



MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - 4:30 PM

Hjemkomst Center
202 First Avenue North, Moorhead
Auditorium

Commissioners:

Paul Baker, Vice Chairperson

Lisa Borgen, Secretary

Amy Lammers

Matt Leiseth

Steve Lindaas

Jason Ness

Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager

The Moorhead Public Service Commission welcomes and encourages customer input on issues listed on the agenda or of general water/electric utility interest—time and Commission permitting. Speakers are limited to 3-minute presentations. Customers wishing to address the Commission regarding a specific agenda item will be afforded an opportunity during the discussion of that item. Customers wishing to speak on matters not listed on the agenda will be given the opportunity to do so under the heading “Customers to Be Heard/Recognitions.” Each person requesting the opportunity to speak is asked to fill out a *Request to Speak Form* (located on the table in the back of the room) and present it to the Administrative Assistant in attendance at the meeting. Any follow-up or feedback will be done by e-mail on anything that cannot be resolved this evening.

1. Call to Order

2. Election of Officers

3. Approve Agenda

4. Approve Consent Agenda

All agenda items listed with an asterisk (*) are on the consent agenda and are considered routine or non-controversial. These items may be enacted by the Commission in one motion, which is a motion to approve the consent agenda. No discussion is expected for the items on the consent agenda; however, prior to approving the consent agenda, the Commission may request specific items be removed from the consent agenda for discussion and separate action.

***5. Approve Minutes of January 20, 2026**

***6. Approve Bills for Payment**

7. Customers to Be Heard/Recognitions

8. Old Business

9. **Reports**
 - a. **City Council**
 - b. **Public Service Commission**
 - c. **General Manager's Report**
 - d. **Accept Report on Service Territory Payment to RRVCPA for 2025 Energy Usage**
- *10. **Approve Revised MPS Electric Service Rules and Regulations**
- *11. **Approve Renewable Energy Certificates Designated Entity Contract No. 25-UGPR-73 with Western Area Power Administration**
12. **Authorize MPS' Participation in the 2026 Light Up Navajo Project**
13. **Award Bid for Furnishing 115 kV IPO Breakers at MPS' Northeast and Southeast Substations**
14. **Approve Request to Mayor and Moorhead City Council to Approve Resolution of Applications for MPS' 2026 Water Division Projects**
15. **Approve Sponsorship Request from Moorhead American Legion for Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN Summer Blast Fundraiser**
16. **Discuss Sponsorship Request from Asian Night Market for 5th Annual Event**
17. **Close Meeting for Executive Session (if needed)**
18. **Upcoming Meetings**
 - a. **Public Service Commission Meetings**
 - March 3, 2026 (if needed)**
 - March 17, 2026**
 - b. **Meeting Opportunities for Commissioners^(A)**
 - **APPA 2025 Legislative Rally**
February 23-25, 2026, Washington, DC
 - **MRWA Annual Water & Wastewater Technical Conference**
March 3-5, 2026, St. Cloud, MN
 - **MMUA 2026 Legislative Conference**
March 24-26, 2026, St. Paul, MN
 - **MRES Annual Meeting**
May 6-7, 2026, Sioux Falls, SD
19. **Adjourn**

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Some members of the Moorhead Public Service Commission may be attending today's meeting via interactive technology.

^(A) APPA = American Public Power Association - www.publicpower.org
MMUA = Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association - www.mmua.org
MRES = Missouri River Energy Services - www.mrenergy.com
AWWA = American Water Works Association - www.awwa.org
MN AWWA = American Water Works Association-Minnesota Section - www.mnawwa.org
MRWA = Minnesota Rural Water Association - www.mrwa.com

Minutes of the Moorhead Public Service Commission
Hjemkomst Center, Auditorium
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – 4:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Borgen, Matthew Leiseth, Steve Lindaas, Jason Ness, and Joel Paulsen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Baker

OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Travis Schmidt; Staff Members Adam Benhardt, Cheryl Glasoe, Taylor Holte, Jake Long, Mark Moilanen, Marc Pritchard, and Andrew Nord; MPS Attorney Erin Larsgaard; Assistant City Manager Mike Rietz

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Paulsen called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM. A quorum of the following members was present: Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, Ness, and Paulsen.

2. APPROVE AGENDA.

Commissioner Leiseth made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lindaas seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

3. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

[The consent agenda approved above includes all items shown herein with an asterisk (*). These items were considered routine or non-controversial by the Commission and were enacted by the Commission in one motion, which is the motion above to approve the consent agenda.]

***4. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2025.**

Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2025. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

***5. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT.**

Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

***6. APPROVE UNDERGROUND EASEMENT AGREEMENT TEMPLATE.**

Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve the Underground Easement Agreement template and authorize staff and legal counsel to negotiate monetary compensation in exchange for easements up to \$3.00 per linear foot for 10-foot-wide distribution utility easements, which compensation amounts shall be based on an encumbrance of up to 50 percent and shall be subject to an annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

***7. APPROVE TASK ORDER NO. 13 WITH APEX ENGINEERING GROUP FOR ENGINEERING AND FUNDING ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR MPS' 2026 LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve Task Order No. 13 with Apex Engineering Group, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$102,056 to complete engineering and funding administration services associated with Moorhead Public Service's 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project, contingent upon final legal review by Attorney John Boulger. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

***8. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RALE CONSULTING LLC FOR GRANT RESEARCH.**

Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Rale Consulting LLC in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to identify and research grant opportunities for potential use by Moorhead Public Service, and authorize the General Manager, or his designee, to execute any documents related to these grant opportunities, contingent upon final legal approval by Attorney John Boulger. Commissioner Borgen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

9. CUSTOMERS TO BE HEARD/RECOGNITIONS.

There were no customers to be heard.

General Manager Travis Schmidt recognized Moorhead Public Service (MPS) Electric Project Engineer Taylor Holte for reaching his 10-year milestone. Schmidt also thanked Chairperson Paulsen for his 6 years of service on the Moorhead Public Service Commission.

10. OLD BUSINESS.

There was no old business to discuss.

11. REPORTS.

City Council.

Commissioner Borgen provided a brief update on the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce's State of the Cities event that was held on January 8, 2026.

Public Service Commission.

No report was made.

General Manager's Report.

General Manager Travis Schmidt provided an introduction to the General Manager's Report, which included a Missouri River Energy Services news release and a thank you note from the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the Midwest Energy Summit.

Accept Report on 2025 Lead and Copper Results and Lead Service Line Inventory Project.

Water Plant Manager Marc Pritchard and Water Distribution Manager Jake Long provided an overview of the 2025 Lead and Copper Results and the Lead Service Line Inventory Project. Pritchard and Long responded to questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to accept the report on the 2025 regulatory lead and copper sample results and Lead Service Line Inventory Project. Commissioner Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

12. AWARD BID FOR 2026 WATER DISTRIBUTION PIPE AND FITTINGS.

General Manager Travis Schmidt provided a brief overview of the bids that MPS received for water distribution pipe and fittings, which will be used for annual watermain replacement projects.

Commissioner Borgen made a motion to award the bid for 2026 Water Distribution Pipe and Fittings to Dakota Supply Group in the amount of \$268,307.17, as shown on the Bid Tabulation Sheet attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Commissioner Leiseth seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

13. APPROVE SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FROM MOORHEAD LEGACY EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS.

General Manager Travis Schmidt provided information on the sponsorship request from the Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation for Moorhead Public Service scholarships. Schmidt responded to questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Borgen made a motion to approve a sponsorship request from the Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation for Moorhead Public Service scholarships in the amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Lindaas seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Voting Yes: Borgen, Lindaas, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None. Abstaining: Leiseth.

14. APPROVE SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FROM NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS MOORHEAD FOR MENTAL HEALTH DAY IN THE PARK.

General Manager Travis Schmidt provided information on the sponsorship request from National Alliance on Mental Illness Moorhead.

Commissioner Lindaas made a motion to approve the sponsorship request from National Alliance on Mental Illness Moorhead for Mental Health Day in the Park in the amount of \$790. Commissioner Leiseth seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting Yes: Borgen, Leiseth, Lindaas, Ness, and Paulsen. Voting No: None.

15. CLOSE MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The meeting was not closed for executive session.

16. UPCOMING MEETINGS.

Upcoming meetings of the Moorhead Public Service Commission are scheduled for February 3, 2026 (if needed), and February 17, 2026.

17. ADJOURN.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM.

The minutes herein are approved on this 17th day of February, 2026.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Joel Paulsen
Chairpersonⁱ

Lisa Borgen
Secretaryⁱ

ⁱ Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Moorhead Public Service Commission adopted January 18, 2022, Article 3, Section 11, states, "The Chairperson and Secretary shall sign, execute, and acknowledge all instruments authorized by the Commission or as are incident to the office. If either the Chairperson or Secretary is unavailable to execute an instrument, the Vice Chairperson may execute the instrument in place of the unavailable officer. Execution of instruments by two officers is required."

General Manager's Report

1. 2025 Fourth Quarter Strategic Plan Update.

On December 3, 2024, the Commission approved a new three-year Strategic Plan to begin in 2025 and conclude in 2027. The plan was based on the Commission's and staff's recommendations to include six Strategic Directions. This structure aligns more closely with Moorhead Public Service's (MPS') current and future needs. The 2025-2027 Strategic Plan also features 1st-Year Accomplishments for 2025 and Key Performance Indicators to measure MPS' operational performance. MPS staff provided quarterly updates on their action plans, which align with the Strategic Plan. Below are the six Strategic Directions of MPS and key highlights of MPS' activities for the fourth quarter of 2025.

Strategic Directions:

- Community
- Our Team
- Water
- Electric
- Finance
- Technology

Community:

- Staff from MPS and Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) continued to connect with key account customers to update contact information and provide updates on rebates available through MRES' Bright Energy Solutions® (BES) Program. MPS staff has been attending design meetings for the redevelopment of the Moorhead Center Mall, the Moorhead City Hall renovation project, and the 11th Street Grade Separation Project. Staff also worked with Moorhead Area Public Schools regarding electric school buses. Additionally, staff collaborated with Minnesota State University Moorhead, the City of Moorhead, and other customers on projects for 2025 and/or 2026, as well as other ongoing needs.
- MPS staff continues to modify MPS' website, which includes drought conditions, the status of the electric grid, and any pertinent information, as needed. Additional water and electric content continues to be added to MPS' social media platforms.
- Staff continues to work on other solar installation projects, including residential solar initiatives. During the fourth quarter, two customers completed distributed (solar) installation, bringing the total to seven completed projects in 2025.
- On October 21, 2025, the Commission approved net-zero carbon for the remaining portion of MPS' power supply by purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) through MRES' Bright Energy Choices Program for 2026. Staff will continue to monitor 2026 costs to evaluate MPS' REC approach for 2027.

Our Team:

- MPS staff continues to update and add new job descriptions for positions within MPS' Organizational Structure approved by the commission. Two positions were filled during the fourth quarter of 2025, with another open position expected to be filled during the first quarter of 2026.
- During the fourth quarter of 2025, MPS experienced two incidents, one reportable incident and one non-reportable incident. Neither incident resulted in additional employee time off.
- MPS staff held four events for MPS employees during the fourth quarter of 2025.

- MPS staff continues to work on a training plan for new and current employees related to job functions, software and operational technology, continuing education, and leadership. Several employees across all divisions completed leadership training for 2025, which began in the second quarter of 2025 and is scheduled to be completed in the early part of the fourth quarter.
- MPS employees continue to attend training provided by American Water Works Association (AWWA), American Public Power Association (APPA), and Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA), as well as other specific training that benefits MPS' operations.
 - Two employees completed MMUA's Transformer School.
 - One employee attended APPA's Customer Connections Conference.
 - Two employees attended MRES' Area Meetings.
 - One employee attended AWWA's Water Quality Technology Conference.
 - Several employees completed continued education for advanced degrees or professional development.

Water:

- MPS staff and contractors completed the replacement of 1.5 miles of cast-iron watermain in 2025, which is more than the 1.25 miles of annual replacement within MPS' Strategic Plan.
- Water Division staff continues to work with regulators and other public entities regarding water supply and water quality that impact MPS. Staff continues to work with the State of Minnesota entities on the sustainability and long-term viability of the Moorhead and Buffalo Aquifers. Staff also continued updating the 10-year update plan to the Wellhead Protection Plan for MPS' groundwater sources, including the Buffalo and Moorhead Aquifers.
- Water Division staff finalized a draft of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Water Treatment Plant during the fourth quarter of 2025 and expects to solicit proposals from engineering firms during 2026.
- Staff continues to replace aging equipment installed in MPS' Water Treatment Plant approximately 30 years ago, including the ozone generators used for the water disinfection process. MPS is working internally and with consultants to replace the failing equipment. This project is expected to be completed during the second quarter of 2026.
- During the Strategic Planning meetings held in the fourth quarter of 2025, staff provided an update on the Red River Valley Water Supply Project and continues to work toward securing access to this project, while monitoring the financial impact on MPS' ratepayers.
- During the fourth quarter of 2025, staff and contractors continued to work on the annual requirements of MPS' Lead Service Line Replacement Project and on replacing lines through a coordinated effort.

Electric:

- The Electric Division completed most of its planned 2025 construction season projects during the third quarter of 2025, which are based on the asset management matrix criteria and other outside factors, such as coordinating work with the City of Moorhead.
- MPS staff continues working on the design layouts for relocating the Northeast Substation. Staff also continued to work on planning for system capacity improvements for both distribution and transmission needs.

- MPS awarded bids for the transformers and breakers for the Northeast Substation during the third quarter of 2025 due to long lead times for these items and, during the fourth quarter of 2025, continued to finalize contracts for this project. MPS staff continues to work on other aspects of this project, including updating project costs for the 10-year capital budget.
- MPS staff has also been working on plans for the Southeast Substation Project.

Finance:

- The Electric Division finished the fourth quarter of 2025 with a net position that exceeded budget. Most of these revenues came from changes in the market value of investment carrying values, including revenues slightly better than the budget and operating expenses slightly higher than the budget.
- The Water Division ended the fourth quarter of 2025 with a net position that exceeded budget. Most of these revenues stemmed from changes in the market value of investment carrying values and assets (watermains) transferred from the City of Moorhead to MPS. For the quarter, revenues were slightly higher than the budget, as were operating expenses, which also exceeded the budget but account for a net positive position.
- Staff continues to monitor the Commission’s Policy on Financial Strength on an ongoing basis. At the end of the fourth quarter of 2025, MPS’ water and electric days of cash on hand met the Commission’s Policy on Financial Strength.

Technology:

- MPS has ongoing best practice assessments for cybersecurity that are reviewed by staff, which then implements any recommendations. MPS did not experience any cyber data breaches, nor did not lose any data during the fourth quarter of 2025. The IT Division provides valuable Key Performance Indicators that are incorporated into a dashboard, which provides valuable insight into what IT staff accomplishes on a quarterly basis.
- Construction on MPS’ Redundant Network Operations Center began during the third quarter of 2025. The building was substantially completed by the end of the fourth quarter of 2025 and is expected to be operational in 2026.
- The System Acceptance Test (SAT) for MPS’ AMI Project was mostly completed in the third quarter of 2025. Full deployment also began during the third quarter, with only a few outstanding items remaining. At the end of the fourth quarter of 2025, approximately 10,400 devices have been deployed and are operational.
- Other technology projects were also completed during the fourth quarter of 2025.

2. Quarterly Dashboard Reports.

Attached are the 2025 Dashboard Reports for the fourth quarter. The dashboards include information for Electric, Energy Services, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Safety Committee, Social Media, Water, and other information that the Commission should be informed about.

3. 2025 Community Solar Garden Credit.

MPS’ Community Solar Garden began in 2015 and has been fully subscribed since 2019, with 287 customers. Participating customers receive an annual credit on their utility bill based upon the energy (kWh) produced by each solar panel during the previous year, less a small maintenance charge per panel. The maintenance fee is currently \$5.84 per panel. This fee is considerably higher than \$0.63 in 2024, which was an abnormal year with low maintenance costs. The warranty for the original two solar arrays expired in 2024. Since the warranties expired, the replacement inverters and power optimizers will no longer be covered, and the maintenance expenses are expected to increase. The energy credit is the average retail energy rate for each customer class as listed in the

Cogeneration and Small Power Production Tariff Report, which is presented to the Commission each December.

Listed below are the annual Community Solar Garden credits issued for 2025:

Customer Class	Credit per Panel
Residential	\$29.22
Small General Service (no demand)	\$33.32
Small General Service (with demand)	\$36.91
General Service Secondary	\$29.93
General Service Primary	\$24.79

4. **2025 Audit Update and Eide Bailly, LLP, Audit Planning.**

The annual audit for 2025 will be the second year of a three-year agreement with Eide Bailly, LLP (Eide Bailly), which was approved by the Commission on November 19, 2024, as “Agenda Item #12 - Approve Auditing Services with Eide Bailly, LLP.”

Below is a table of Eide Bailly’s audit fees specifically related to MPS for 2024 through 2026:

Professional Services	2024	2025	2026
Financial Statement Audit	\$21,000	\$22,100	\$23,200

Attached is the 2025 Governance Planning Letter to the Commission from Eide Bailly. The purpose of this letter is to outline Eide Bailly’s responsibilities regarding the financial statement audit, the compliance audit, and the planned scope and timing of these audits, including any significant risks identified during the audit.

It is anticipated that the annual audit for the 2025 fiscal year will be completed using a similar schedule to previous years, as outlined below:

- Annual closure of the customer information accounting system and generation of year-end reports as of December 31, 2025.
- Receipt of the audit requirements letter listing the initial items requested by Eide Bailly to allow them to complete the annual audit.
- Bank, loan, and bond confirmations—completed in the first half of January 2026.
- January, February, and the first week of March 2026—completion of year-end account reconciliations and schedules using an internal, annual Year-End Task List Summary checklist.
- On-site testing and review—second week in March 2026.
- Final closing and adjusting entries to the general ledger—first week in April 2026.
- Preparation of formal audited Financial Statements document with required schedules and footnotes—second week of April through May 1, 2026.
- Final review of audited Financial Statements document, including schedules and footnotes, by Eide Bailly—mid-April to May 1, 2026.
- Formal presentation of the final audited Financial Statements document to the Commission—tentatively scheduled to occur at the Commission meeting on May 19, 2026.

5. **2026 Spring Flood Outlook.**

The flood outlook provides a summary of the weather for 2026, including information for the Fargo-Moorhead area, the region, and the nation. The attached 2026 Spring Flood Outlook Report shows that the Fargo-Moorhead area is currently experiencing below normal snowfall. The report also examines 120-plus years of precipitation data alongside current hydrologic and soil conditions over the outlook period. Additionally, this outlook produces 50-plus flood-crest scenarios, ranked from lowest to highest, and is used to generate probabilities of exceeding the ranked crest heights and flood categories.

The flood risk has remained the same compared to 2025, primarily due to decreased precipitation in the fall of 2025 and a very dry November, which allowed soils to dry out before freeze-up. Soil moisture levels are below normal, as the area experienced a moderate drought due to a lack of precipitation in the fall of 2025. Above-normal temperatures at the beginning of winter have led to a relatively normal frost layer. Below-normal temperatures are expected to persist into spring, potentially delaying snowmelt. The stream base flow is currently normal. The main flood-risk factor is late winter and spring precipitation, along with the timing and thaw cycle of the snowpack. On January 22, 2026, the National Weather Service (NWS) determined that Fargo and Moorhead could experience minor to isolated flooding in 2026.

Fargo-Moorhead Spring Flood Outlook:

- 95 percent chance of exceeding 17.2 feet
- 75 percent chance of exceeding 20.3 feet
- 50 percent chance of exceeding 23.7 feet
- 25 percent chance of exceeding 28.5 feet
- 5 percent chance of exceeding 35.2 feet

At this point, unknown factors include additional snow accumulation, the spring thaw cycle, and spring rainfall. The NWS will provide updates every two weeks until mid-March 2026. Once the flood event begins, the NWS plans to provide bi-weekly updates, if needed, on thaw reports and daily deterministic forecasts until the flood event has subsided.

6. **MPS Sends Lineworkers to North Carolina for Winter Storm Fern.**

MPS received a request from MMUA, through APPA, and sent two lineworkers to North Carolina to provide mutual aid to those affected by Winter Storm Fern.

7. **West Central Regional Water District Public Notification.**

On February 3, 2026, MPS received the attached public notification from the West Central Regional Water District, a new regional water district being developed, that a public hearing will be held on April 17, 2026.

