## **Grand Rapids Public Utilities**

May 28, 2025

**Operational and Capital Updates** 

**GRPU Management Team** 

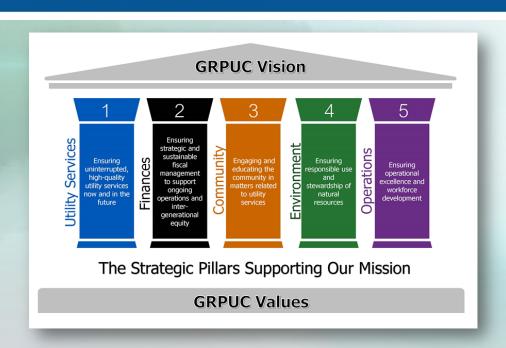




### **MISSION VISION VALUES**

## 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.



## Uninterrupted, High-Quality Utility Services (US)

### Operations: Hydrant Flushing 2025 by Steve Mattson

- Purpose: Maintain water quality and ensure proper function of distribution system
- Last completed September 2023
- Chlorination started June 2024
- Dechlorination is now required to protect environment
- Flushed May 13-15<sup>th</sup>
- North side water quality normal
   South side few calls, some sediment
   LaPrairie water quality normal









## Uninterrupted, High-Quality Utility Services (US)

### Operations: Lead and Copper Testing Results by Steve Mattson

- GRPU was required to do increased monitoring due to chlorination - 60 samples twice annually
- No exceedance in lead or copper action levels for both the 2024 and 2025 results
- Qualified for reduced monitoring
- Next round 30 samples in August
- Annually thereafter





m		2025 Monitoring Schedule											
DEPARTMENT			Grand Rapids, PWSID 1310011										
OF HEALTH		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
BACTI/TOTAL CHLORINE RESIDUAL*	Sample Date												
	Required # of Samples	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Send Monthly Report to MDH By the 10th Day	×	×	×	×	×	х	×	×	х	×	x	x
NITRATE"	Sample Date				04/23								
	Required # of Samples				1								
LEAD/COPPER	Sample Month			x					×				
	Required # of Samples			60					30				
WQP***	Sample Month			x			x			х			х
	Required # of Samples			11			11			11			11
FLUORIDE	Sample Date		02/04		04/23			07/14				11/17	
	Required # of Samples		1		1			1				- 1	
	Send Monthly Report to MDH By the 10th Day	x	x	x	x	x	x	х	x	х	×	x	×
CCR****	Print CCR				X								
	Distribute CCR to Consumers							07/01					
	Copy of CCR & Certification Form to MDH BY JULY 1							07/01					

X - Due within the month indicated
 \*Total Chlorine Residual - Only required for systems that add chlorin
 \*Nitrate - Systems will be notified by MDH if monitoring is increase

\*\*\*\*CCR - Consumer Confidence Rep

Print your CCR from MDH website

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## Uninterrupted, High-Quality Utility Services (US)

Capital: Electric Airport Road Project by Chad Troumbly

### Project Status Update:

- Parts Completed
- Contract Completed
- **Preconstruction Meeting Completed**
- Locates Completed
- Construction
- Energize





Innerduct – Bored in then cable is pulled inside

Project Name	Location	Status/ Completion Date	Budgeted Amount	Actual Spent	Funding Source
7-17th Airport Rd Prim UG	Airport Road	Started	\$394,193	\$3850	Revenue



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

Operations: June Customer Campaign by Julie Kennedy

### **Storm Safety**

### When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

If you can hear thunder, you're close enough to be struck by lightning.

### **Severe Weather Safety Tips:**

- Seek shelter in a sturdy building
- Stay away from windows
- Avoid using electrical equipment and plumbing
- Bring pets inside
- Get off the lake—yes, even if the fish are biting!

For power outage updates, visit www.grpuc.org





Operations: May Safety Summary by Julie Kennedy

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

Safety Brad trained required employees on Temporary Traffic Control on May 21st.

