

Grand Rapids Public Utilities

August 26, 2026

Operational and Capital Updates

GRPU Management Team



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MISSION VISION VALUES

WHO WE ARE

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)

Capital: Project Close Out: Lab Chlorine Analyzer by Steve Mattson

Description: The chlorine analyzer measures any residual chlorine present in the WW plant effluent on a daily basis as required by the NPDES permit from April 1 through October 31. WW operators run the test as part of their daily rounds.

Purpose: Improved lab efficiency of residual test for all operators. Current analyzer is past its useful life. Inaccurate readings could cause violation of NPDES permit.

Success: Instrument was successfully installed, calibrated and operational. All operators are fully trained and use it on a regular basis.



				Close Out Phase: Final Budget to Actual				
Dept	Project #	Strategic Goal	Status	Materials / Inventory	Consultant / Contractor	Vehicle Usage	Internal Labor	Total Project
490	WTCP8701	NE-1	Budget	\$7800	\$0	\$0	\$1,246	\$9,046
490	WTCP8701	NE-1	Actual	\$7,655.31	\$0	\$0	\$1,250	\$8,905
490	WTCP8701	NE-1	Budget to Actual	98.1%	100%	100%	100.3%	98.4%

Engaging and Educating the Community (EC)

Operations: Minnesota Cold Weather Rule by Julie Kennedy

October 1 – April 30

If you're having trouble paying your utility bill, don't wait to ask for help.

You May Qualify for Protection If You:

- ✓ ☐ Meet income eligibility requirements
- ✓ ☐ Set up and maintain a payment plan
- ✓ ☐ Work with available energy assistance programs

Ways to Lower Your Utility Bill:

- Switch to LED light bulbs
- Keep your thermostat at **68°F in winter** and **72°F in summer**
- Lower your water heater temp, but no lower than **120°F**
- Seal drafts and weatherstrip doors and windows
- Replace HVAC filters and schedule annual maintenance



Contact GRPU at 218-326-7024 to set up a payment arrangement if you're unable to pay your bill.

Learn more at www.grpuc.org or visit us on Facebook

Operational Excellence (OE)

Operations: August Safety Summary by Julie Kennedy

Safety Topic This Month:

Safety Brad trained required employees on Confined Spaces on August 19.

Safety Committee Program Review This Month:

The Safety Committee met on August 20 and reviewed Job briefings and tailgates.

Incidents Reported last Month by Department: (thru July workdays)

Administration: None

Business Services: None

Electric: None

Water-Wastewater: None

Cumulative Incidents for 2026

Recordable Incidents	1
Lost Time Days 2026	0
Restricted Days 2026	0
First Aid Only (not recordable)	0
Total FROI	1

Recordable Incident 5-year History

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
ADMIN	0	0	0	0	0
BUS SVCS	0	1	0	0	0
ELEC	0	0	1	0	0
W-WW	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	1	1	0	1

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Upcoming Commission Meetings

Work Session: September 9, 2026

Regular Meeting: September 23, 2026



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