8. **State Legislative Newsletters.**

As a member of MRES and MMUA, MPS benefits from lobbying efforts that are in MPS' best interest. Attached are the most recent newsletters from MRES.

Division/Response Person: Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager.

Electric Operations Fourth Quarter – 2025 Dashboard

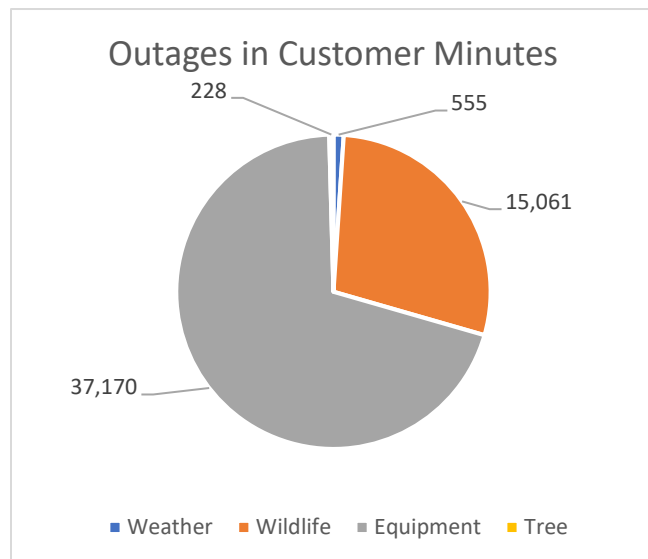


Street/Security Lighting

- 29 LED Street Light Conversions
- 25 New LED street light installs

Outages

- 16 outages – 53,014 customer minutes
 - Weather – 555
 - Wildlife – 15,061
 - Equipment – 37,170
 - Tree – 228



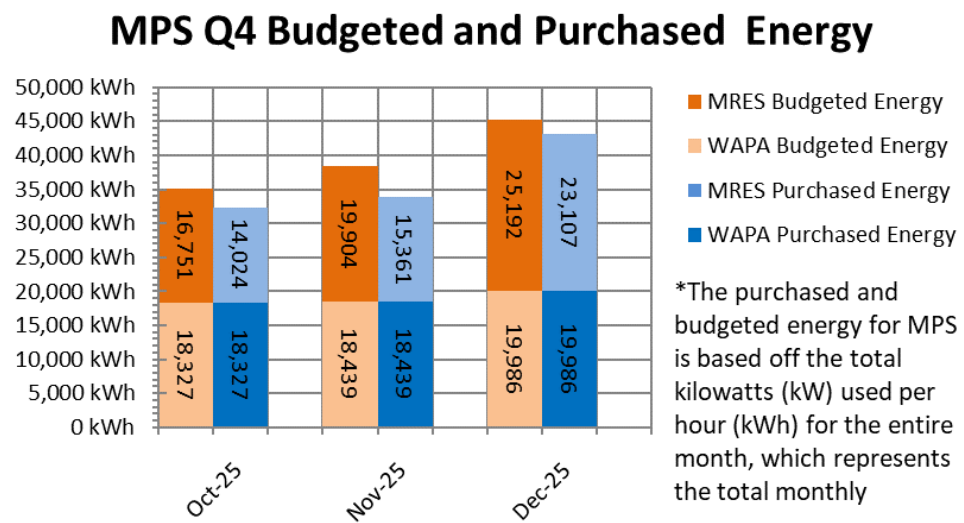
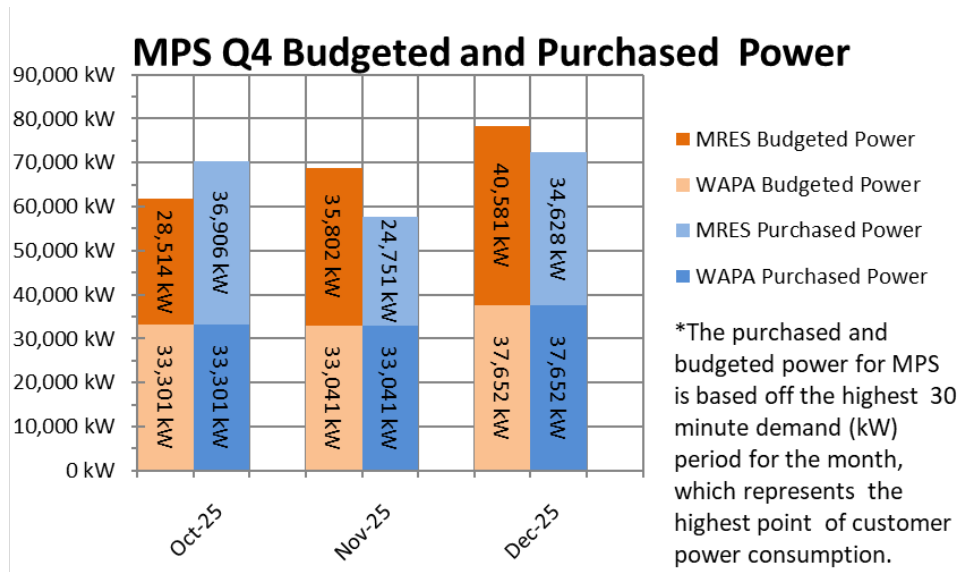
Upgrades & Repairs

- Began Security Light LED Conversion
- Repaired FDR 38 Fault
- Started Annual Fall/Winter Street Light Checks
- Installed and Energized New Library Transformer
- Assisted City of Hillsboro on Outages
- Began Socket Repairs from AMI Project
- Installed and Energized Traffic and Street Lighting for 11th Street Project
- Installed 9 New services
- Completed Prolec transformer replacements
- Began Transferring Poles for Winter Maintenance Projects

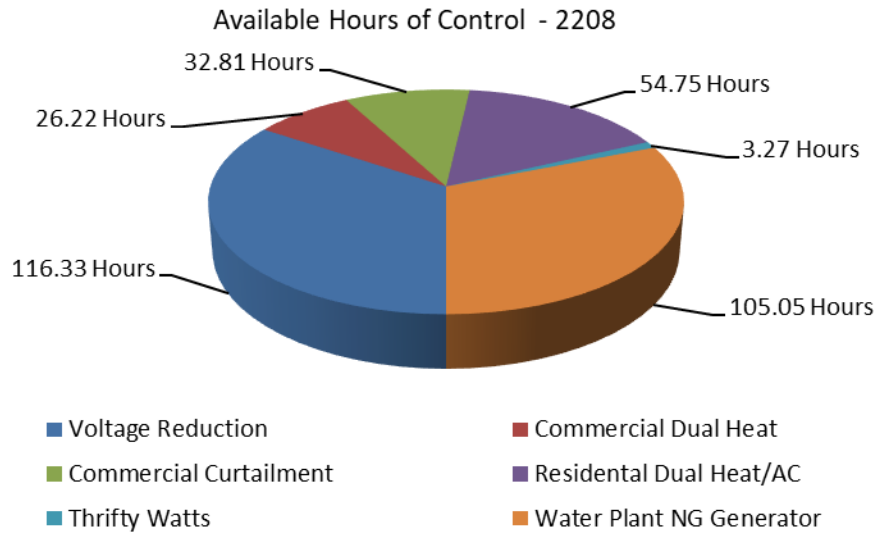
Electric Division Fourth Quarter – 2025 Dashboard



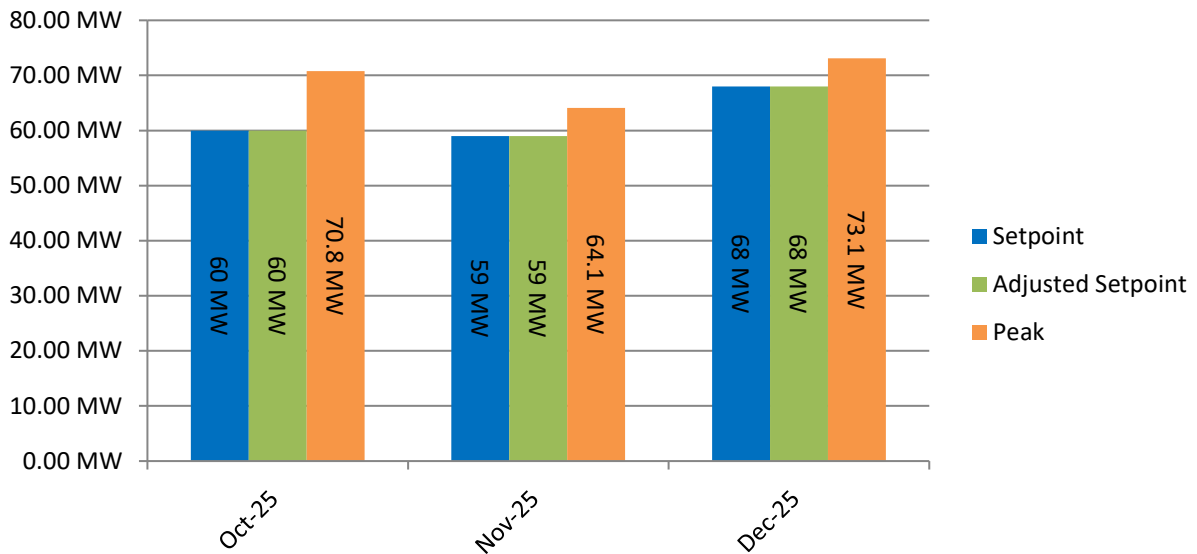
Moorhead Public Service – Electric Division is to provide safe, efficient, reliable, and environmentally responsible electric power that is innovative and maximizes ratepayers’ satisfaction. Below are several graphs from the dashboard that show how the electric division is completing these requirements on a quarterly basis.



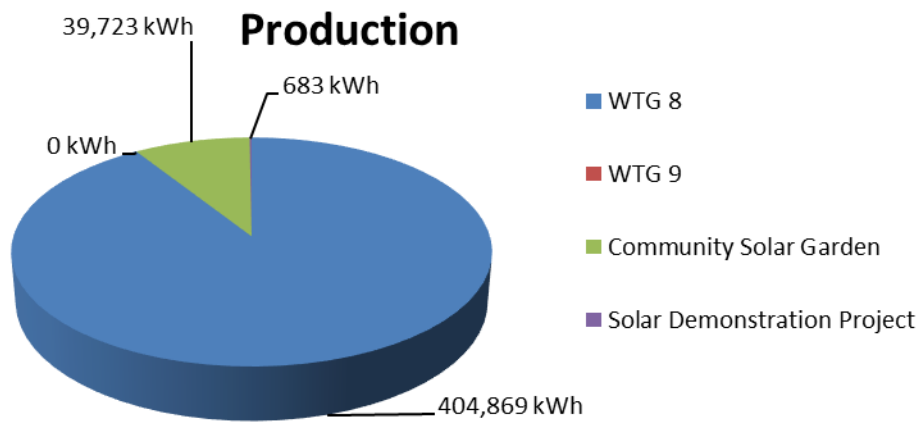
MPS Q4 Load Management Control Hours



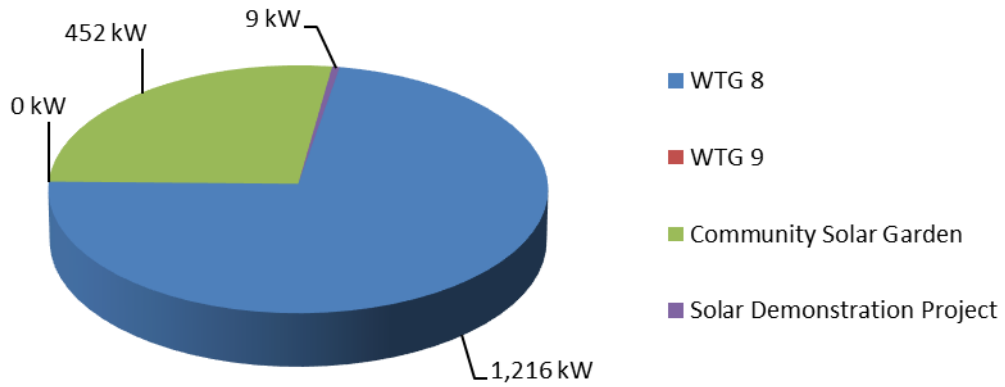
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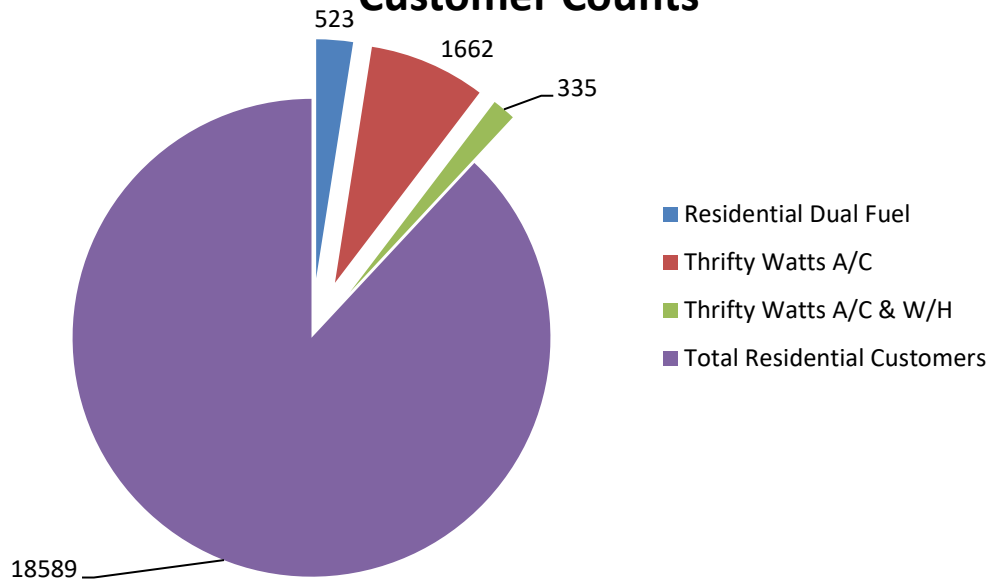
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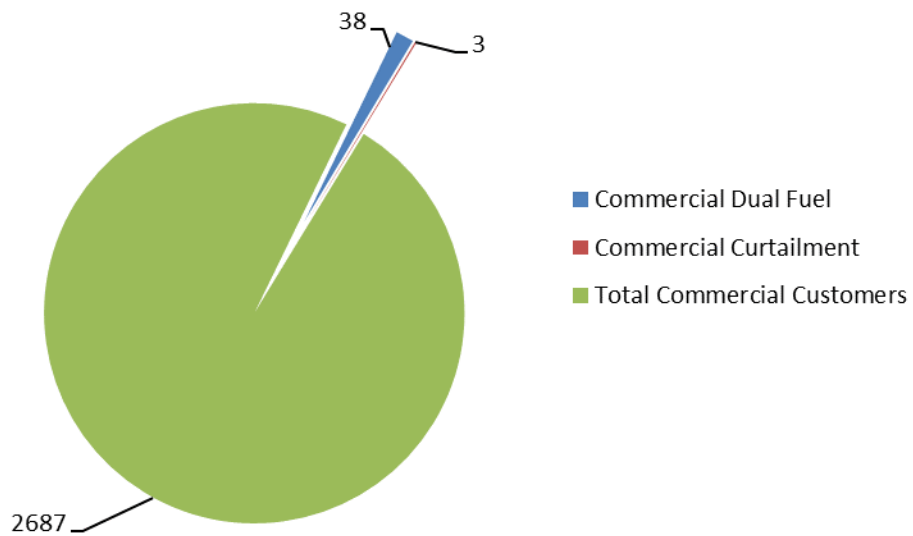
MPS Q4 Renewables Power Production



MPS Q4 Load Management Residential Customer Counts



MPS Q4 Load Management Commercial Customer Counts



MPS Q4 NERC Compliance Updates

Self-Certifications in Q4 2025

- None.

New NERC Standards in Q4 2025

- MPS began its annual review of its compliance with NERC Standards. The review and associated updates are expected to be completed early in the first quarter of 2026.

Updated NERC Standards in Q4 2025

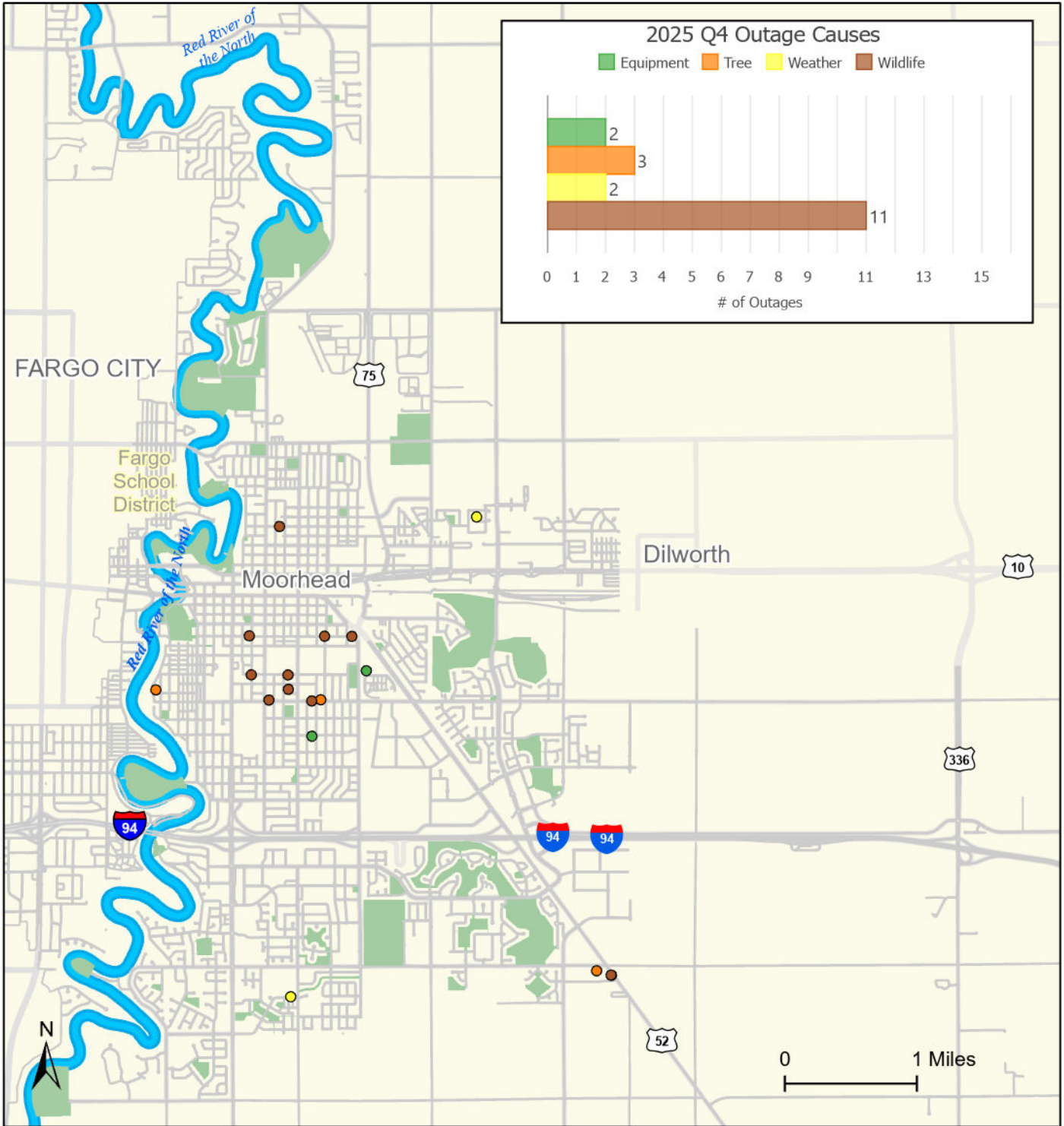
- None.

Other Compliance Updates

- MPS appointed a new CIP Senior Manager during the fourth quarter of 2025.

