

Grand Rapids Public Utilities

June 24, 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: Fire Hydrant Replacement by Steve Mattson

- Need all hydrants to be functional for fire protection
- Capital asset management plan (AMP) for replacement. Four condition tiers (1 highest priority for replacement, 4 is good condition)
- Replacement based on age, poor operation or damage
- Water Operations Director determines priority after annual spring flushing
- Budget based on AMP and replacing 7 Tier 1 hydrants – not functional with normal O&M (cracks, valve failure etc.)
- RFQ for replacement of hydrants (labor)
- Materials – provided by GRPU



Project Name	Location	Status/ Completion Date	Budgeted Amount	Actual Spent	Funding Source
Fire Hydrant Replacement	City wide	Planned	\$120,309	\$26,593	Revenue

Engaging and Educating the Community (EC)

Operations: Wipes Clog Pipes by Julie Kennedy

Grand Rapids Public Utilities wants you to know that
WIPES CLOG PIPES.

- Even if labels claim wipes are “flushable,” they are NOT suitable for flushing.
- Sanitary sewer systems cannot handle wipes — they gum up the system and clog pipes and pumps.
- These clogs lead to higher maintenance costs, which ultimately impact customers.
- Please throw wipes in the trash, not the toilet.
- Learn more at www.grpuc.org or visit us on Facebook





Use and Stewardship of the Natural Environment (NE)

Operations: PFAS Testing of Wastewater by Steve Mattson

- GRPU signed a memo of understanding to work with the MPCA on assessing PFAS in the community
- 4 rounds of testing and the results indicated the presence of 8 PFAS (low level) in the domestic and industrial wastewater
- MPCA tested at 202 locations statewide – PFAS found at ALL
- GRPU created PFAS Pollutant Management Plan (2024)
- Comprehensive and proactive approach to identify, monitor, manage, and reduce the presence of PFAS in wastewater
- Two-year plan of communicating and sampling in the community to help identify sources
- Over the next month - testing all industrial customers that have a pretreatment agreement and sanitary sewer in two locations in town
- Samples will be sent to outside lab to look for 40 PFAS compounds listed in EPA method 1633





Operational Excellence (OE)

Operations: June Safety Summary by Julie Kennedy

Safety Topic This Month:

Safety Brad trained required employees on Fall Protection with Pole Top and Hurt man Qualifications on June 17.

Safety Committee Program Review This Month:

The Safety Committee met on June 18 and reviewed the Lock Out and Tagout program

Incidents Reported last Month by Department:

(thru May 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: July 8, 2025

Regular Meeting: June 24, 2025



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