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

Safety Brad and the Safety Committee reviewed Permit Required Confined Spaces, Excavation and Trenching, and the mock OSHA inspection walk-through report from March meeting

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

Administration: None

**Business Services: None** 

Electric: None

Water-Wastewater: None

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

Total FROI 2

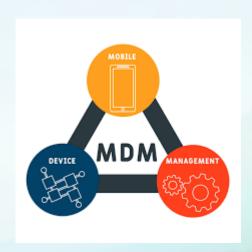
### Recordable Incident 5-year History

	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



### Operations: Technology Modernization by Mike LeClaire

- Service Cener Fiber Business Internet Line Complete
- eFax Lines Complete
- New Phone System Complete by June 6th
- Wi-Fi Facility Coverage getting quotes
  - Service Center
  - WWTP Service Center
  - Solids Processing
- WTP & WWTP Internet In Progress
- New Manager Services On-Going
  - Network
  - Servers
  - Desktop Support
- Mobile Device Management In Progress









Operations: Employee Spotlight – Going Above and Beyond by Steve Mattson

### **WWTP Team Rises to the Challenge**

In mid-April, the WWTP faced an unexpected challenge that resulted in significant influent solids.

Our operators responded immediately, running the dewatering plant extra hours (24/7) to maintain control and keep odors down. Thanks to Tony, Tony Jr., Jeremy, and Ron

Sludge screw conveyor hanger bearing failures. Our maintenance crew had a few emergency repairs to keep the operation going. Thanks to Troy, Corey, Eric and Steve for working safely and resolving the issues.

### Additional Demands:

Managed increased leachate hauling Maintained MPCA permit compliance

Their dedication, teamwork, and resilience embody the highest standards of service. Thank you!





Operations: Employee Spotlight – Going Above and Beyond by Jean Lane

### **Customer Service Representative Team Rises to the Challenge**

The implementation of the new utility billing software, SpryPoint, has been a heavy lift which the Customer Service Representative team has taken on with courage and a willingness to learn and improve current processes.

The team's enthusiasm to move GRPU toward customer focused improvements is echoed in process conversations, software configuration questions, and testing the different elements of the new utility billing software.

Their understanding that the future belongs to those who are willing to unlearn the past and forge a new path and that new path has a focus on customers.

Thank you - Paula, Jodi, Cindy, and Molly!

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### **Accounting Team Rises to the Challenge**

Keeping up with the changing accounting and finance environment is a challenge. The accounting team knows the importance of making financial decision with reliable and readily available data is vital.

The current enterprise resource planning (ERP) software is at its end of life and the accounting team is leading the way to implement the new software – Oracle NetSuites for Government.

While continuing to attend to their daily responsibilities, the accounting team has been embracing the opportunity to review and suggest new processes which can benefit external and internal customers.

With accounting team's focused curiosity and innovation questions the team will be serving our internal and external customers at a new higher bar.

Thank you - Jean, Kari, and Gary!

Operations: Employee Spotlight – Going Above and Beyond by Chad Troumbly

**Electrician – Have Tools, Will Travel** 

At GRPU, our electrical work covers a wide spectrum — from installing Ethernet at the CSC to diagnosing and repairing 4160-volt starters at the wastewater treatment plant.

Our electrician rises to the challenge every day, adapting quickly to shifting priorities and supporting departments across the organization.

The expertise, creativity, and craftsmanship delivered on every job are truly one of a kind.

Thank you for being an indispensable part of the GRPU team, Doug T.



### Operations: Employee Spotlight – Going Above and Beyond by Mike LeClaire

### **Information Systems Team Rises to the Challenge**

**Asset Management:** In preparation for the new ERP IS Systems Analyst has worked with all managers, supervisors & field crew teams to develop work processes into Asset Management System for electronic timesheets for integration into ERP. This is an on-going project as new iterations to work processes evolve.

**GIS:** IS GIS Analyst has been working with the Electric team to develop new work processes in electric data collection in the field with new web applications. In addition, to this many hours have been spent in development and redesign of the Electric Utility Network to accommodate integrations for modeling, tracing, outage management, transformer loading to name a few. This is still on on-going process to make the improvement to achieve the objectives.

#### **Additional Demands:**

- ➤ Continued work on Daily IS request (125 to date)
  - New Maps & Apps, software permissions & modifications both City and GRPU
  - Locating request internal and external
  - Continued GPS updates of existing utility infrastructure
  - Software Maintenance & Enhancements

A huge thanks to Seth, Eric, & Jamie (Barrel) for their dedication, teamwork, and determination to assist the entirety of the organization. This dedication embodies the highest standards of service.

## **Grand Rapids Public Utilities**

**Upcoming Commission Meetings** 

**GRPU/City Joint Meeting: June 2, 2025 @ City Hall** 

Work Session: June 11, 2025

Regular Meeting: June 26, 2025