Electric Outage Q4 2025

- Q4 2025
- Equipment
 - Weather
 - Public
 - Wildlife
 - Tree
 - <all other values>
 - Electrical Failure



Outage Details:

Outages: 18
Outage Minutes: 817
Customer Minutes: 91,345

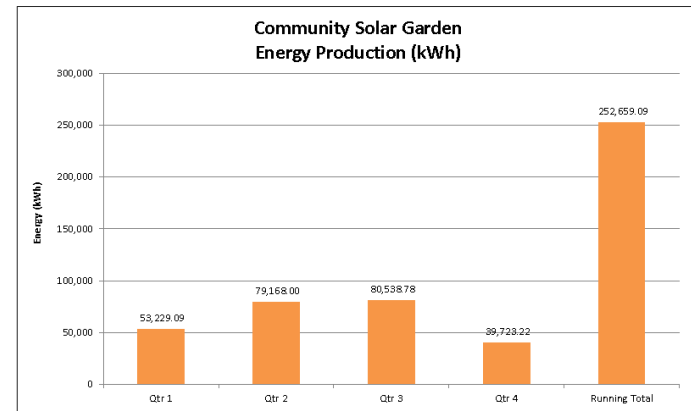
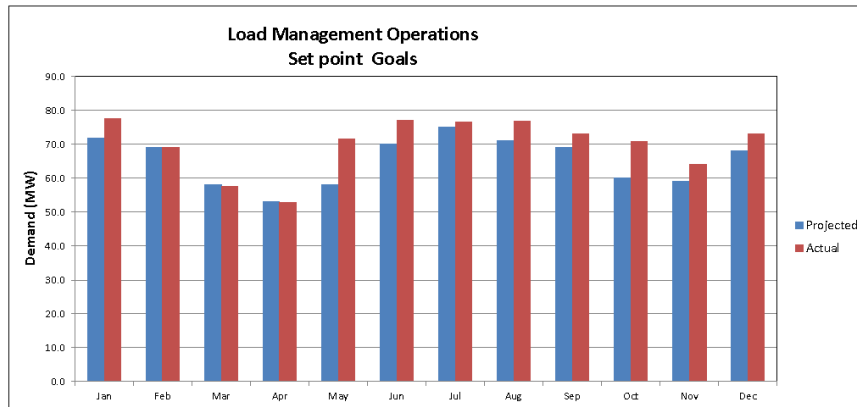
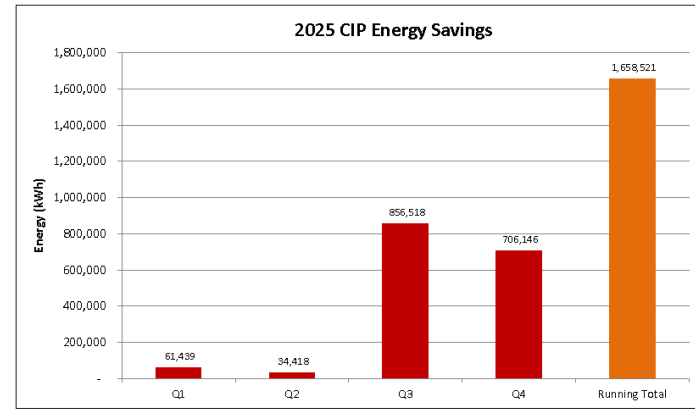
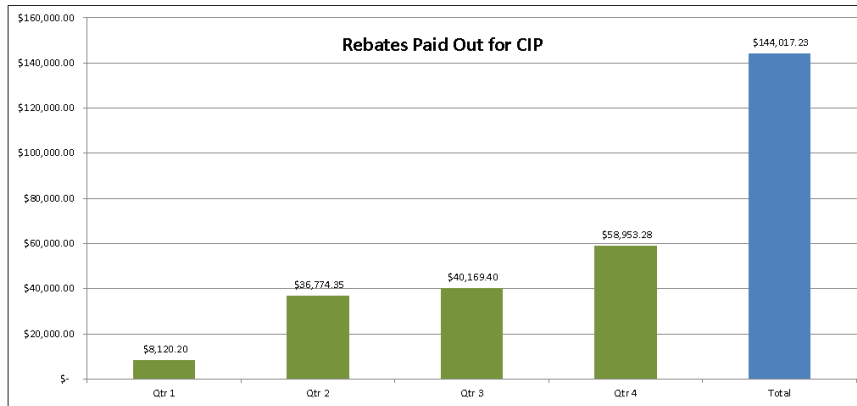
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SAIFI: 0.19
 Standard: 1.00 outages a year or less
 or 0.25 outages a quarter or less

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Energy Services Dashboard

2025 Quarter 4

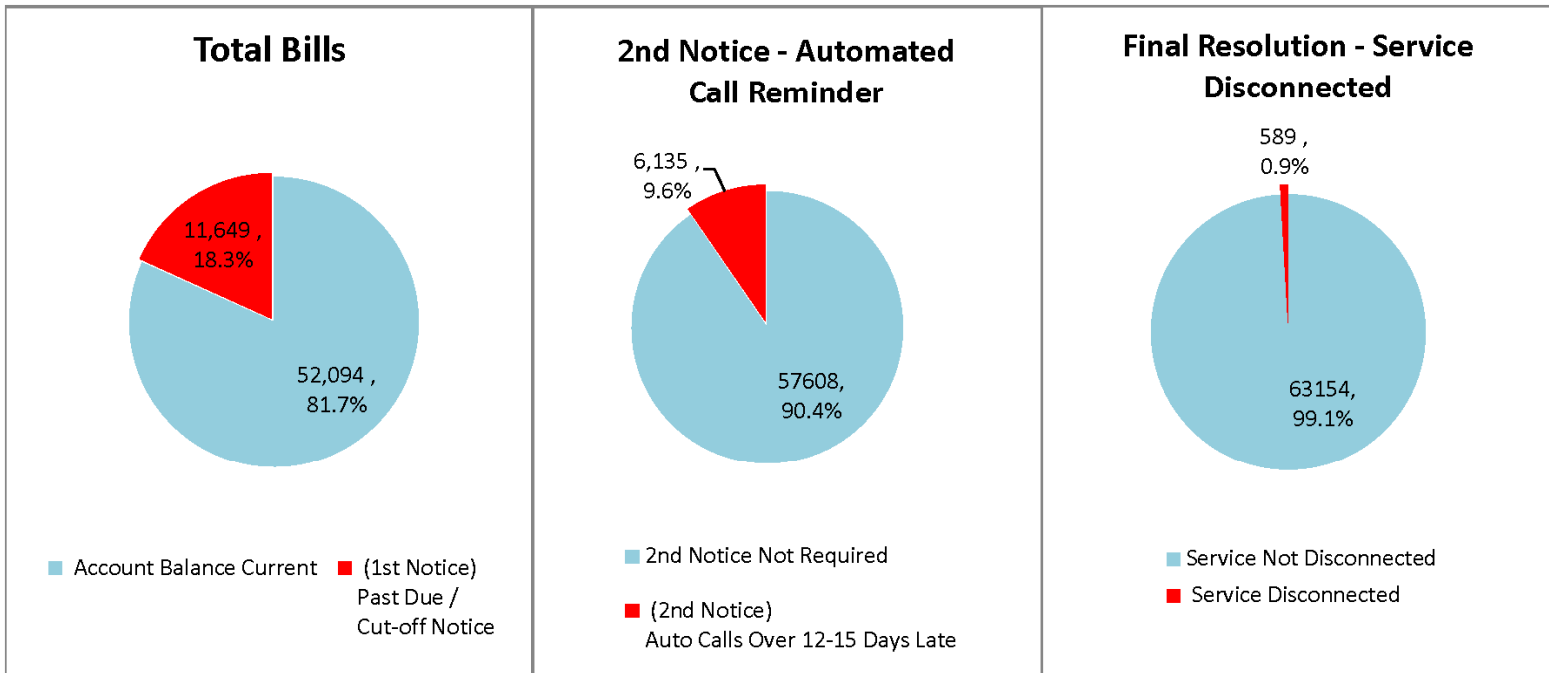


Moorhead Public Service Quarterly Billing and Collections Summary

Quarterly Totals

Q4 2025

Cycle	Billed	Account Balance		(1st Notice)	% Past	(2nd Notice)	% Requiring	Service	
		Current	% Current	Past Due / Cut-off Notice	Due	Auto Calls Over 12- 15 Days Late	2nd Notice	Disconnected	% Disconnected
10	4,605	3,811	82.8%	794	17.2%	359	7.8%	46	1.0%
20	4,415	3,569	80.8%	846	19.2%	428	9.7%	51	1.2%
30	4,954	3,663	73.9%	1,291	26.1%	745	15.0%	77	1.6%
50	5,374	4,614	85.9%	760	14.1%	374	7.0%	34	0.6%
60	6,315	5,223	82.7%	1,092	17.3%	579	9.2%	48	0.8%
70	8,001	6,224	77.8%	1,777	22.2%	1,037	13.0%	77	1.0%
80	4,972	3,911	78.7%	1,061	21.3%	583	11.7%	52	1.0%
85	6,650	5,443	81.8%	1,207	18.2%	720	10.8%	55	0.8%
90	7,260	6,322	87.1%	938	12.9%	441	6.1%	33	0.5%
95	11,197	9,314	83.2%	1,883	16.8%	869	7.8%	116	1.0%
Total	63,743	52,094	81.7%	11,649	18.3%	6,135	9.6%	589	0.9%



Moorhead Public Service Quarterly Billing and Collections Summary
Quarter-by-Quarter Recap

Cycle	Billed	Account Balance		(1st Notice)		(2nd Notice)		Service	
		Current	% Current	Past Due / Cut-off Notice	% Past Due	Auto Calls Over 12- 15 Days Late	% Requiring 2nd Notice	Disconnected	% Disconnected
2018 Q3	58,836	50,332	85.5%	8,504	14.5%	3,741	6.4%	645	1.1%
2018 Q4	59,737	51,313	85.9%	8,424	14.1%	3,447	5.8%	534	0.9%
2019 Q1	60,199	51,800	86.0%	8,399	14.0%	3,053	5.1%	229	0.4% *
2019 Q2	60,579	51,481	85.0%	9,098	15.0%	4,045	6.7%	364	0.6%
2019 Q3	59,505	49,916	83.9%	9,589	16.1%	4,197	7.1%	389	0.7%
2019 Q4	60,074	50,601	84.2%	9,473	15.8%	4,428	7.4%	188	0.3%
2020 Q1	63,127	53,785	85.2%	9,342	14.8%	2,636	4.2%	89	0.1% #
2020 Q2	61,045	51,336	84.1%	9,709	15.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0% #
2020 Q3	60,146	50,402	83.8%	9,744	16.2%	5,300	8.8%	0	0.0% #
2020 Q4	60,337	50,366	83.5%	9,971	16.5%	5,760	9.5%	0	0.0% #
2021 Q1	60,308	50,657	84.0%	9,651	16.0%	5,544	9.2%	63	0.1% %
2021 Q2	60,188	51,158	85.0%	9,030	15.0%	4,161	6.9%	719	1.2%
2021 Q3	60,262	51,008	84.6%	9,254	15.4%	4,705	7.8%	585	1.0%
2021 Q4	60,412	51,063	84.5%	9,349	15.5%	4,687	7.8%	393	0.7%
2022 Q1	60,560	51,078	84.3%	9,482	15.7%	4,322	7.1%	315	0.5%
2022 Q2	60,381	50,309	83.3%	10,072	16.7%	4,939	8.2%	370	0.6%
2022 Q3	60,458	50,490	83.5%	9,968	16.5%	5,239	8.7%	321	0.5%
2022 Q4	61,016	50,921	83.5%	10,095	16.5%	5,619	9.2%	310	0.5%
2023 Q1	61,460	50,602	82.3%	10,858	17.7%	5,695	9.3%	330	0.5%
2023 Q2	61,130	50,871	83.2%	10,259	16.8%	5,644	9.2%	517	0.8%
2023 Q3	61,141	49,965	81.7%	11,176	18.3%	5,892	9.6%	664	1.1% **
2023 Q4	61,494	50,398	82.0%	11,096	18.0%	5,527	9.0%	560	0.9%
2024 Q1	62,082	51,027	82.2%	11,055	17.8%	5,434	8.8%	569	0.9%
2024 Q2	61,769	51,075	82.7%	10,694	17.3%	5,705	9.2%	654	1.1%
2024 Q3	61,973	50,629	81.7%	11,344	18.3%	5,815	9.4%	645	1.0%
2024 Q4	62,349	50,774	81.4%	11,575	18.6%	5,852	9.4%	564	0.9%
2025 Q1	62,495	51,414	82.3%	11,081	17.7%	5,422	8.7%	520	0.8%
2025 Q2	62,173	50,595	81.4%	11,578	18.6%	5,546	8.9%	737	1.2%
2025 Q3	62,610	51,100	81.6%	11,510	18.4%	6,067	9.7%	638	1.0%
Total									

* Per city council and MN Department of Commerce direction, ceased disconnection of water or electric service to collect unpaid city charges.

Ceased service disconnections per PSC action related to COVID pandemic.

% Disconnections for non-payment reinstated May 2021

** Collection of unpaid city services initiated for residences with a separate water service.

Moorhead Public Service Quarterly Billing and Collections Summary
Quarter-by-Quarter Recap - State Energy (and Water*) Assistance

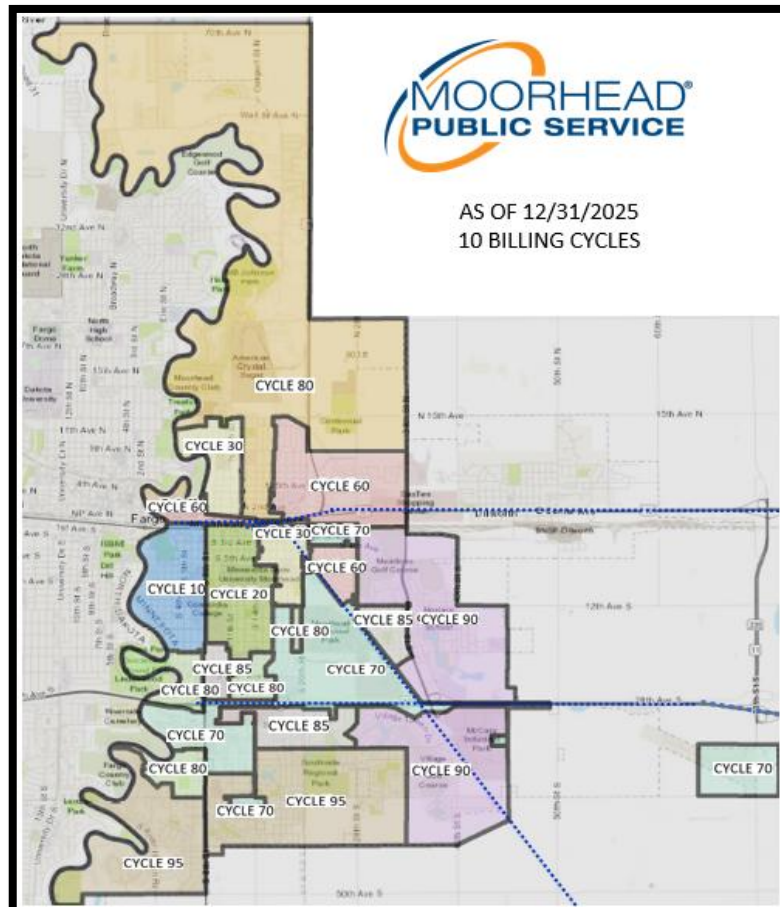
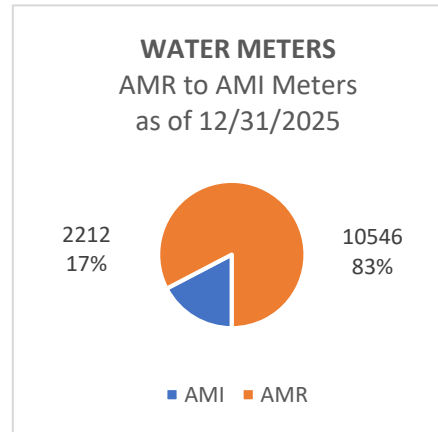
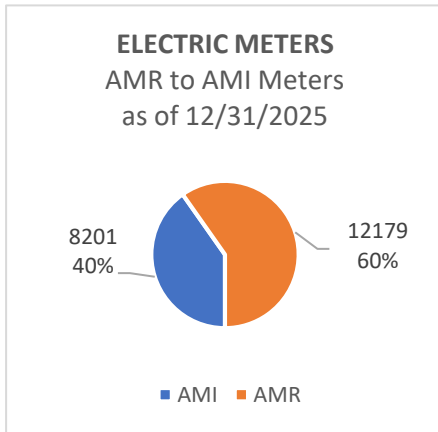
	Customers	Amount Received	Average Per Household
2020 Q1	1121	225,019.93	200.73
2020 Q2	717	169,331.87	236.17
2020 Q3	157	32,466.00	206.79
2020 Q4	488	79,015.00	161.92
Total 2020	1,330	505,832.80	380.33
2021 Q1	865	239,685.07	277.09
2021 Q2	724	267,529.23	369.52
2021 Q3	538	195,205.03	362.83
2021 Q4	625	633,298.66	1,013.28 *Water Assistance Started
Total 2021	1,501	1,335,717.99	889.89
2022 Q1	795	638,937.37	803.69
2022 Q2	668	378,506.13	566.63
2022 Q3	1,138	170,764.68	150.06
2022 Q4	673	312,725.80	464.67
Total 2022	1,667	1,500,933.98	900.38
2023 Q1	882	411,873.00	466.98
2023 Q2	817	400,588.05	490.32
2023 Q3	271	52,458.00	193.57 *Water Assistance Ended
2023 Q4	917	281,192.62	306.64
Total 2023	1,606	1,146,111.67	713.64
2024 Q1	601	201,551.38	335.36
2024 Q2	312	84,461.73	270.71
2024 Q3	24	2,579.00	107.46
2024 Q4	991	348,850.68	352.02
Total 2024	1,400	637,442.79	455.32
2025 Q1	538	190,888.00	354.81
2025 Q2	272	80,933.00	297.55
2025 Q3	10	2,565.00	256.50
2025 Q4	758	262,027.42	345.68
Total 2024	1,578	536,413	339.93

MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE

AMR Meters to AMI Meters

As of 12/31/2025

Cycle	Electric		Water		Grand Total
	AMI	AMR	AMI	AMR	
Cycle 10	1522	41	28	440	2031
Cycle 20	1500	27	884	147	2558
Cycle 30	1695	21	824	82	2622
Cycle 50	268	910	37	1360	2575
Cycle 60	1932	90	51	1295	3368
Cycle 70	467	1715	229	911	3322
Cycle 80	518	1206	62	807	2593
Cycle 85	85	2143	10	1051	3289
Cycle 90	66	2425	16	1651	4158
Cycle 95	148	3601	71	2802	6622
Grand Total	8201	12179	2212	10546	33138



MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE
PRELIMINARY, UNAUDITED SUMMARY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION
ELECTRIC DIVISION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2025

