



# GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** May 8, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** MMUA Interacting on the Issues Event

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## BACKGROUND:

Last year, MMUA staff Karleen Kos and Bill Black hosted the Interacting on the Issues event here at our GRPU facility. This year, the nearest event to us is in Brainerd on Thursday, June 13 from 5-7 pm. (<https://www.mmua.org/event/interacting-brainerd>)

### Looking ahead

#### Interacting on the Issues

Last year, we had excellent meetings with commissioners and utility leaders about the outcome of the 2023 legislative session and its impact on local utilities. We also discussed regulatory issues, MMUA efforts to support municipal efforts, and we sought feedback on priorities for the coming year.



By popular demand, we are going back on the road this June. Join us for a session at one of four locations around the state.

The MMUA government relations team and peers from your region will discuss the implications of new laws, explore opportunities, and network with others committed to protecting, promoting, and strengthening hometown utilities.

**There is no cost to attend, however registration is required for planning purposes.** Encourage your whole council and commission to join us, learn how MMUA is advocating for your utility, and give us your perspective so we can continue to evolve how MMUA represents and supports you. We are especially eager to discuss ways MMUA can help commissioners champion hometown utilities. Learn more and register by clicking on the links below.

[June 6—Hutchinson](#)  
[June 13—Brainerd](#)  
[June 26—Blue Earth](#)  
[June 27—Alexandria](#)

## RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion only on Commissioner attendance at the event. No action required.