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## Fire Department

To: Legislative Committee  
From: Fire Chief Jacob Carrel  
Date: 02/03/2025  
Re: Outagamie County Hazard Mitigation Plan

### **Background information:**

The Outagamie County Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan) is created to identify risks and classify the magnitude of each risk at the county and municipal level. Completion of this Plan ensures that Outagamie County remains eligible for federal disaster relief and hazard mitigation funds. The Plan is updated every five years with the most recent completion and adoption by the Outagamie County Board in 2024. City of Kaukauna and Kaukauna Utilities (KU) Staff were involved in the planning and development of the updated Plan.

As approved by the KU Commission, KU will be implementing modifications to the drinking water system through a transformative project over the course of the next four years. This project includes several modifications that will enhance resiliency of the drinking water system and mitigate hazards specifically identified in the hazard mitigation plan. This includes relocation of the main filter plant from a floodplain, adding backup generation at all water supply and treatment facilities, and reconstruction of an existing facility to ensure the building can withstand high winds.

KU has submitted federal hazard mitigation grant preapplication materials for the project; however, the grant eligibility requirements state that the project scope must be specifically identified in the local hazard mitigation plan. Additional mitigation strategies, specific to the project, have been incorporated into the Plan and adoption by the City of Kaukauna is needed to be eligible for the federal hazard mitigation grant funds.

### **Strategic Plan:**

#### Be Maintaining a Safe and Healthy Community – Resilience

The adoption of the Outagamie County Hazard Mitigation Plan ensures the City of Kaukauna and Kaukauna Utilities remain eligible for federal disaster relief and mitigation funding, reducing the financial burden on local taxpayers while advancing critical infrastructure improvements. The adoption of this resolution is a proactive approach that strengthens community resilience, enhances public safety, and reflects our commitment to responsible financial stewardship.

**Budget:** No impact

**Staff Recommended Action:**

Adopt resolution 2025-????, Outagamie County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024-2029.