CURRENT QUARTER	QUARTER BUDGET	VAR FR BDGT	VAR %	PRIOR YR QUARTER	PR YR VAR	PR YR CHG	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VAR FR BDGT	VAR %	PRIOR YR	PR YR VAR	PR YR CHG
OPERATING REVENUE													
9,963,543	9,545,079	418,464	4%	10,054,172	(90,628)	-1%	42,468,115	42,372,029	96,086	0%	41,360,911	1,107,204	3%
1,029,659	737,787	291,872	40%	623,693	405,965	65%	3,311,598	2,946,697	364,901	12%	2,818,518	493,080	17%
10,993,202	10,282,866	710,336	7%	10,677,865	315,337	3%	45,779,713	45,318,726	460,987	1%	44,179,429	1,600,284	4%
OPERATING EXPENSES													
51,488	58,860	(7,372)	-13%	54,244	(2,756)	-5%	201,582	260,420	(58,838)	-23%	263,463	(61,880)	-23%
4,534,580	4,032,526	502,054	12%	4,024,469	510,110	13%	18,965,667	18,795,256	170,411	1%	17,585,735	1,379,931	8%
617,476	755,210	(137,734)	-18%	581,099	36,376	6%	2,387,239	2,876,320	(489,081)	-17%	2,337,240	49,999	2%
962,729	692,380	270,349	39%	1,018,920	(56,192)	-6%	3,411,784	3,325,280	86,504	3%	3,139,645	272,139	9%
163,135	229,330	(66,195)	-29%	187,026	(23,891)	-13%	695,346	812,600	(117,254)	-14%	634,745	60,600	10%
4,980	5,025	(45)	-1%	11,817	(6,837)	-58%	41,725	27,625	14,100	51%	16,159	25,566	158%
(5,925)	54,470	(60,395)	-111%	29,820	(35,745)	-120%	49,321	210,700	(161,379)	-77%	72,184	(22,863)	-32%
1,092,219	1,008,428	83,791	8%	1,430,661	(338,442)	-24%	3,712,546	3,193,448	519,098	16%	3,851,988	(139,442)	-4%
1,031,808	544,530	487,278	89%	720,478	311,331	43%	4,132,443	2,592,900	1,539,543	59%	2,983,850	1,148,593	38%
25,836	25,780	56	0%	25,836	0	0%	103,344	103,000	344	0%	103,344	0	0%
8,478,325	7,406,539	1,071,786	14%	8,084,372	393,954	5%	33,700,997	32,197,549	1,503,448	5%	30,988,353	2,712,644	9%
2,514,877	2,876,327	(361,450)	-13%	2,593,493	(78,616)	-3%	12,078,716	13,121,177	(1,042,461)	-8%	13,191,076	(1,112,360)	-8%
NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)													
83,250	64,530	18,720	29%	83,250	0	0%	333,000	333,000	0	0%	333,000	0	0%
475,011	246,591	228,420	93%	(46,999)	522,010	-1111%	2,370,687	981,911	1,388,776	141%	2,351,400	19,286	1%
129,716	98,980	30,736	31%	64,674	65,042	101%	264,903	163,220	101,683	62%	346,150	(81,247)	-23%
(299,971)	(350,393)	50,422	-14%	(1,491,286)	1,191,315	-80%	(1,224,924)	(1,466,873)	241,949	-16%	(1,565,965)	341,041	-22%
388,006	59,708	328,298	550%	(1,390,360)	1,778,367	-128%	1,743,665	11,258	1,732,407	15388%	1,464,585	279,080	19%
2,902,883	2,936,035	(33,152)	-1%	1,203,133	1,699,750	141%	13,822,381	13,132,435	689,946	5%	14,655,661	(833,280)	-6%
TRANSFERS TO CITY													
(1,900,030)	(1,900,030)	0	0%	(1,868,900)	(31,130)	2%	(7,600,000)	(7,600,000)	0	0%	(7,475,000)	(125,000)	2%
(13,100)	(13,100)	0	0%	(13,100)	0	0%	(50,000)	(50,000)	0	0%	(50,000)	0	0%
(504,000)	(585,415)	81,415	-14%	(540,766)	36,766	-7%	(2,016,000)	(2,097,415)	81,415	-4%	(2,025,766)	9,766	0%
(2,417,130)	(2,498,545)	81,415	-3%	(2,422,766)	5,636	0%	(9,666,000)	(9,747,415)	81,415	-1%	(9,550,766)	(115,234)	1%
103,663	0	103,663	0%	143,797	(40,134)	-28%	185,756	0	185,756	0%	1,545,034	(1,359,278)	-88%
589,417	437,490	151,927	35%	(1,075,836)	1,665,252	-155%	4,342,137	3,385,020	957,117	28%	6,649,929	(2,307,792)	-35%
589,417	437,490	151,927	35%	(1,075,836)	1,665,252	-155%	4,342,137	3,385,020	957,117	28%	6,649,929	(2,307,792)	-35%

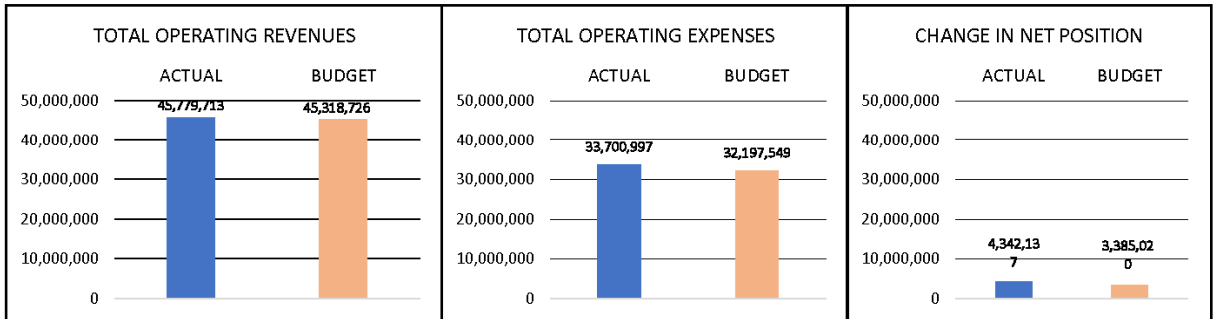
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Due to cooler than expected temperatures during the fourth quarter which led to increased heating needs, preliminary, unaudited Total Operating Revenues were 7% over budget for the quarter and 1% over budget for the year-to-date.

Total Operating Expenses were 14% over budget for the quarter but 8% under budget for the year-to-date. Within Operating Expenses, total Purchased Power expenses were 12% over budget for the quarter but ended up only 1% over budget for the year.

For the quarter, Non-Operating items generated \$328,000 more revenue than expected, and for the year-to-date, Non-Operating items generated just over \$1.7 million more than budgeted. The vast majority of the revenue was generated from interest earned and market valuation increases on investments. As a result, the Income Before Transfers was 5% over budget for the year.

The combination of Operating and Non-operating items resulted in a change in Net Position that was \$151,000 over under budget for the quarter and just over \$950,000 over budget for the year.



Days Cash On Hand Summary

Cash and Reserves	Budget Daily Exp	Calc. Days on Hand	Req'd Days	Excess or (Deficit) Days
39,189,153	107,532	364	200	164

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2025

MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE
PRELIMINARY UNAUDITED SUMMARY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION
WATER DIVISION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2025

CURRENT QUARTER	QUARTER BUDGET	VAR FR BDGT	VAR %	PRIOR YR QUARTER	PR YR VAR	PR YR CHG		YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VAR FR BDGT	VAR %	PRIOR YR	PR YR VAR	PR YR CHG
							OPERATING REVENUE							
2,988,109	2,801,610	186,499	7%	2,981,298	6,810		0%	12,188,804	12,054,210	134,594	1%	12,068,427	120,377	1%
5,769	21,373	(15,604)	-73%	39,861	(34,092)		-86%	25,483	35,953	(10,470)	-29%	60,939	(35,456)	-58%
2,993,878	2,822,983	170,895	6%	3,021,159	(27,281)		-1%	12,214,287	12,090,163	124,124	1%	12,129,366	84,921	1%
							TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES							
							OPERATING EXPENSES							
107,389	87,794	19,595	22%	98,723	8,666		9%	367,198	390,304	(23,106)	-6%	403,548	(36,350)	-9%
1,178,893	1,126,727	52,166	5%	1,080,596	98,297		9%	4,177,049	4,458,137	(281,088)	-6%	4,543,407	(366,359)	-8%
329,452	430,678	(101,226)	-24%	451,008	(121,556)		-27%	1,421,901	1,489,148	(67,247)	-5%	1,350,929	70,972	5%
73,680	130,373	(56,693)	-43%	97,451	(23,770)		-24%	351,375	440,133	(88,758)	-20%	355,206	(3,831)	-1%
252	1,010	(758)	-75%	776	(524)		-68%	1,642	2,150	(508)	-24%	962	680	71%
526,930	410,354	116,576	28%	730,590	(203,660)		-28%	2,046,179	1,812,414	233,765	13%	2,009,757	36,422	2%
643,551	578,680	64,871	11%	596,679	46,871		8%	2,574,203	2,314,600	259,603	11%	2,381,469	192,735	8%
2,860,147	2,765,616	94,531	3%	3,055,823	(195,676)		-6%	10,939,546	10,906,886	32,660	0%	11,045,278	(105,731)	-1%
							TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES							
133,731	57,367	76,364	133%	(34,664)	168,395		-486%	1,274,741	1,183,277	91,464	8%	1,084,088	190,653	18%
							OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)							
							NON-OPERATING INCOME/(EXPENSE)							
55,500	43,000	12,500	29%	55,500	0		0%	222,000	222,000	0	0%	222,000	0	0%
105,686	46,350	59,336	128%	(12,455)	118,141		-94%	591,971	162,500	429,471	264%	514,427	77,544	15%
28,845	57,020	(28,175)	-49%	22,086	6,759		31%	103,879	109,350	(5,471)	-5%	111,414	(7,534)	-7%
(131,281)	(135,555)	4,274	-3%	(280,003)	148,722		-53%	(541,682)	(520,765)	(20,917)	4%	(673,291)	131,609	-20%
58,750	10,815	47,935	443%	(214,872)	273,622		-127%	376,168	(26,915)	403,083	-1498%	174,549	201,619	116%
							NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)							
192,481	68,182	124,299	182%	(249,536)	442,017		-177%	1,650,909	1,156,362	494,547	43%	1,258,637	392,272	31%
							INCOME(LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS							
							TRANSFERS TO CITY							
(131,250)	(192,220)	60,970	-32%	(205,100)	73,850		-36%	(525,000)	(604,510)	79,510	-13%	(605,600)	80,600	-13%
(31,500)	(31,500)	0	0%	(31,500)	0		0%	(126,000)	(126,000)	0	0%	(126,000)	0	0%
(162,750)	(223,720)	60,970	-27%	(236,600)	73,850		-31%	(651,000)	(730,510)	79,510	-11%	(731,600)	80,600	-11%
							TOTAL CITY TRANSFERS							
1,126,125	0	1,126,125	0%	1,099,146	26,979		2%	1,181,215	0	1,181,215	0%	1,118,975	62,239	6%
							CONTRIBUTIONS & OTHER ITEMS							
1,155,856	(155,538)	1,311,394	-843%	613,010	542,847		89%	2,181,123	425,852	1,755,271	412%	1,646,012	535,111	33%
							CHANGE IN NET POSITION							
1,155,856	(155,538)	1,311,394	-843%	613,010	542,847		89%	2,181,123	425,852	1,755,271	412%	1,646,012	535,111	33%
							CHECK FIGURE							

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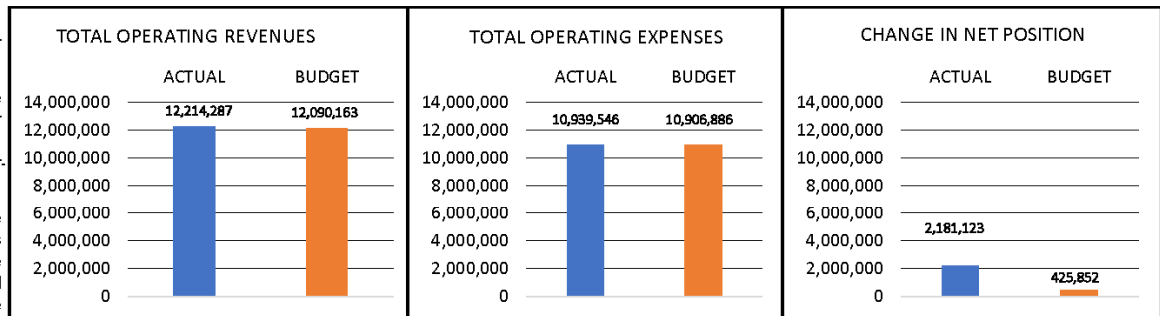
Preliminary, unaudited Total Operating Revenues were 6% over budget for the quarter and were 1% over budget for the year-to-date.

Total Operating Expenses were 3% over budget for the quarter and were within 1% over budget for the year-to-date. Within the Expenses, poor water quality in the river and aquifer resulted in Water Treatment costs coming in 5% over budget for the quarter while ending up 6% under budget for the year-to-date.

Net Non-Operating items exceeded the budgeted non-operating net expense by nearly \$124,000 for the quarter while for the year, net non-operating items exceeded budgeted non-operating expense by just over \$403,000. The largest contributor within this account group was higher than expected interest income and book market value gains on investments throughout the year.

Income Before Transfers was 182% under budget for the quarter and 43% over budget for the year.

The combination of Operating, Non-operating, and contributed items resulted in the Change in Net Position for the quarter to be over budget by just over \$1.3 million and just over \$1.75 million for the year-to-date. The primary reason was due to the contribution of water mains in new developments that were transferred from the city to MPS at the city's cost.



FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2025

Days Cash On Hand Summary				
Cash and Reserves	Budget Daily Exp	Calc. Days on Hand	Req'd Days	Excess or (Deficit) Days
11,417,059	25,542	446	225	221

Human Resources Quarterly Dashboard

2025 Quarter 4

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Employee Counts Reported

(Full-time and part-time employees to include paid Commissioners)

October 2025	71
November 2025	67
December 2025	67

New Hires Processed During Quarter

(Payroll Setup / Federal E-Verify (I-9) Processed / MN New Hire Reporting)

Full-time	1
Part-time and Commissioners	1
Total	2

Full-Time Separations Processed During Quarter

(State PERA Reporting / (COBRA) Health Insurance Notifications)

2

OSHA / Workers Compensation Reporting

Total Injury Incidents Reported During Quarter	2
OSHA Form 301 Recordable Incident Reports Initiated*	1
Workers Compensation First Claims Initiated**	1

* Only incidents that require attention from a medical provider are reported on OSHA Form 301 incident reports. Per OSHA recordkeeping requirements, minor injuries requiring only routine first aid attention do not need to be recorded.

** Workers' Compensation Filings submitted when there is notification of an office visit, medical visit or other situation that may have a financial or cost impact.

Quarterly Reporting and Testing Requirements

Completed

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Quarterly Random Tests Completed X

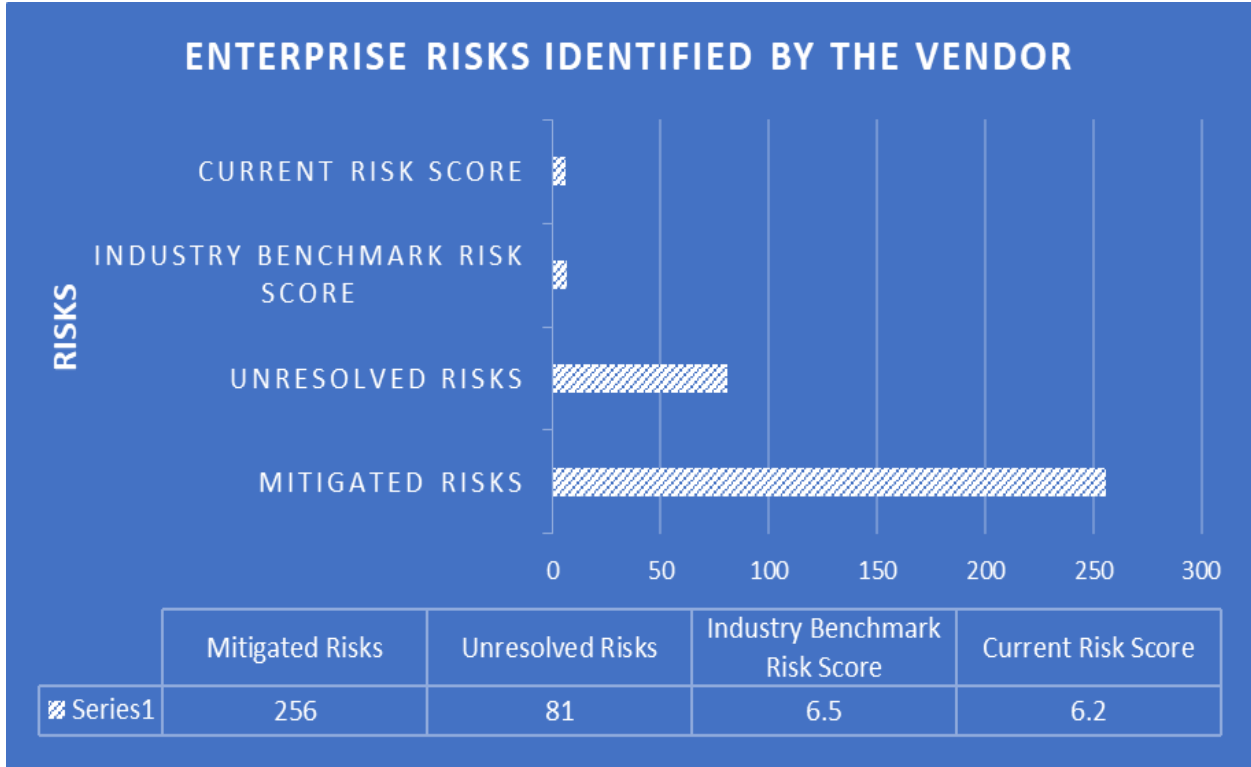
The following are completed during the first month following the end of the quarter:

Federal Quarterly Withholding Tax Reported / Filed	X
MN State Quarterly Withholding Tax Reported / Filed	X
ND Quarterly Withholding Tax Reported / Filed	X
MN Quarterly Unemployment Insurance Income Reported / Filed	X

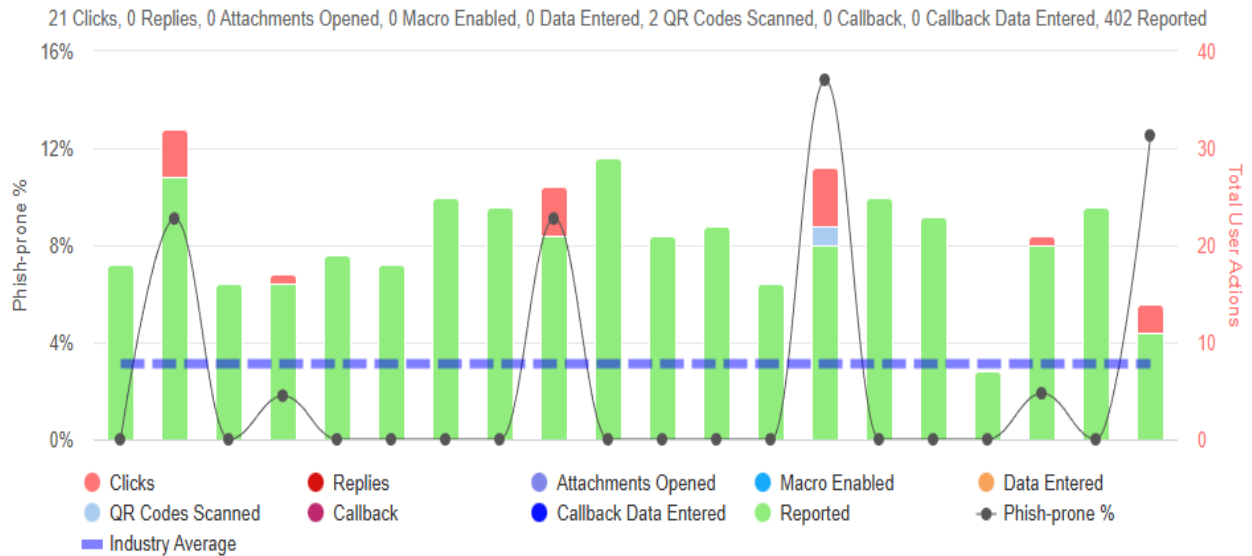
Other Items During Quarter

Payments to benefit providers made using 2025 rates X

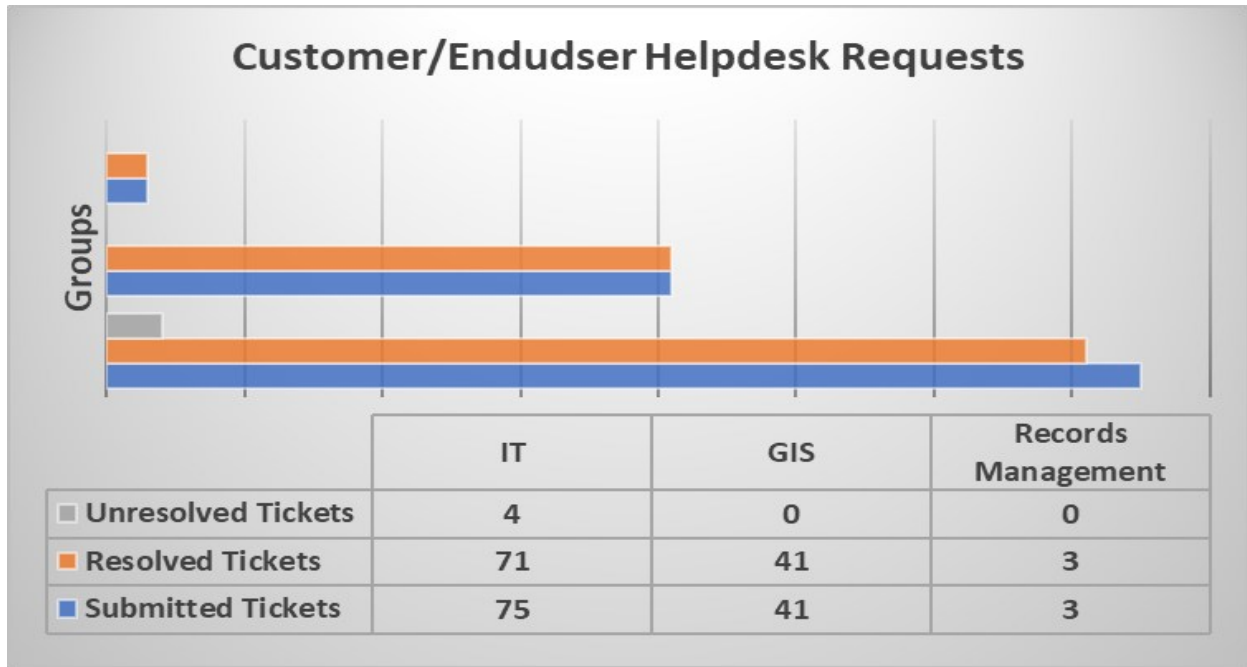
Enterprise Risk Identified by the Vendor



