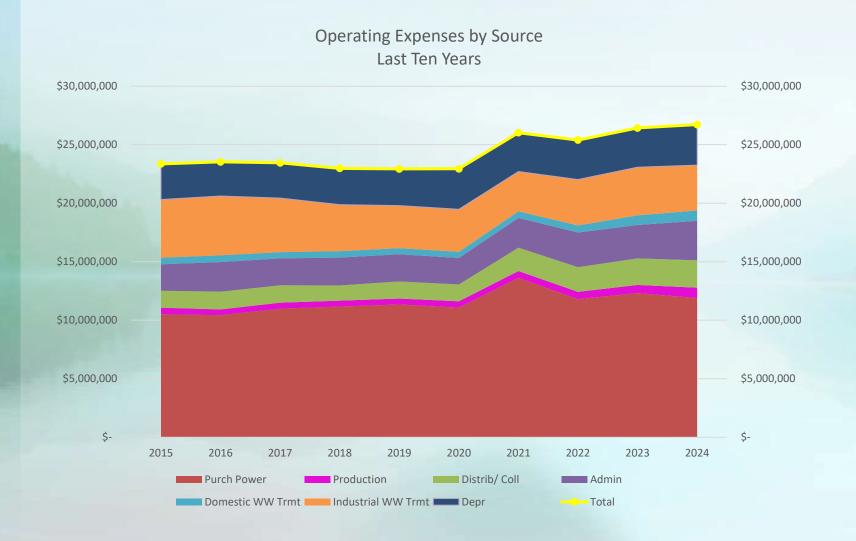


### 2024 Revenues by Utility

- Electric 69%
- Water 9%
- WW Coll 8%
- WW Trmt 14%



Operations: Historical review of operating expenses by Jean Lane

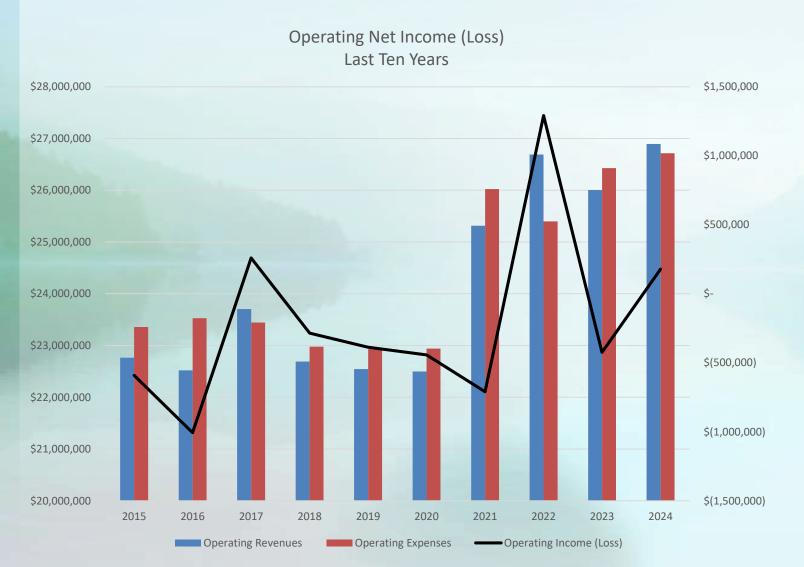


### 2024 Expenses by Source

- Purchased Power 45%
- Production 3%
- Distrib/Coll 9%
- Admin 13%
- Domestic WW Trmt 3%
- Industrial WW Trmt 14%
- Deprec. 13%



Operations: Historical review of operating net income (loss) by Jean Lane



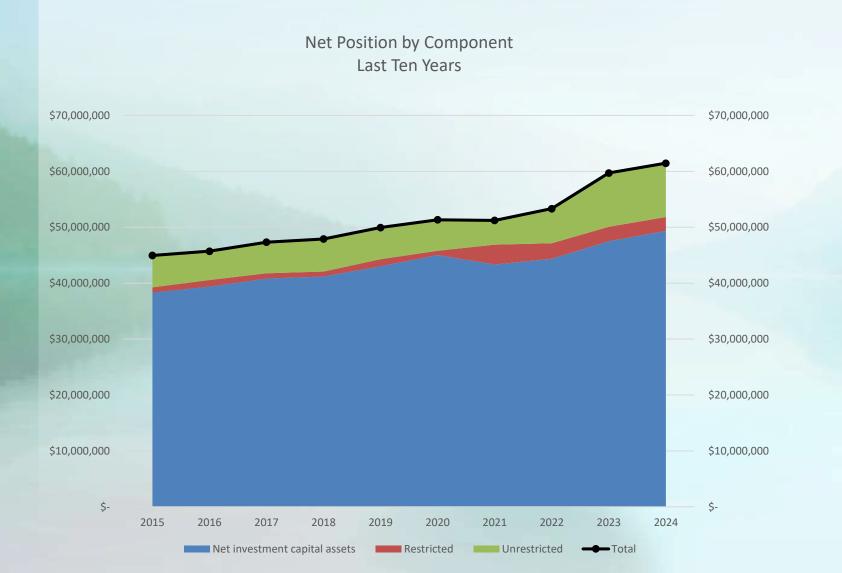
2024 Operating Income = \$177,910

7 out 10 years operating losses

Largest operating income = 2022 \$1,291,695



Operations: Historical review of net position by Jean Lane



#### 2024 Net Position

- Investment in Capital 80%
- Restricted 4%
- Unrestricted 16%

#### <u>Goals</u>

- Manage consistency in the blue area (capital investments)
- Increase the green area (unrestricted)



