

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RICHLAND CENTER

MUNICIPAL UTILITY COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 10, 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, Walters, and Hoffman

Members absent: none

Others present: Krueger, Edwards, Gald, Fischer, and former Commissioner Heiar.

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

The minutes of the May meeting were not included in the packet. So, they will be approved at the July meeting.

The Treasurer's report was received and filed.

Motion by Jones, second by Wallace to approve the Electric Bills for June totaling \$821,228.37. Also acknowledges the balance for May, thus totaling \$866,267.03. All voting aye upon roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Wallace, second by Sawle to approve the Water Bills for June totaling \$71,136.17. Also acknowledges the balance for May, thus totaling \$ 116,542.35. All voting aye upon roll call motion carried.

Motion by Walters, second by Jones to approve the Sewer Bills for June totaling \$160,575.44. Also acknowledges the balance for May, thus totaling \$216,159.18. All voting aye upon roll call, motion carried.

Scott Gald reported that the Electric Utility received The Work It Safe Award. The award was 25 years of the 27 we received a safety award; we were one of 3. Also, Steve Eller worked through some safety guidelines for the seasonal field staff.

Wastewater Superintendent Fischer explained the CMAR. The BOD was a grade of B and Phosphorus was also a grade of B because when Schreiber was on our system. The resolution is just to verify that it went before the commission. Motion by Collins, second Coppernoll to approve the Resolution #2026-2 for the results of the WWTP 2025 CMAR. All voting aye upon voice vote, motion carried.

Fischer explained to the commission that last October they found a hole in the line and they punctured a hole in the bottom of the lift station. The pump was running but it was spraying back into the wet well instead of sending it down the line. There was a temporary repair made to get through the winter. At the time Todd thought the only repair would be to replace the piping. So that was already approved in his budget for \$14,900.00. The original lift station was installed in 1976. In 1991 it was upgraded. The steel in lift station is rotten. The whole lift station needs to be re-outfitted. It would be upgraded to the lift station by the campus. The total estimate for the project is 147,346.00. The timing is approximately 16 to 20 weeks. If this is not done by November 1st of this year it will be spring next year. This contracted with SJE. Motion by Wallace, second by Jones to upgrade the lift station located at Richland Square. All voting aye upon roll call , motion carried.

Utility Manager Gald present the financial statements from the 2025 Audit. There is no action needed Scott just wanted the commission to review the statements.

Scott thanked everyone that attended the regional dinner the other night at the White House. Mike Peters did a nice job of explaining why we are looking at extending our contract with WPPI. Basically, they are looking to extending it another 18 years in order to secure loans for new resources. WPPI is more then willing to come out and answer questions and have the commission and city council go to WPPI. The last time that we were in the situation we were not using as many resources as WPPI offers. Now we use as much as we can. WPPI would like to have the contract signed by Feb 26, 2027. The contracts will be out in July. There was a lot of discussion about the pros and cons of renewing the contract until 2073. The commission decided they would like to have someone from WPPI at the August meeting with a joint meeting with City Council. Also it was highly recommended to have the commissioners and council go to WPPI.

Water Superintendent Krueger reported