

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RICHLAND CENTER

MUNICIPAL UTILITY COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 5:30p.m.,

Council Room, Municipal Building, 450 S Main St, Richland Center WI 53581

This Meeting was held in person and via Teams

Members present: Sawle, Jones, Coppernoll, Wallace, Collins, and Hoffman

Members absent: Walters

Others present: Gald, Krueger, Fischer, and Edwards

President Sawle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting had been properly posted.

Motion by Collins, second by Jones to approve the minutes of the last meeting as printed. All voting aye upon voice vote, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was received and filed.

Motion by Wallace, second by Sawle to approve the Electric Bills for May totaling \$704,219.23. Also acknowledges the balance for April, thus totaling \$908,573.97. All voting aye upon roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Jones, second by Coppernoll to approve the Water Bills for May totaling \$55,893.45. Also acknowledges the balance for April, thus totaling 126,486.01. All voting aye upon roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Sawle, second by Wallace to approve the Sewer Bills for May totaling \$118,339.17. Also acknowledges the balance for April, thus totaling \$970,942.12. All voting aye upon roll call, motion carried.

For safety Gald mentions the updating of cones. Eller our safety rep from MEUW reported that he is working on updating the HAS COM chemical inventory. He also did an on-site electric inspection on Haseltine as the guys were changing out a pole. He will also be doing ladder inspections throughout the utility and city. He also working with DPW to schedule a confined space awareness for the group.

Water Superintendent Krueger reported that the water crew is continuing with the AMI meter changes. We are up to 1075. That is the halfway point. The hydrant by Simpson has passed its pressure test. They will be doing water main flushing for the next 2 weeks. All daytime flushing. Steve and Scott met with the DNR rep month ago on cyber security. The annual PSC report is filed. Early June Steve will have 20 Lead and Copper samples to take. The Valley View Drive project was awarded to GPro, with a mid-to-late June for start date. There was a meeting with the developers for Stori Field, and they are looking to start this month.

Wastewater Superintendent Fischer reported that after the new vac truck arrived, they had a company do a demo of different nozzles. They jetted the lateral by Dr. Moen's office and blew out the drain at the booster station. They ordered a camera to go on the hose on the jet machine. It Bluetooth to phone or

iPad once removed from the line it dumps the footage immediately. Last night they got called out at 3:45 p.m. to Schmitt Woodland Hills. That is a private line. One of the manholes there was full. That brought sewage back up into the part where the daycare is. They removed a gob of wipes. We have been stressing to not flush wipes even though they say flushable on the package, they are not treatable. We will be sending them a bill for our time. Last Friday evening just after work hours, a manure spreading truck rolled over. It was along the creek line and had a diesel fuel leak. Even and Jim took our new unit to vac diesel out of the creek. Wastewater has been working with the city to get the pumps installed for the pool.

Utility Manager/Electric Superintendent Gald reported that for the pumps from the pool they will be doing a bump test to make sure they are not seizing up. Rowen finished his 3rd year. One year left to become a journey lineman. We have been changing poles out on Haseltine with the help of the new vac truck. Still working on AMI meter changes. Now with the new meters, when it loses power, a text is sent to the lineman. Scott wanted to remind everyone about the Resource Fair on May 20th. Staff has been training, Scott and Angie went to Boscobel for Utility Financing and Rate of Return. Grant, JJ and Terry went to WPPI for meter training. The winter moratorium came off on April 15th. It was busy in the office with disconnections. The audit was completed 2 weeks ago. Once we get the audit report Scott will share it with the commission. Rate of return for electric is 1.63% and water is 4.5%. Our youth apprentice Maggey Edwards has started in the office. She is doing a great job. We are going to be looking for a candidate for out in the field. Scott was elected to the executive committee for WPPI.

For correspondence, we received an invitation from Richland Center FFA to attend their banquet on May 13th.

There were no public comments.

Steve wanted to welcome Frank Hoffman to the commission. He would be more than happy to give him a tour or answer any questions he may have.

Collins just want to praise the staff for their good work. Coppernoll just wanted to make everyone aware that Tomah permanently closed their aquatic center. Due to upkeep and loss of revenue. He expresses the budget season will be terrible due to sign of the times. He also added that our governor has stated that we need to ramp up the use of nuclear power in the state. Sawle just wanted to inform the commission that he will not be at the next meeting. Jones wants to welcome Frank and congratulated Scott on his appointment. He also wanted to know how many meters are delinquent. We informed him that we disconnected 28 and the past due amount is a lot lower. Hoffman just noted that there was a lot to learn and it will take a little bit.

Motion by Collins, second by Coppernoll to adjourn. All voting aye upon voice vote, motion carried without dissent at 6:12p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Angie Edwards