### Operations: Historical review of statistics by Jean Lane



	2024	2023	APPA (5	5-10K customers
Total electric O&M expense per kWh sold	\$ 0.089	\$ 0.083	\$ 0.092	
Total electric O&M expense (excluding				
power supply expense) per retail customer	\$ 194	\$ 170	\$ 590	
Total power supply expense per kWh sold	\$ 0.094	\$ 0.081	\$ 0.075	
Purchased power cost per kWh purchased	\$ 0.072	\$ 0.077	\$ 0.068	
Distribution O&M expense per retail customer	\$ 197	\$ 170	\$ 192	
Distribution O&M expense per circuit mile	\$ 3,860	\$ 3,447	\$ 7,479	

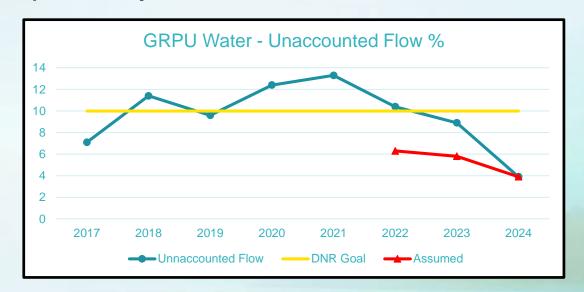


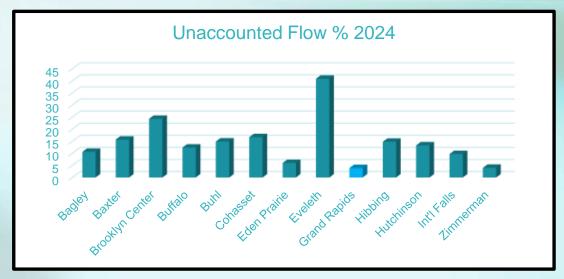
Fiscal Year	Gallons of Water Pumped	Gallons of Water Used in Processing	Gallons of Water to System	Gallons of Water Distributed	Unaccounted for Gallons	Percent System Loss
2015	530,167	138,781	391,386	351,196	40,190	10.3%
2016	535,997	152,819	383,178	312,765	70,413	18.4%
2017	507,151	131,338	375,813	319,578	56,235	15.0%
2018	361,329	13,859	347,470	308,695	38,775	11.2%
2019	374,602	34,422	340,180	307,253	32,698	9.6%
2020	399,832	56,480	343,352	298,465	43,946	12.8%
2021	454,165	84,684	369,481	331,125	38,356	10.4%
2022	462,231	111,530	350,701	314,260	36,441	10.4%
2023	521,606	156,315	365,291	330,903	36,085	9.9%
2024	360,730	14,151	346,579	332,822	18,807	5.0%**



### Operations: Water - unaccounted flow update by Steve Mattson

- DNR established a goal of < 10% unaccounted flow for PWS
- 2024 Replaced flow meters at WTP and wells 4&6
- 2024 Unaccounted flow for was 3.9\*\*
- Operations:
  - 2025 Adding mag flow meter to well 3
  - Continue with distribution system leak studies
  - Annual flow verifications on flow meters



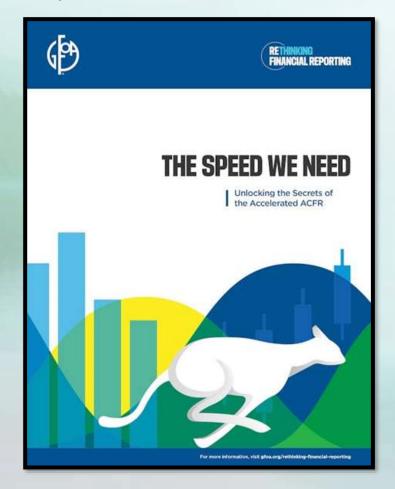


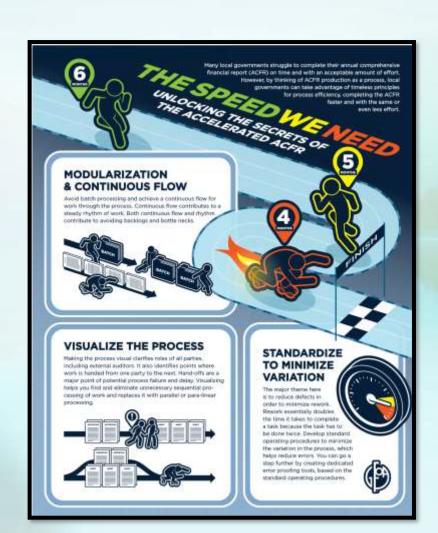


Operations: GFOA "Four-Month Club" by Jean Lane

Completing Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – ACFR on time and without excessive effort.