Phishing Security Test -Last 3 Months

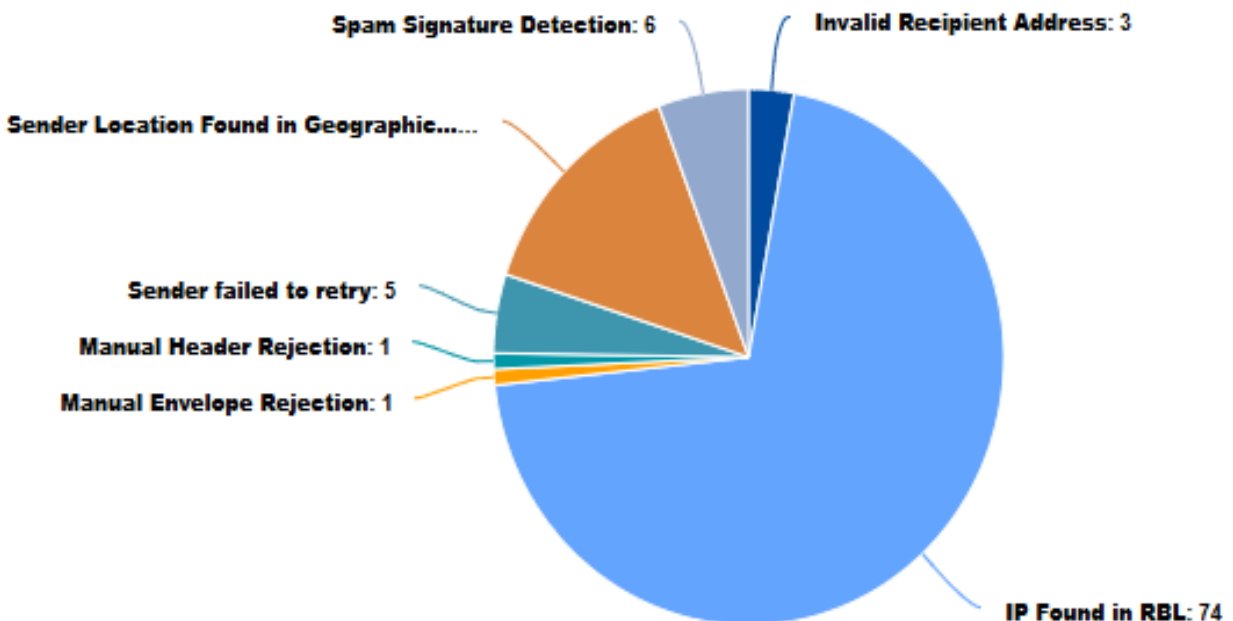


Technical Requests Made by MPS User

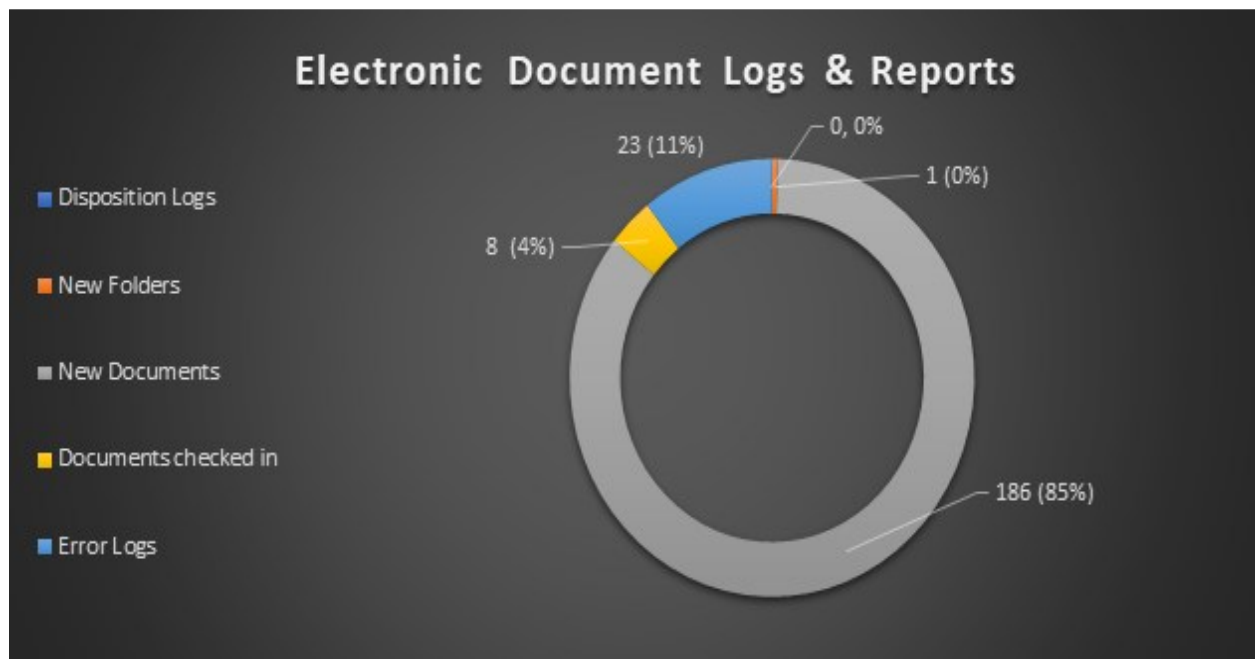


Inbound Email Volume Rejection Overview

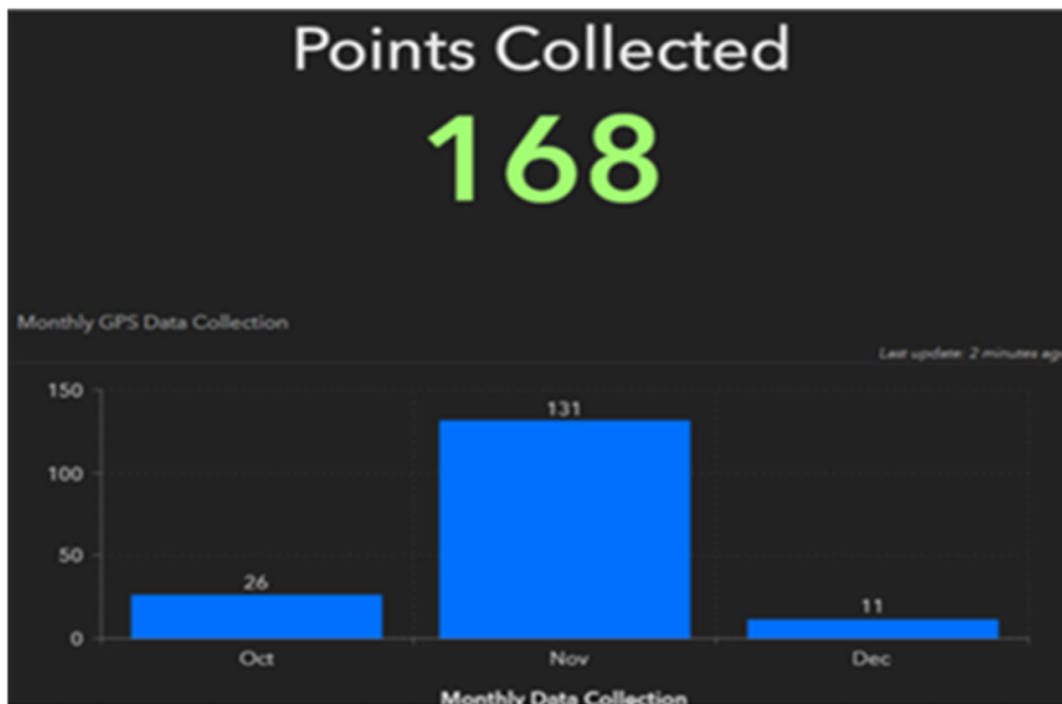
Total Rejection Count: 105



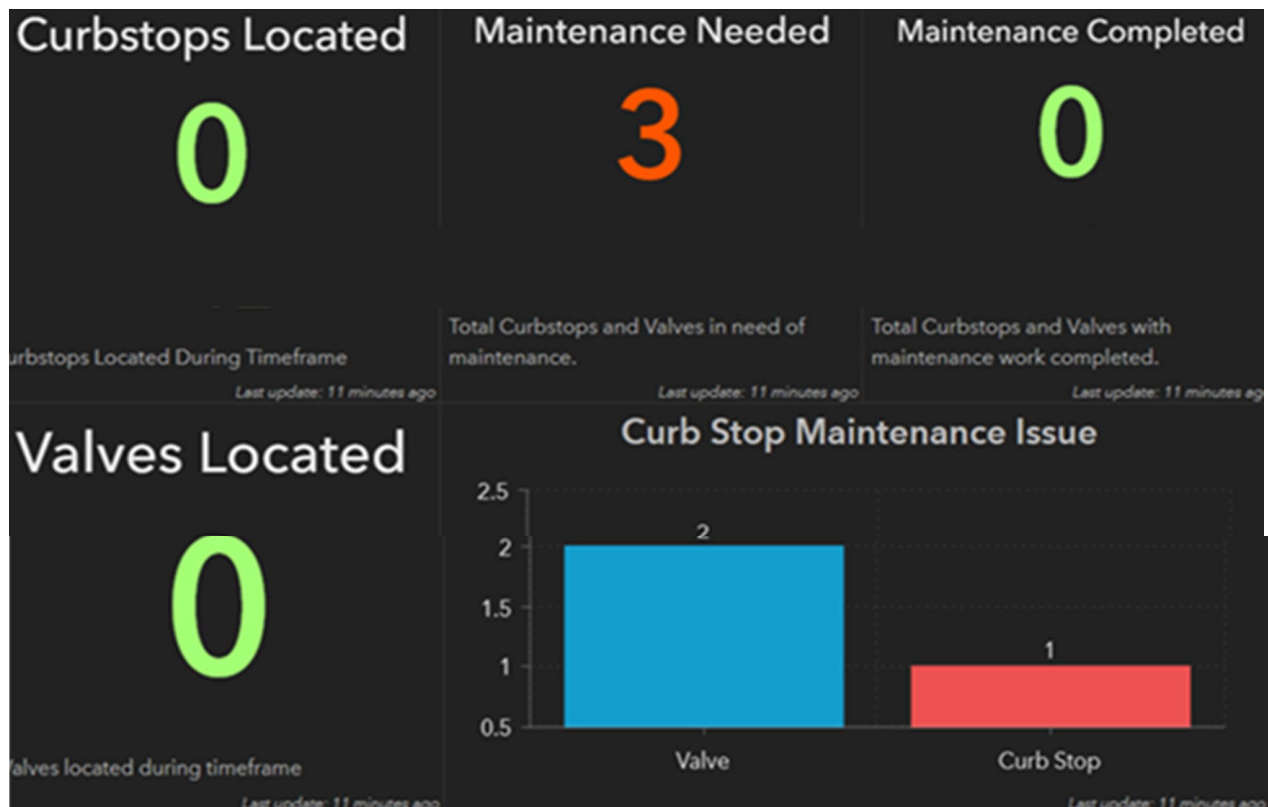
MPS Records Management New Inventory



GPS Points Collected—Water Facilities



Water Distribution Maintenance



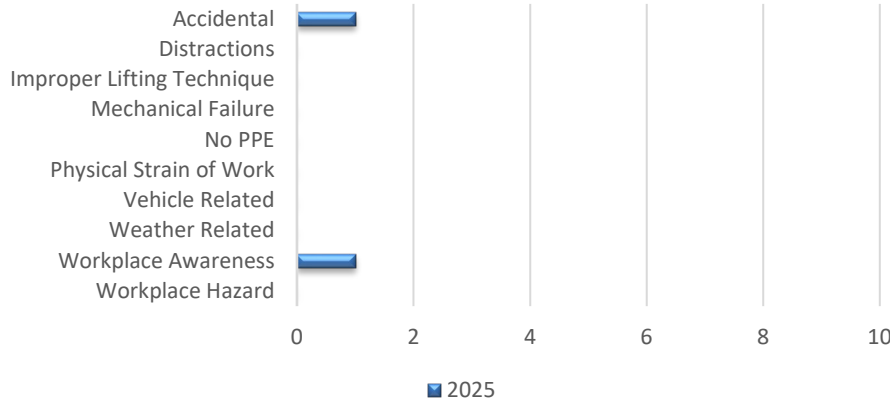
SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Safety Committee meets every month to discuss upcoming safety training topics, address safety concerns, and review injury reports, when needed.

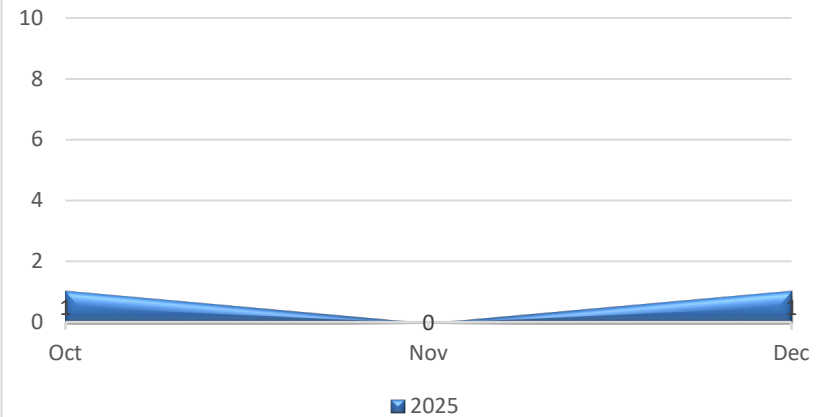
4TH QUARTER OF 2025

There were two injuries reported and one near-miss reported during the fourth quarter of 2025.

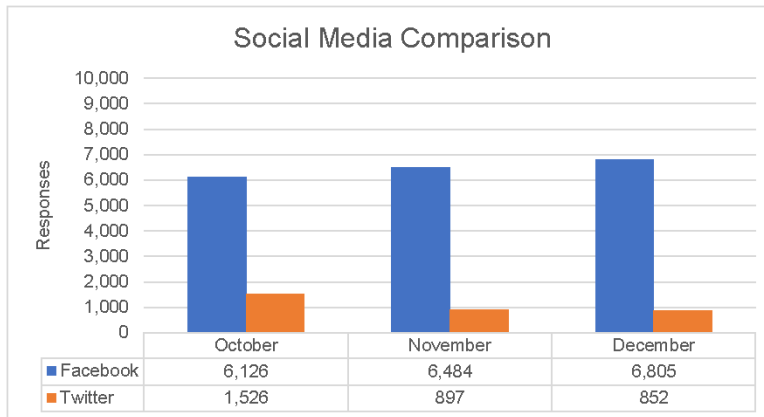
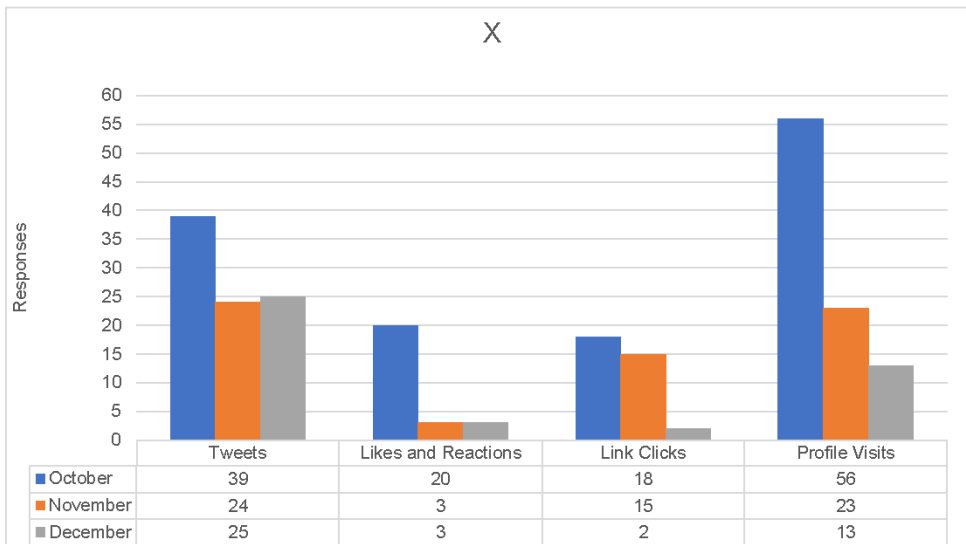
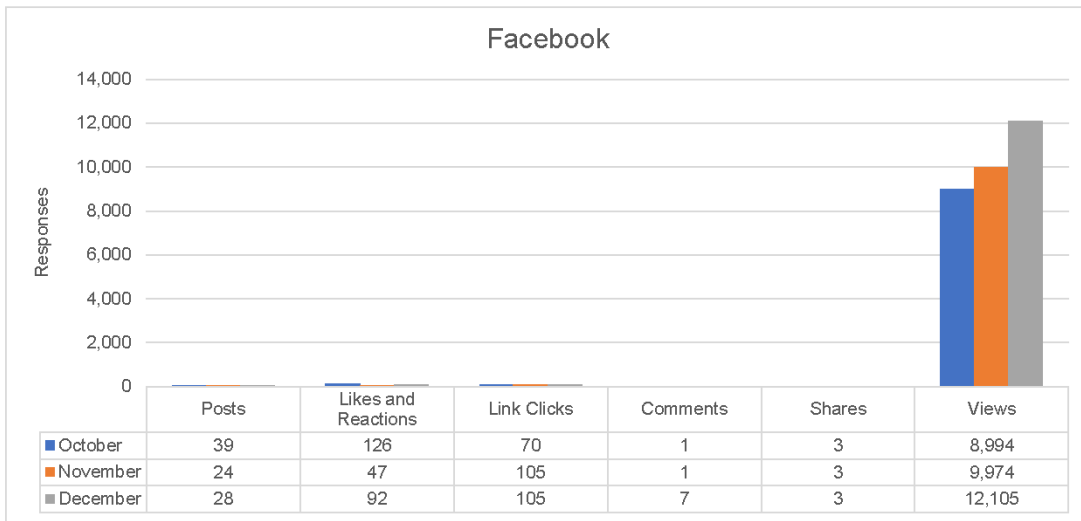
Injuries by Type



Injuries by Month



SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS - 1ST QUARTER



Audience

Demograph...

