



City of Hartford * County of Van Buren * State of Michigan

TO: Mayor Danger and the Hartford City Commissioners

FROM: Nicol Pulluam, City Manager 

DATE: May 18, 2026

RE: APPROVAL OF IRON REMOVAL PLANT/DRINKING WATER OPERATOR

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to approve Quentin Clark, Certified Operator Services, LLC, as the Iron Removal Plant/Drinking Water Operator for the City of Hartford.

DISCUSSION:

Quentin Clark has been serving as the City's Drinking Water Operator for the past year. He has been providing monthly updates to the Mayor and City Commission regarding his progress. During the IRP workshop in February, Mr. Clark outlined key objectives that the city should aim to achieve over the next couple of years. He spoke of some of the challenges he is experiencing.

The City's long-term objective is to transition operational responsibility for the drinking water system to a licensed City staff operator during the renewal term. The Operator shall use commercially reasonable efforts and shall cooperate in good faith with the City to support that transition, including by providing such training, mentorship, shadowing opportunities, and operational documentation as the Operator and the City shall mutually determine to be reasonably necessary from time to time.

Certified Operator Services is proposing a two-year contract for \$145,000 each year.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Commission of Hartford approves the extension of the contract with Quentin Clark, Certified Operator Services, LLC, for the role of Iron Removal Plant and Drinking Water Operator. This extension is for an additional 2 years and expires on June 30, 2028. Also, the commission authorizes the city manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the city.