GRPU is part of the GFOA "Four-Month Club"







## **Engaging and Educating the Community (EC)**

Operations: May customer campaign by Julie Kennedy

#### **Service Line Warranties of America**

Grand Rapids Public Utilities has partnered with Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) to offer protection for homeowners for external sanitary Sewer lines. The coverage is voluntary and available at affordable monthly or annual prices. This program is offered at no cost to the City, and no public funds are used to promote or administer the program.

For questions about this service or to enroll, please contact SLWA at 866-922-9006 or visit <a href="www.slwofa.com">www.slwofa.com</a>.

- Rebates & Programs
Rebates
Community Caring Fund
Electric Conservation Programs
Load Management Program
Low Income Weatherization
Security Lights
Service Line Warranties of America



Operations: April safety summary by Julie Kennedy

### **Safety Topic This Month:**

Safety Brad trained required employees on Heat Hazard Awareness on April 9th

### **Safety Committee Program Review This Month:**

Safety Brad and the Safety Committee reviewed the Bloodborne Pathogens program at the April 10th

meeting.

### **Incidents Reported last Month by Department**

Administration: None

**Business Services: None** 

Electric: None

Water-Wastewater: One

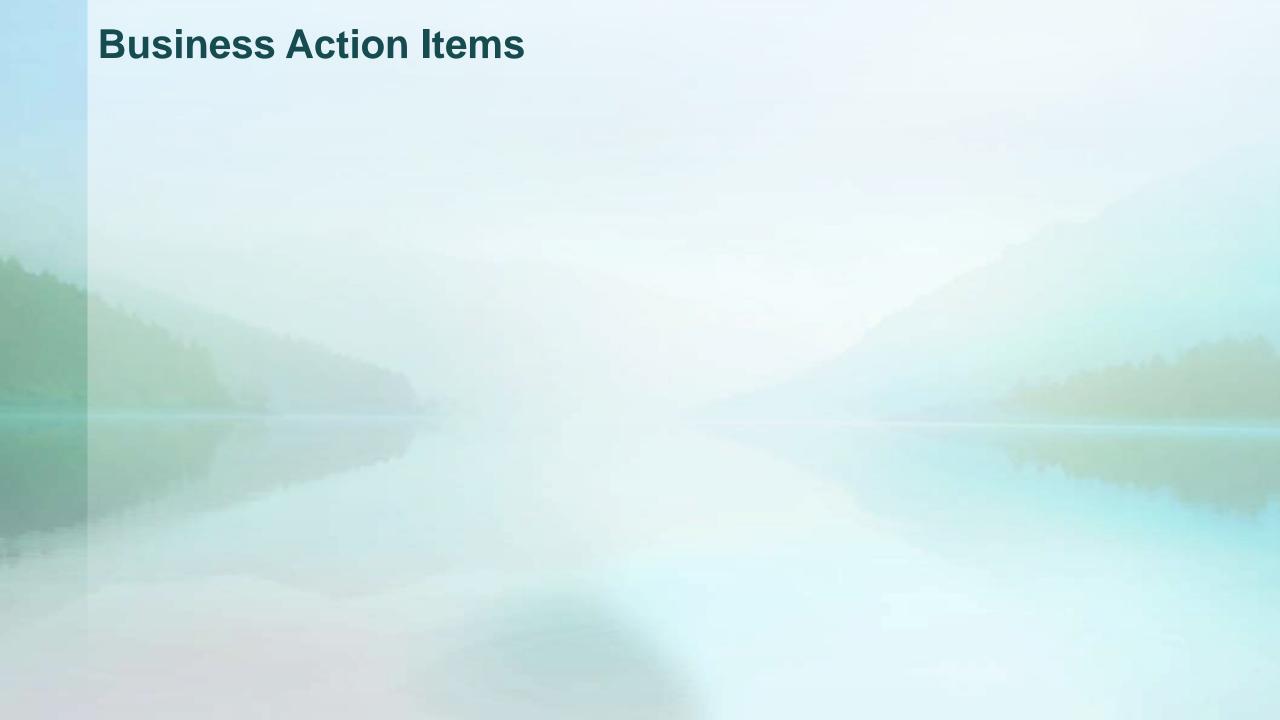
#### **Cumulative Incidents for 2025**

Recordable Incidents	0
Lost Time Days 2025	0
Restricted Days 2025	0
First Aid Only (not recordable)	2

Total FROI

#### Recordable Incident 5-year History

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
ADMIN	0	0	0	0	0
BUS SVCS	0	0	1	0	0
ELEC	0	0	0	1	0
W-WW	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	0	1	1	0



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## **Upcoming Commission Meetings**

Work Session: May 14, 2025

Regular Meeting: May 28, 2025