Trends

Potential audience

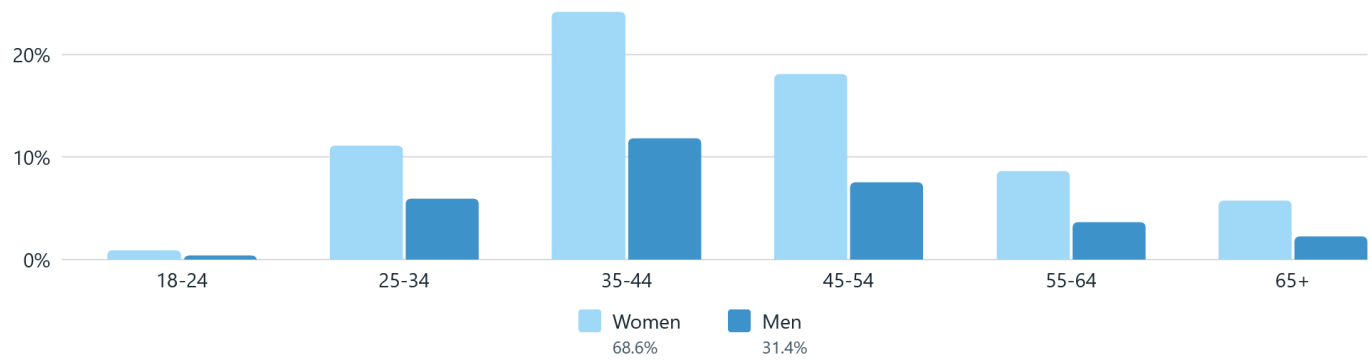
Followers ⓘ

Lifetime

3,284

Age & gender ⓘ

30%



Top cities

Moorhead, MN

50.5%

Fargo, ND

14.4%

Oakport, MN

3.6%

Dilworth, MN

3.2%

West Fargo, ND

1.5%

Glyndon, MN

0.7%

Hawley, MN

0.7%

Barnesville, MN

0.5%

Sabin, MN

0.5%

Briarwood, ND

0.4%

Top

countries

United States

102.2%

Canada

0.1%

Indonesia

0.1%

Iraq

0.1%

New Zealand

0.1%

Nigeria

0.1%

Philippines

0.1%

Thailand

0.1%

Water Division 4th Quarter 2025 Dashboard



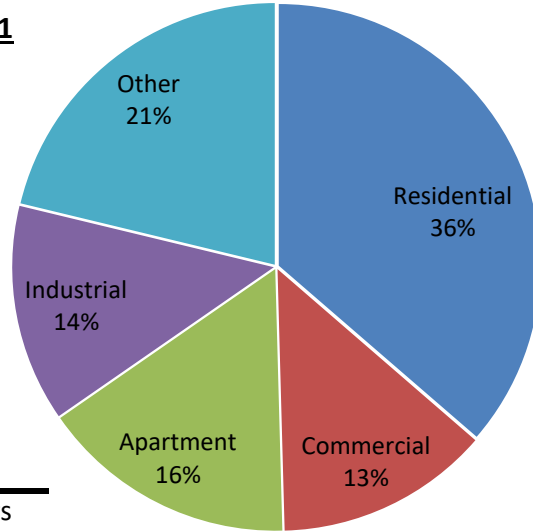
What Are We Known For?

- Class A Surface Water Treatment Plant
- Ozone Disinfection
- Great Tasting Water
- Innovative Staff
- Leaders in the field

2025 4th Quarter Water Division (Gallons) = 313,076,161

Revenue Mix:		Water usage
36%	Residential	113,800,675
13%	Commercial	41,377,804
16%	Apartment	49,441,454
13%	Industrial	41,989,728
21%	Other	66,466,500

Gallons By User Type



Customer Base

Residential Customers	12,089
Commercial Customers	818
Apartment Customers	432
Industrial Customers	3
Regional Customers	1
Other Customers	0

13,343
Customers

Water Quality Sampling Protocol

Bacteriological Samples

Sampled	Passed	Percent
150	150	100%

Stage 1 Disinfectant Byproduct Rule - Bromate Samples

Sampled	Passed	Percent
3	3	100%

LT 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule - Turbidity

Sampled	Passed	Percent
552	552	100%

Trihalomethanes & Haloacetic Acids

Sampled	Passed	Percent
4	4	100%

Fluoride Samples

Sampled	Low	High
276	0.59 mg/L	0.78 mg/L

Total Organic Carbon Internal Samples

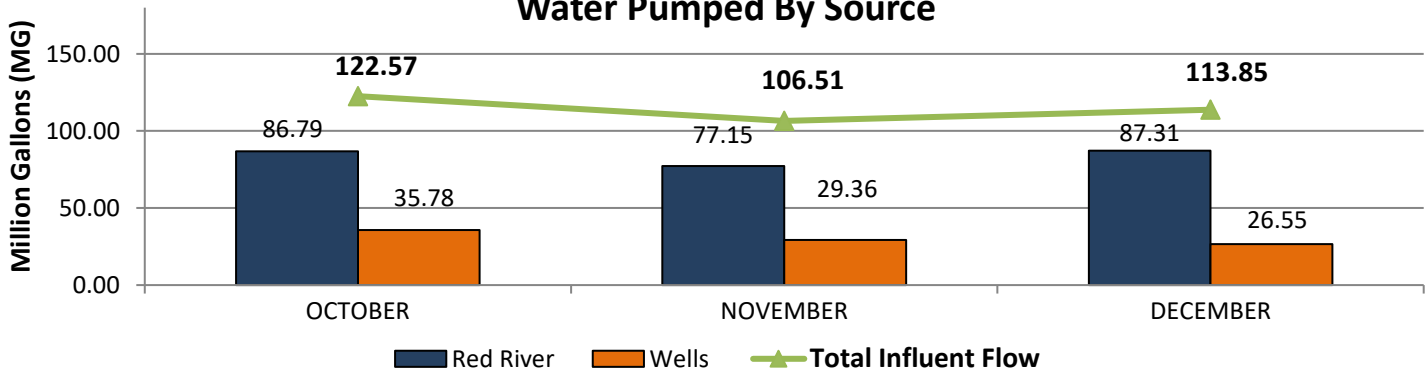
Sampled	Passed	Percent
184	184	100%

Stage 1 DBP Rule - Alk & TOC Reduction Samples

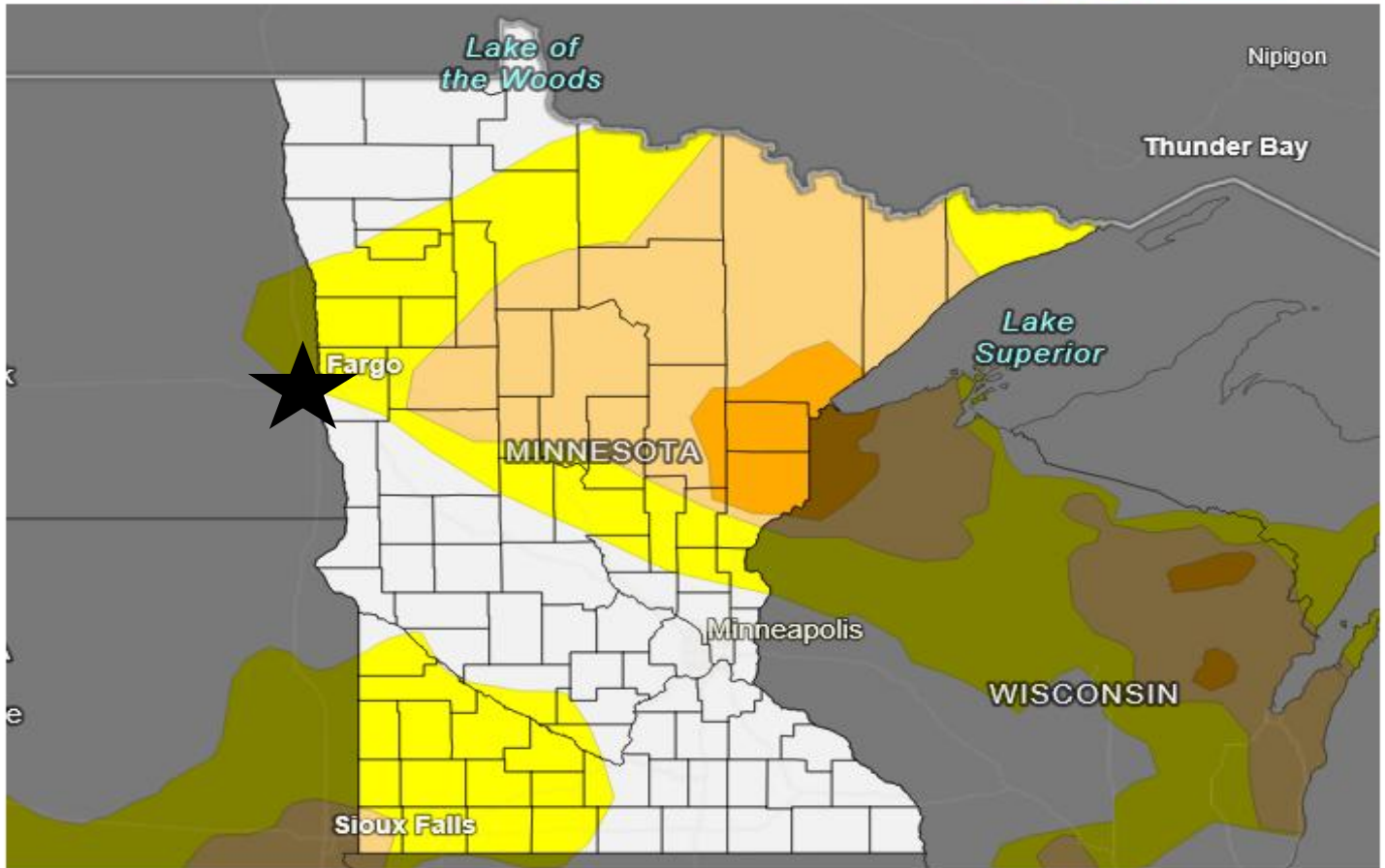
Sampled	Passed	Percent
3	3	100%

General Water Quality Parameters for new Lead and Copper Rule Improvements

Water Pumped By Source



U.S. Drought Monitor



Drought & Dryness Categories

	% of MN
D0 – Abnormally Dry	30.0%
D1 – Moderate Drought	25.6%
D2 – Severe Drought	4.2%
D3 – Extreme Drought	0.0%
D4 – Exceptional Drought	0.0%
Total Area in Drought (D1–D4)	29.9%

Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA
Data Valid: 01/13/26

Drought.gov

Drought conditions currently alleviated by more regular precipitation and increased soil moisture

January 15, 2025 - January 15, 2026

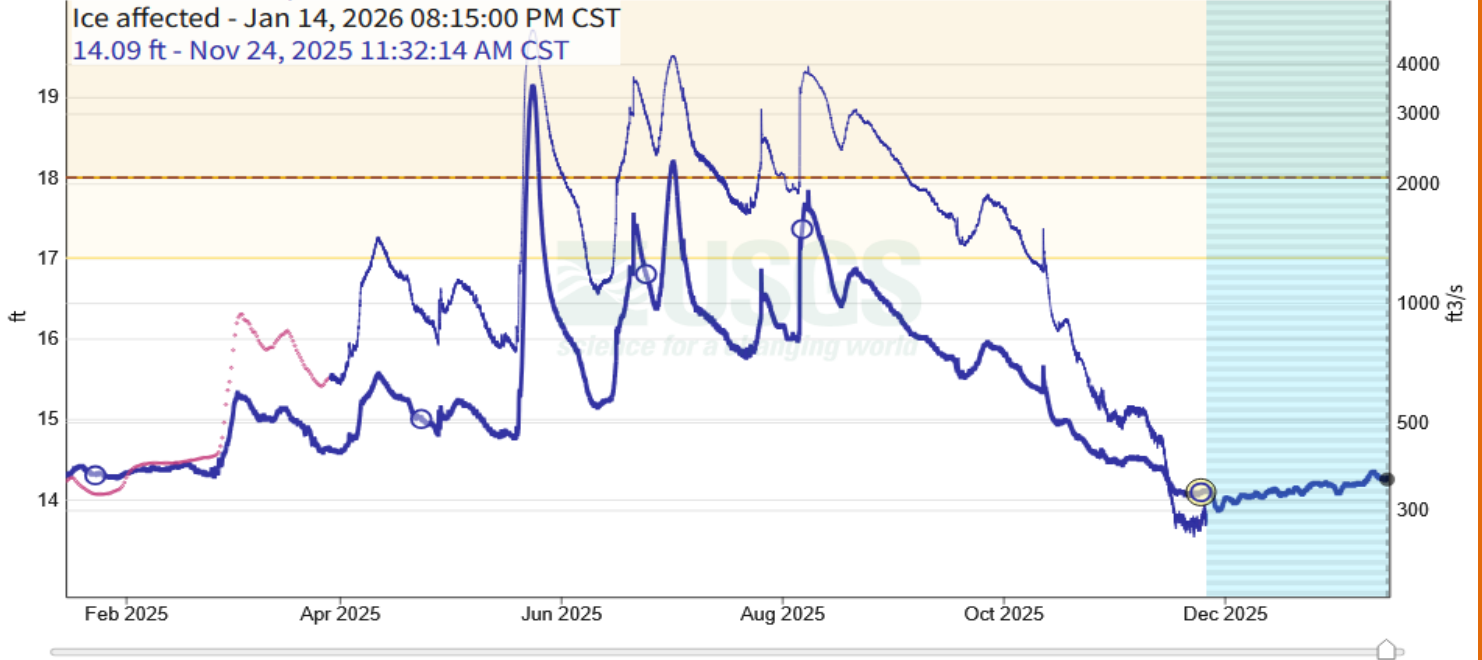
Gage height, feet

Discharge, cubic feet per second

14.25 ft - Jan 14, 2026 08:15:00 PM CST

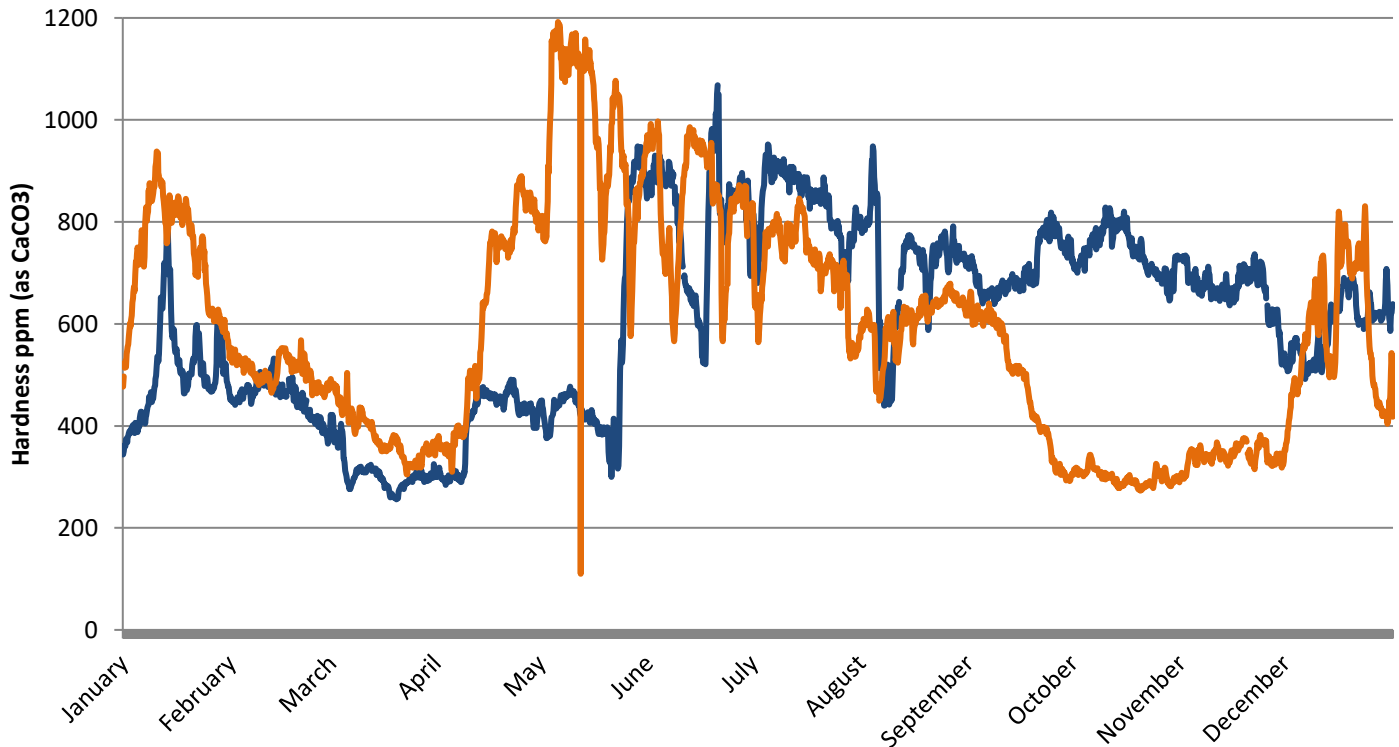
Ice affected - Jan 14, 2026 08:15:00 PM CST

14.09 ft - Nov 24, 2025 11:32:14 AM CST



— Recorded
— Estimated
Ice affected
-- National Weather Service Flood Stage: 18 ft

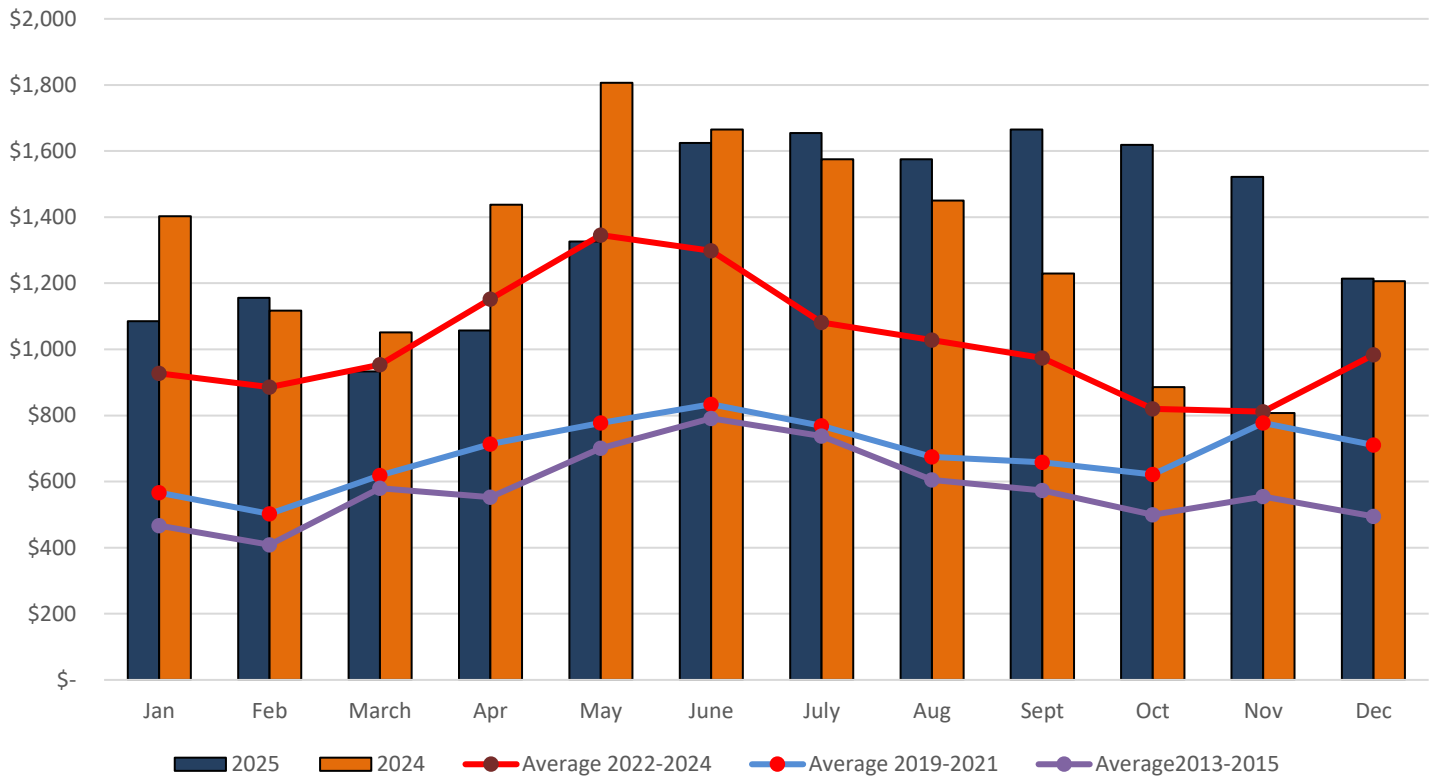
Total Hardness Comparison Red River



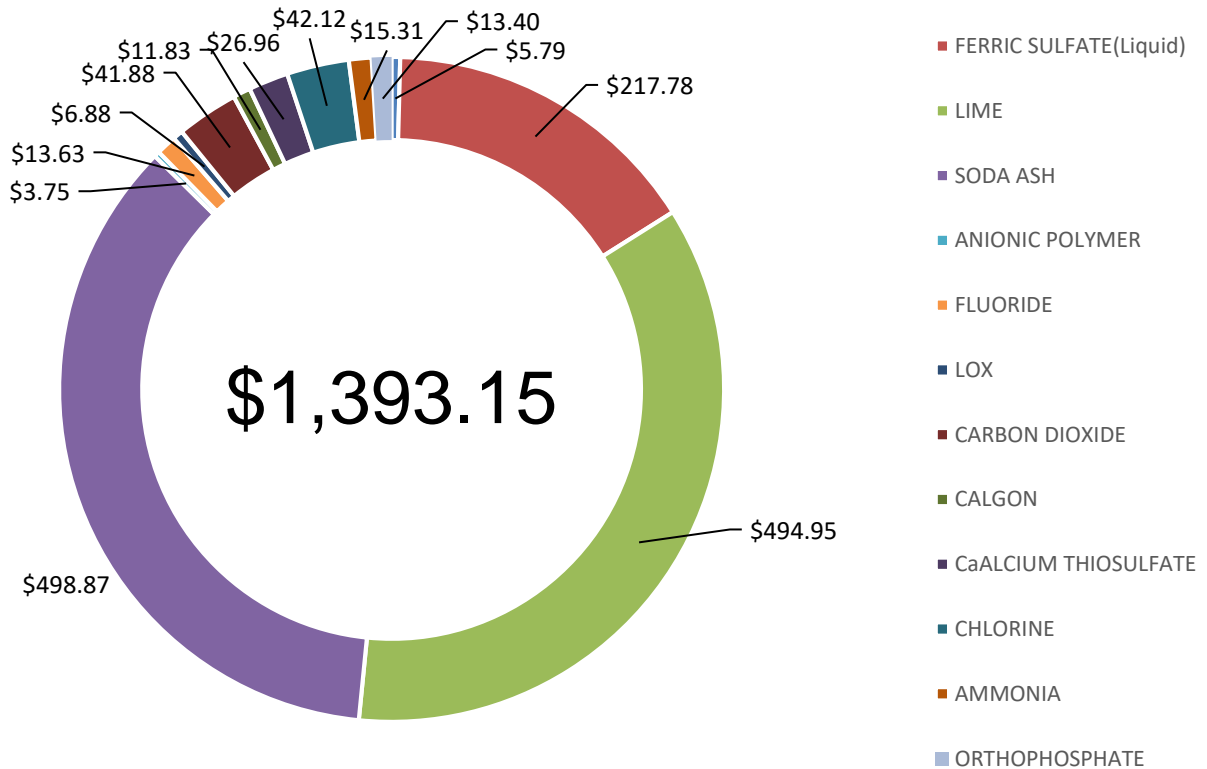
— 2025 Total Hardness (mg/L as CaCO3)

