

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: September 24, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to approve the procurement contract with Thein Well

for replacing well 6 pump for \$33,471 and allow the General Manager to

sign the contract.

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BACKGROUND:

This procurement is for a non-budgeted Water Wastewater Capital Project.

In early August, the well pump began to show significant vibration. On August 19, Thein Well removed the pump for inspection. Their investigation revealed that the impeller was badly worn and holes had developed in the castings. Based on these findings, they recommended full replacement of the pump.

This pump was last rebuilt in 2019 and was scheduled for rehabilitation or replacement in 2029. For reference, Well Pump 4—of similar age—was replaced in 2024, so while this failure occurred sooner than anticipated, it is not entirely unexpected.

The project cost will be offset by deferring the Curb Stop Replacement Project which had a budget of \$152,608.

The GRPUC Procurement Policy was followed.

The vendor's Certificate of Insurance has been verified to meet the contract requirement and is on file.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a motion to approve the procurement contract with Thein Well for replacing well 6 pump for \$33,471 and allow the General Manager to sign the contract.