— 2024 Total Hardness (mg/L as CaCO3)

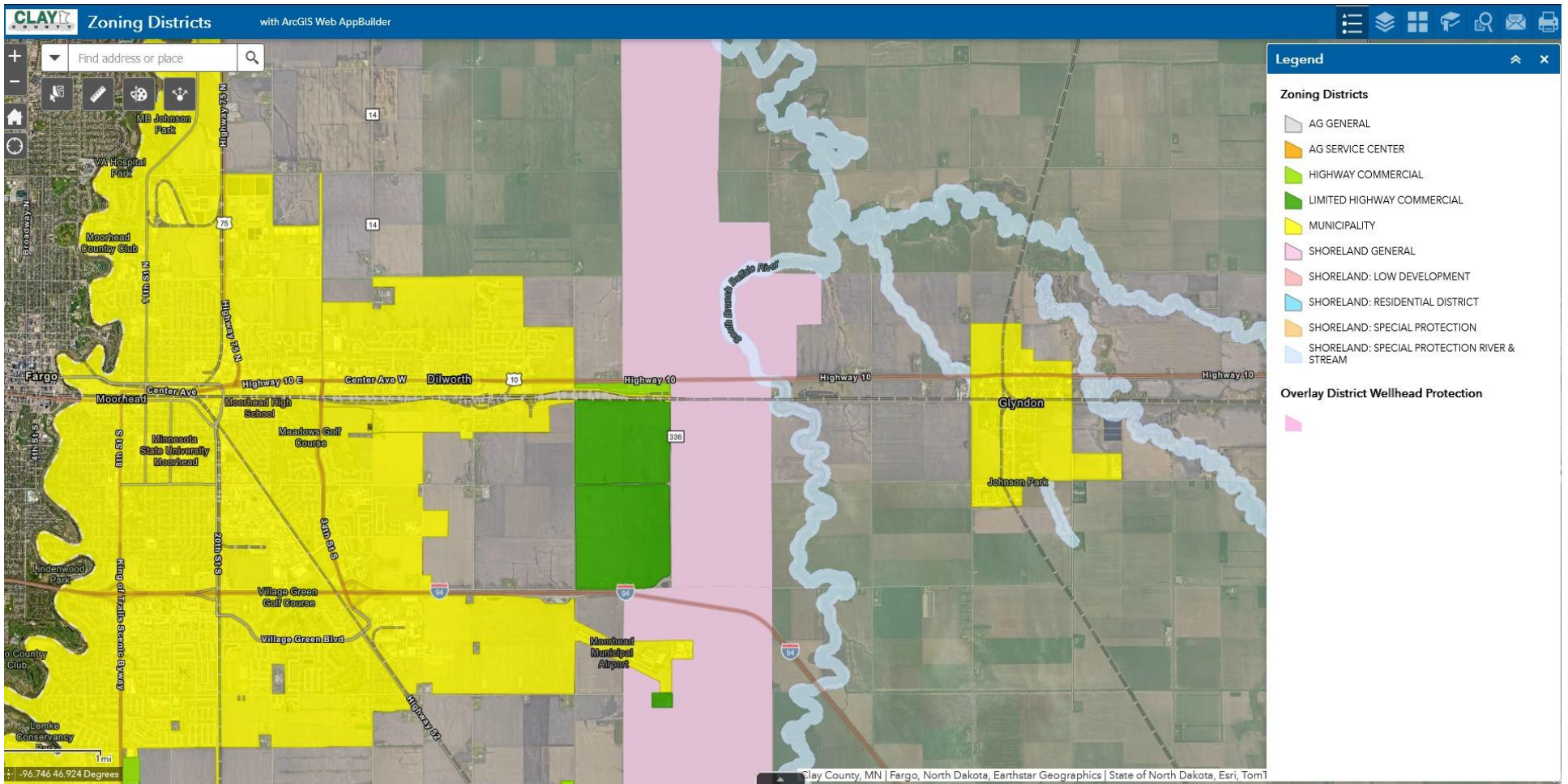
Chemical Cost per Million Gallons Treated Monthly



2025 Chemical Cost per Million Gallons



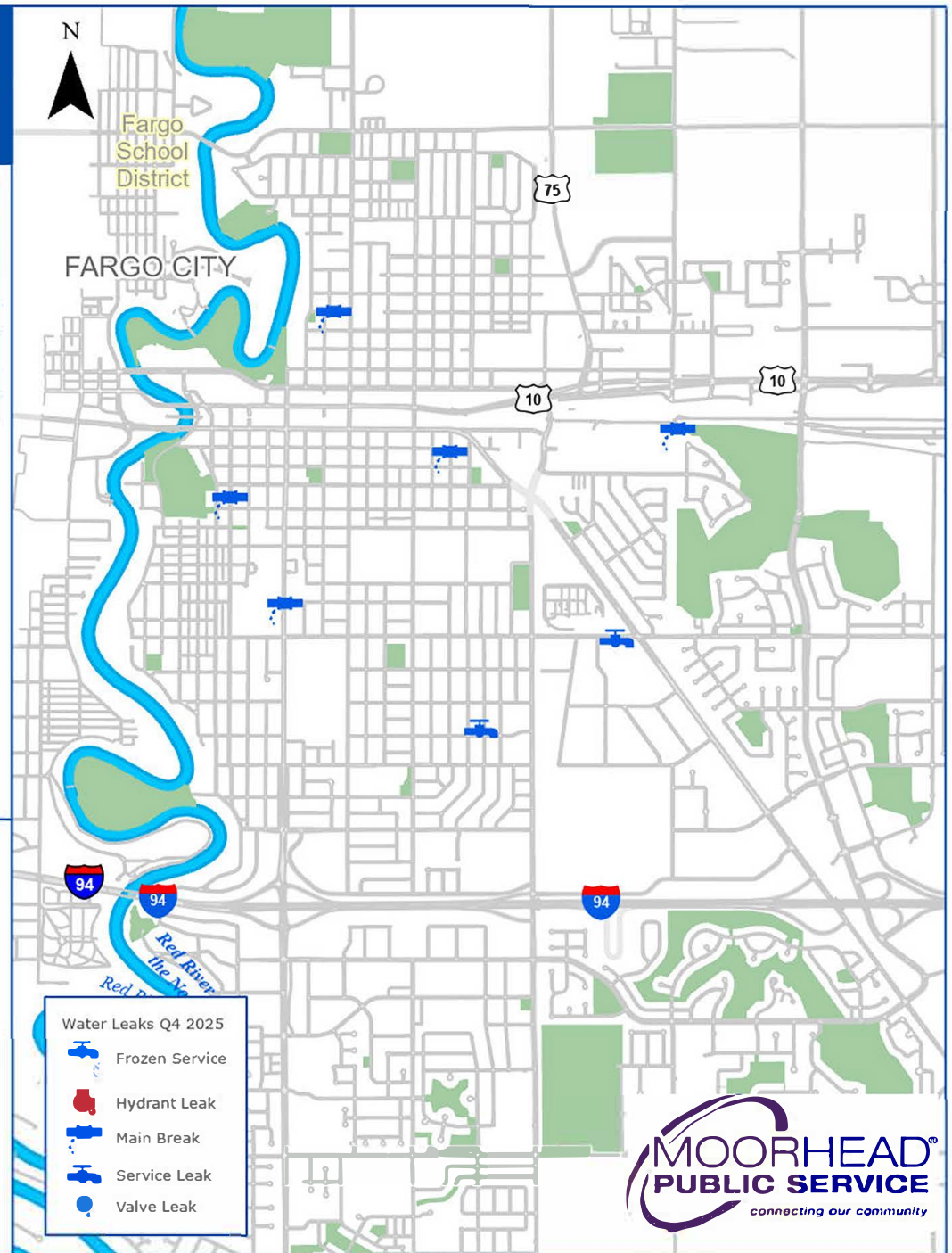
Buffalo Aquifer Zoning and Protection



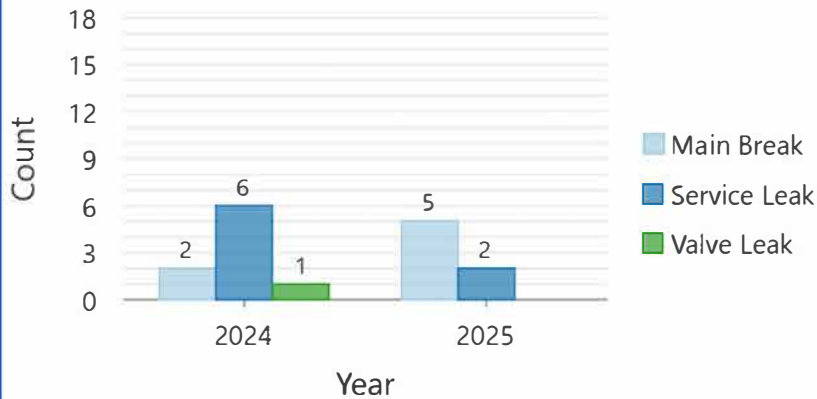
Note: Wellhead Protection Plan Update is underway
Awaiting responses for Wellhead Protection Team Appointees
Phase I Draft - Wellhead Protection Plan with MDH is complete
Wellhead Protection Team meetings begin November 2025

Q4 Water Leaks 2025

Repair Date	Leak Type	Location Description	Pipe Diameter
10/1/2025 2:35:00 PM	Service Leak	1715 18th St S	3/4 inch
10/6/2025 5:00:00 AM	Main Break	305 Clearview Ct	24 inch
10/6/2025 4:09:22 PM	Main Break	201 16th St S	6 inch
10/31/2025 5:00:00 AM	Main Break	417 5th St S	6 inch
11/6/2025 6:00:00 AM	Service Leak	2507 12th Avenue S	2 inch
11/7/2025 9:20:00 PM	Main Break	924 8th St S	12 inch
11/20/2025 6:35:18 PM	Main Break	508 10th St N	4 inch



Leak count in 2024 and 2025 for Q4



Moorhead Public Service Strategic Direction Matrix 2025-2027

Community		Our Team		Water	
Current Reality	Success	Current Reality	Success	Current Reality	Success
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need more customer connections Need to step up key accounts program Communications, Marketing, Energy Services position is vacant Communication by letters, bill stuffers, website and social media Lacking customer cell or email information Limit on max payment on bill 10 events this year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key accounts – annual in person, quarterly check-in Visiting top 50 customers annually 10 events per year Communications, Marketing, Energy Services position filled Gathering updated customer contact information Education on costs and transfer Customer portal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vacant positions (5) Evaluating needs vs. wants in positions Working on succession planning Leadership training Staff professional development General training Some standard operating procedures (SOPs) and need review Spread out over 3 locations Business office move and transition Team safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully staffed All SOPs done and updated Successful transition with knowledge transfer Continued training and development Identify professional development opportunities Zero incidents or accidents More cross department mixing Clear and concise communication Employee input on needs/wants Ensure dissemination of information Great attitudes/culture from all Job fairs for recruitment Education requirement review on job descriptions Chlorine training for all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aging infrastructure Master plan in process Water asset management plan Lead/Copper survey at state Lead service line pilot project Water supply crossroads Discussions with regulatory agencies Reliable Capacity for growth limited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead service lines identified and plan for replacement Water supply long-term identified and plan Facilities master plan Regulatory support Ozone project complete Efficiency in water main replacements Supervisor positions filled Sharing knowledge Communication system up to safety standards
1st Year Accomplishments		1st Year Accomplishments		1st Year Accomplishments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Visit 25 customers ⊕ 10 events with full participation ⊕ Communications, Marketing, Energy Services position filled (delayed until 2026) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Zero incidents or accidents ⊕ Positions defined as needed and filled ⊕ Continued training and development ⊕ Find and list development and training opportunities by department/position ⊕ Consistent day after commission meeting updates 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Technical memo for South Buffalo Line ⊕ Request for proposal (RFP) complete for Master Plan consultant (delayed until 2026) ⊕ 1.25 miles of line replacement ⊕ Finish design for Ozone Project ⊕ Supervisor positions filled 	
Key Performance Indicators (KPI)		Key Performance Indicators (KPI)		Key Performance Indicators (KPI)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Key account goals * Social media stats * Community engagement outreach 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Position stats * Turnover rate * Safety stats * Records management stats * Report of culture events 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * CCR/water quality * Taste awards * Regulatory 100% compliance * Watermain breaks * Zero zoning changes that impact source water protection 	

Complete

In-Process/On-Going

Gathering information – not started

Moorhead Public Service Strategic Direction Matrix 2025-2027

Electric		Finance		Technology	
Current Reality	Success	Current Reality	Success	Current Reality	Success
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliability 99.995% Capacity for growth limited 75% complete LED streetlight conversion 25% overhead to 75% underground ratio APPA Smart Energy Provider (SEP) APPA Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) NERC compliant NE substation planning Load management limited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued reliability Continued APPA SEP and RP3 designations 100% LED streetlight conversion 80% overhead to 20% underground ratio NE substation near completion Updated load management plan Positions filled Capacity improvement plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowest regional electric rates Competitive water rates Aa2 bond rating Clean audit Budget process successful 22.6% transfer rate to the city Transition in office space Customer interactions less escalated events Increased costs Accounting software near end of life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowest regional electric rates Competitive water rates Maintain/improve bond rating Clean audits Budget process successful Stable or lower transfer to city Office space resolved Accounting software solution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMI in progress CIS on version 3 Phone system out of date GIS needs update and RFP is out 78% of water assets are GPS located 54% of electric assets are GPS located No redundant data center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMI complete Management review for access CIS on version 5 Phone system upgraded Redundant data center Email migration GIS upgrade complete 95% of water assets are GPS located 70% of electric assets are GPS located Timely resolve of tickets Fiber added to maps when updated Ensuring staff has all they need for equipment Timely correspondence
1st Year Accomplishments		1st Year Accomplishments		1st Year Accomplishments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ NE substation design ⊕ Long lead time equipment ordered for NE substation ⊕ North half of Moorhead LED streetlight conversion ⊕ Capacity improvement plan 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Clean audit ⊕ Review and analyze office space needs and options ⊕ Continued financial strength 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Email migration plan ⊕ Redundant data center is complete (3rd Qtr 2026) ⊕ Phone system upgrade (delayed until 2026) ⊕ Firewall replacement ⊕ AMI SAT area complete 	
Key Performance Indicators (KPI)		Key Performance Indicators (KPI)		Key Performance Indicators (KPI)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✱ Reliability/outages ✱ NERC compliance ✱ BES Stats ✱ Load management ✱ Street light LED conversion rate 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✱ Financial statements ✱ Billing/collection stats ✱ Reserve requirement report ✱ Customer financial assistance stats 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✱ Cybersecurity training stats ✱ AMI project status ✱ GIS conversion to Pro status 	

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January 30, 2026

To the Board of Commissioners
Moorhead Public Service
Moorhead , Minnesota

This letter is provided in connection with our engagement to audit the financial statements of Moorhead Public Service as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025. Professional standards require that we communicate with you certain items including our responsibilities with regard to the financial statement audit, the compliance audit, and the planned scope and timing of our audits, including significant risks we have identified.

Our Responsibilities

As stated in our statement of work dated December 17, 2025, we are responsible for conducting our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, for the purpose of forming and expressing opinions about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management, with your oversight, are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility relating to other information, whether financial or nonfinancial information (other than financial statements and the auditor's report thereon), included in the entity's annual report includes only the information identified in our report. We have no responsibility for determining whether supplementary information is properly stated. We require that we receive the final version of the annual report (including all the documents that, together, comprise the annual report) in a timely manner prior to the date of the auditor's report, or if that is not possible, as soon as practicable and, in any case, prior to the entity's issuance of such information.

Planned Scope of the Audit

Our audit will include examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. Our audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free of material misstatement, whether due to error, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws or governmental regulations. Because of this concept of reasonable assurance and because we will not examine all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us.

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including its internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and as a basis for designing the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. However, we will communicate to you at the conclusion of our audit, any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies identified. We will also communicate to you:

- Any violation of laws or regulations that come to our attention;
- Our views relating to qualitative aspects of the entity's significant accounting practices, including accounting policies, accounting estimates, and financial statement disclosures;
- Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Disagreements with management, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Significant unusual transactions, if any;
- The potential effects of uncorrected misstatements on future-period financial statements; and
- Other significant matters that are relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process.

Professional standards require us to design our audit to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement whether caused by fraud or error. In designing our audit procedures, professional standards require us to evaluate the financial statements and assess the risk that a material misstatement could occur. Areas that are potentially more susceptible to misstatements, and thereby require special audit considerations, are designated as "significant risks." Although we are currently in the planning stage of our audit, we have preliminarily identified the following significant risks that require special audit consideration.

Management Override of Controls - Professional standards require auditors to address the possibility of management overriding controls. Accordingly, we identified as a significant risk that management of the Company may have the ability to override controls that the Company has implemented. Management may override the Company's controls in order to modify the financial records with the intent of manipulating the financial statements to overstate the Company's financial performance or with the intent of concealing fraudulent transactions.

Revenue Recognition - We identified revenue recognition as a significant risk due to the number of transactions incurred at or near year-end and a risk of recording those in the incorrect fiscal year.

Improper Capitalization - We identified improper capitalization of fixed assets as a significant risk. The volume of projects, reliance on vendors for timely information, and involvement of multiple departments could result in capital asset additions being misstated.

Compensated Absences - We identified the valuation of the compensated absences as a significant risk due to the reliance of estimates in determining the liability under a new GASB Standard.

We expect to begin our audit in January 2026 and issue our report in May 2026.

This information is intended solely for the information and use of Board of Commissioners, and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully,

Eide Sully LLP

Mankato, Minnesota



Red River and Devils Lake Basins - 2026 Spring Flood Outlook

NWS Grand Forks • North Central River Forecast Center • January 22, 2026

This outlook is for the US portion of the basin and based on conditions through Monday, January 19, 2026. Visit our website at weather.gov/fgf/currentfloodoutlook for associated exceedance graphics, probabilities, and related discussions. Additional spring flood outlooks will be issued on February 12th, February 26th, and March 12th.

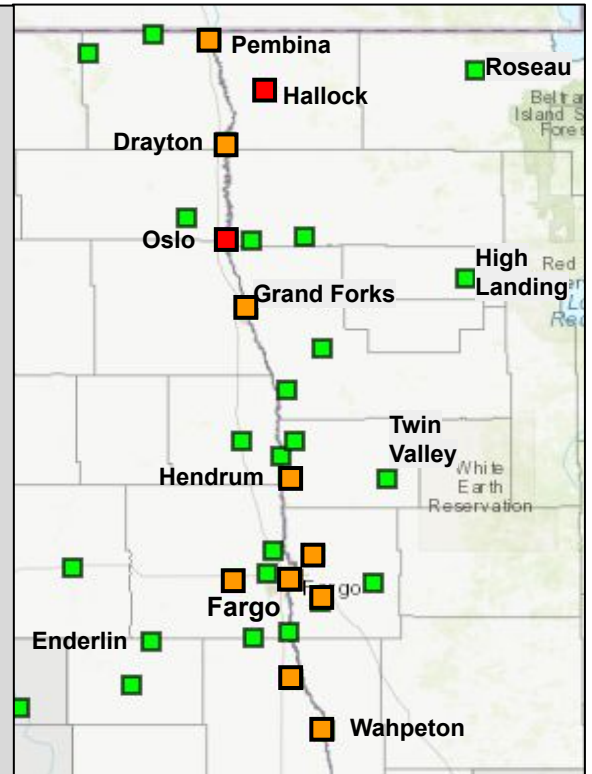
Key Message: The risk for significant (moderate or higher) spring flooding is low with this outlook issuance, running below long-term historical averages for most locations across the the Red River Basin (US portion).

Key Points:

- Minor to isolated moderate spring flooding is forecast with this outlook issuance (50% exceedance probability).
- Below normal precipitation last fall (with an especially dry November) allowed soils to dry out a bit before freeze-up. Snowfall/precipitation thus far this winter has been above normal for roughly the northern half of the basin while below normal across the south.
- Above normal temperatures to start the winter season has led to a relatively normal frost layer for this time of year (shallowest in the south while a bit deeper in the north). Below normal temperatures are expected to continue into spring which could lead to a delayed snowmelt.
- Late winter and spring precipitation, along with the timing/thaw cycle of any snowpack will be the most important spring flood risk factors.

Flood Risk Indicated as > 50% of category:

- Major
- Moderate
- Minor
- < 50%



Valid January 26, 2026 - April 26, 2026

Snowmelt Flood Components:

- 1. Fall Precipitation and Soil Moisture: Below normal to near normal.** Overall, fall precipitation (September-November 2025) was below normal for the majority of the basin (exception being the far northern basin near the international border). However, the fall season did end with November precipitation being well below normal which allowed soils to dry out a bit before freezing up. The US Drought Monitor depicts abnormally dry conditions have persisted throughout the winter across the central portion of the basin, increasing to Moderate Drought into portions of west central Minnesota.
- 2. Base Streamflow: Near to slightly above normal.** At the end of December, USGS analyses indicated that the Red River mainstem and its tributaries were flowing near normal for most while slightly above normal across the far north.
- 3. Frost Depth: Near normal.** Above normal temperatures to start the winter season allowed for a slight delay in soils freezing. Frost depth values currently range from 10-15 inches across the southern half of the basin and 15-25 inches across the northern half. A shallower frost layer may contribute to faster snowmelt absorption and less runoff in the spring.
- 4. Winter Snowpack and Associated Water Content: Below normal.** Snowfall (and associated water content) since December 1st is running 50-75 percent of normal for the southern portion of the basin with a deeper snowpack present across northeastern North Dakota and into the northern Red River Valley.
- 5. Future Conditions:** Climate outlooks indicate below normal temperatures into spring which could lead to a delayed snowmelt runoff period. Additional precipitation late this winter and into spring, along with the timing/thaw cycle of any snowpack, will continue to be the most important spring flood risk factors.

DEVILS LAKE AND STUMP LAKE

Valid January 19, 2026 - September 30, 2026

DEVILS LAKE	95%	90%	75%	50%	25%	10%	5%
Creel Bay	1450.4	1450.5	1450.7	1451.1	1451.7	1452.3	1452.8
Eastern Stump Lake	1450.4	1450.5	1450.7	1451.1	1451.7	1452.3	1452.8

Devils Lake and Stump Lake are currently at ~1448.9 ft (zero datum 1400.00 NGVD29).

RED RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

Valid January 26, 2026 - April 26, 2026

RED RIVER MAINSTEM	95%	90%	75%	50%	25%	10%	5%
Wahpeton	9.2	9.7	10.5	11.5	12.6	13.9	14.8
Hickson	16.3	17.7	19.1	23.4	27.8	32.0	33.2
Fargo	17.2	18.3	20.3	23.7	28.5	33.4	35.2
Halstad	17.2	18.3	20.3	23.7	28.5	33.4	35.2
Grand Forks	21.6	23.2	26.4	32.6	38.2	42.0	44.1
Oslo	19.4	21.4	26.2	32.3	34.2	35.3	36.3
Drayton	21.4	23.1	27.8	33.3	38.5	40.5	41.0
Pembina	30.1	32.5	37.4	42.9	46.9	49.7	50.2

MINNESOTA TRIBUTARIES	95%	90%	75%	50%	25%	10%	5%
South Fork Buffalo River							
Sabin	12.9	13.1	14.0	14.6	15.4	16.0	17.7
Buffalo River							
Hawley	4.2	4.3	4.6	5.4	6.4	7.4	7.7
Dilworth	11.3	13.3	16.2	17.9	20.0	20.9	23.2
Wild Rice River							
Twin Valley	4.3	5.0	5.2	6.4	7.7	8.5	10.2
Hendrum	12.4	14.4	17.0	20.2	23.8	27.1	29.5
Marsh River							
Shelly	6.4	7.1	8.2	9.0	12.2	15.2	20.8
Sand Hill River							
Climax	7.8	8.6	10.9	11.9	15.6	19.8	23.4
Red Lake River							
High Landing	3.4	3.6	4.1	5.2	7.0	8.6	9.7
Crookston	8.7	9.1	10.1	13.1	16.1	18.5	21.2
Snake River							
Above Warren	62.4	62.7	63.0	63.6	64.7	65.5	66.5
Alvarado	99.9	100.7	101.7	103.4	105.7	108.0	108.7
Two Rivers River							
Hallock	802.0	803.0	804.1	806.0	807.7	808.4	809.5
Roseau River							
Roseau	7.1	7.4	7.9	8.8	9.9	11.5	15.0

Legend:
 Below Flood Stage
 Minor
 Moderate
 Major
 Flood of Record

NORTH DAKOTA TRIBUTARIES	95%	90%	75%	50%	25%	10%	5%
Wild Rice River							
Abercrombie	14.4	15.2	17.5	21.7	27.0	30.8	33.2
Sheyenne River							
Valley City	7.1	7.3	8.0	9.7	11.6	12.9	14.9
Lisbon	6.4	6.8	7.8	9.3	11.6	13.0	14.3
Kindred	8.2	8.4	9.8	11.8	13.8	16.4	17.3
West Fargo Diversion	10.8	10.8	11.9	13.0	15.1	17.2	17.9
Harwood	75.8	76.2	78.0	80.4	86.9	90.6	91.4
Maple River							
Enderlin	6.2	6.9	7.9	9.4	10.9	11.9	13.2
Mapleton	14.1	14.4	16.9	18.9	21.5	22.3	22.9
Goose River							
Hillsboro	3.5	4.1	4.9	5.5	7.8	12.0	13.8
Forest River							
Minto	3.3	3.7	4.3	5.9	7.9	9.1	9.5
Pembina River							
Walhalla	3.4	3.8	4.6	5.7	8.4	11.5	12.6
Neche	6.1	7.1	8.3	10.5	16.9	20.5	21.0

Note:
 Probabilities for all river points do not take into account effects due to ice, jamming, etc. Higher stages than depicted may occur.



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MOORHEAD, MN

January 29, 2026

Travis Schmidt
Manager
Moorhead Public Service
500 Center Avenue, P.O. Box 779
Moorhead, MN 56561-0779

RE: West Central Regional Water District Public Notifications

Dear Travis,

We are writing to inform you of an upcoming official notice you will be receiving from the Clay County Court regarding the proposed formation of the West Central Regional Water District (WCRWD).

Great progress is being made on the proposed West Central Regional Water District (WCRWD), a new regional water district being developed by Polk, Norman, and Clay Counties under Minnesota Statute 116A. As part of the statutory formation process, a public hearing will be held at the Clay County Courthouse on April 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. This hearing is one of the final steps required under Minnesota Statute 116A before the district can be officially established.

In the coming weeks, approximately 19,500 notices will be mailed to all property owners within the district boundary, including residents within city limits, and agencies. The notice will include details about the hearing and a short interest survey intended to help identify where service may be needed in the future.

We want to emphasize that this is a statutory requirement, and every landowner must receive a notice as part of the formal process. Attendance at the public hearing is not required unless you wish to learn more or provide input. Participation in the water district is entirely voluntary, and each city can independently decide whether to connect now, in the future, or not at all.

For your convenience, we have attached a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet as well as the information sheet included within the notice, to help address common questions you may receive from residents. The FAQ explains the purpose of the district, the voluntary nature of participation, as well as participation processes.

Our goal is to ensure that agencies, local governments, and neighboring systems remain well informed throughout this process as we work toward establishing Minnesota's first new regional water district in nearly 40 years.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or with any questions or if you would like to discuss this process further.

Sincerely,

Lucas Spaeth
Board Chair
West Central Regional Water District
701-430-1546
utilities@rrv.net

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is a regional or rural water system?

A regional or rural water system is a community-based network of infrastructure that delivers clean, treated drinking water to homes, farms, and towns that may not have access to reliable local water sources. Instead of each home or city maintaining its own well or treatment system, regional systems share infrastructure, such as wells, treatment facilities, and pipelines, across multiple communities and rural areas.

These systems are designed to:

- Provide safe, treated drinking water that meets state and federal standards.
- Improve reliability and efficiency by pooling resources across cities and rural users.
- Reduce long-term costs through shared maintenance, operations, and treatment.
- Support local growth and sustainability, ensuring clean water for future generations.

In short, rural and regional water systems connect communities, large and small, to a dependable, high-quality water supply that's managed collectively for the benefit of all users.

What is the West Central Regional Water District (WCRWD)?

WCRWD is a new regional water district being formed by Polk, Norman, and Clay Counties under Minnesota Statute 116A. The District's goal is to provide safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water to rural residents and nearby communities.

WCRWD follows the state's 116A process, which allows counties to work together to create shared water systems that serve multiple areas efficiently. Once formed, the District will help connect homes, farms, and cities to a treated, high-quality water supply, support regional growth, and ensure long-term water sustainability across west-central Minnesota.

How is the WCRWD being formed and governed?

WCRWD is being established under Minnesota Statute 116A, which outlines the process for creating a rural or regional water district. The district's governing board is appointed by the county commissions of the participating counties, with representation based on population within the service area. The initial board composition includes four members from Polk County, three from Clay County, and two from Norman County.

How do I know if my property is eligible?

If you received a letter about the WCRWD, you own a property located within the project study area, which includes portions of Polk, Norman, and Clay Counties. Being in the study area does not require you to connect.

I am already served by a city or rural water district. How does this project affect me?

If you are already connected to a municipal water system, nothing will change for you unless your municipal water utility chooses to connect to WCRWD to improve the quality, reliability, or capacity of its water supply in the future.

I'm happy with my water or not interested in connecting. What should I do?

The easiest answer is to do nothing. You are not obligated to change water sources or fill out the survey. The letters sent to property owners are part of the legal notification process under Minnesota Statute 116A.

The District will provide residents with an alternative water supply. All hookups to the system are completely voluntary. If you're satisfied with your current water source, you can simply disregard this notice.

I received a letter in the mail. Do I have to connect to WCRWD?

No. Connecting to the WCRWD is completely voluntary. Property owners may choose whether to connect if service becomes available.

If I fill out the survey, am I obligated to connect to West Central Regional Water District service in the future?

No. Responding to the survey does not obligate you to receive service in the future. Your response will help project organizers measure potential interest in regional water service. The contact information you provide will allow organizers to share service and cost information with you in the future, so you can decide whether you want to connect.

I'm interested in connecting now or maybe in the future. What should I do?

Please fill out and return the attached interest survey in the letter you received or online at wcrwd-ae2s.hub.arcgis.com. This phase of the project focuses on gathering input from potential users to help plan and prioritize future extensions. If your area becomes part of a feasible project, you'll be contacted with more details on costs, timing, and next steps.

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There is a public meeting coming up. Do I have to attend?

No. Attendance at the hearing scheduled at the Clay County Courthouse on April 17, 2026, from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. is not required. Public notice of the hearing is a legal requirement under Minnesota Statute 116A to inform all landowners within the proposed District. While attendance is optional, everyone is welcome to come learn more about the project and ask questions.

Will this impact my taxes?

No. The project will not affect your taxes. Regional or rural water system participation is voluntary and funded through user fees from those who choose to connect to West Central Regional Water District, along with state and federal grants.

How much will it cost to connect to West Central Regional Water District?

Right now, it's too early to determine specific costs for rural residents outside of the initial project area. The results of this interest survey will help identify where future expansion projects may occur and allow the District to develop accurate cost estimates for those areas.

For residents located within the Phase 1 project corridor, costs will be shared individually once the court filing process is complete, and the project is officially approved.

As the District grows, the survey responses gathered now will play an important role in planning and securing funding to help keep connection costs as low as possible for future participants.

How will water usage be billed?

Water use will be metered and billed based on consumption. Billing frequency and rate information will be provided as part of the future service agreement.

What is the process to connect to a regional water district?

WCRWD will guide you through each step to make the process smooth and coordinated. If you choose to connect, the general steps include:

- 1. Submit an interest or connection application** – This lets the District know you're interested in receiving service.
- 2. Project development and service agreement** – Once enough interest is known in your area, a project will be designed, and you'll have the opportunity to sign a service agreement.
- 3. Construction and connection** – When construction begins, water mains will be extended near your property. District ownership will typically extend to your curb stop or shutoff valve, usually within about 75 feet of your service location. From there, you'll be able to connect to the system, and a meter will be installed either inside your home or in an exterior meter pit for billing.
- 4. Inspection and final activation** – Once installation is complete, the connection will be inspected, tested, and activated for service.

Who is responsible for maintenance of the District's infrastructure?

- WCRWD will be responsible for the regional main pipeline. If there is a problem with the public water system connected to WCRWD, customers will contact WCRWD

and the District handles repairs.

- The customer is responsible for the service line from the curb stop to their building.
- Additional details will be provided in the service agreement.

How will water outages or maintenance be handled?

Planned maintenance will be communicated in advance whenever possible. Regional systems are designed with redundancy and emergency response procedures to limit disruptions or outages.

Is the water safe to drink?

Yes. Regional water systems are required to meet or exceed all state and federal drinking water standards and are routinely tested to ensure safety and quality.

What can the water be used for?

The regional water system will be designed primarily for domestic use, such as household drinking, cooking, and cleaning. However, it may also support livestock, agricultural, and industrial uses in the future, depending on system capacity and District Board approval.

All uses will be evaluated to ensure the long-term sustainability and reliability of the water supply for everyone connected to the system. More details will be provided in the service agreement once connections are established.

What are the benefits of connecting to a regional water district?

Connecting to rural or regional water offers several long-term advantages, including:

- **Affordable and predictable costs** - shared regional systems have lower maintenance and treatment expenses due to sharing infrastructure over a larger population.
- **Consistently high-quality, treated soft water** - safe, reliable water that protects your home and health.
- **Support for rural and community sustainability** - strengthens local infrastructure and enables long-term future growth.
- **Improved agricultural reliability** - dependable water supply for farm and livestock needs.
- **Extended appliance life** - softened, treated water reduces scale buildup and wear on plumbing fixtures and appliances.

I use well water and am interested in having it tested. How do I do this?

If you already have well chemistry testing results, please send them to WCRWD using the contact information below. If you would like your water tested, please reach out to us to request this service.

Where can I find answers to my questions about West Central Regional Water District?

For more information or assistance, please contact WCRWD via one of the following methods:

Website: wcrwd-ae2s.hub.arcgis.com

Email: wcrwd@ae2s.com

Mail: WCRWD 405 2nd Avenue W, Halstad, MN 56548

Call: 701-526-4217



Interested in the Prospect of Connecting to Rural Water?

You are receiving this survey because you own land within the study area of the proposed West Central Regional Water District, a regional water district being developed by Polk, Norman, and Clay Counties under Minnesota Statute 116A. This initiative aims to improve access to safe, reliable drinking water for rural residents and communities, offering an alternative voluntary water service option that supports economic growth and sustainability. Please fill out the project survey to help shape the future of rural water within the region.

If I fill out the survey, am I obligated to connect to West Central Regional Water District service in the future?

No. Responding to the survey does not obligate you to receive service in the future. Your response will help project organizers measure potential interest in regional water service. The contact information you provide will allow organizers to share service and cost information with you in the future so you can decide whether you want to connect. Connecting to the West Central Regional Water District is completely voluntary. Property owners may choose whether to connect if service becomes available. This service will be paid for by grants, loans, and interested users.

I am already served by a city or rural water district. How does this project affect me?

If you are already connected to a municipal water system, nothing will change unless your municipal water utility chooses to connect to West Central Regional Water District to improve the quality, reliability, or capacity of its water supply in the future.

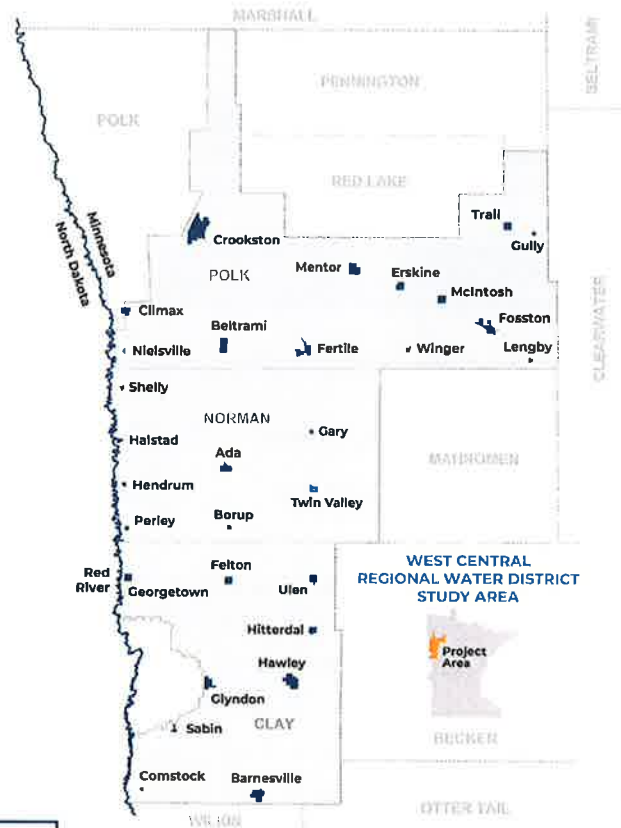
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Interested in the prospect of rural water?

Check out the other side to fill out our user interest survey, or scan the QR code.



RURAL WATER BENEFITS



Cost Effective



Treated High Quality Soft Water



Rural and Community Sustainability



Agricultural Support



Longer Lasting Appliances



What Does this Process Look Like?

- ✓ Compile a list of potential users based on study area properties located within district boundaries
2. Initiate potential new user survey by means of a mailing campaign
3. Organize and determine feasibility of projects based on results of survey campaign
4. Develop phased project approach, finalize new user sign up fees and membership paperwork
5. Commence project design, easement acquisition & finalize new user sign-ups
6. Project bidding
7. Project construction
8. Fresh water at your tap



Please respond within the next 2 weeks by using one of the following methods:

1. **Mail:** WCRWD
405 2nd Avenue W
Halstad, MN 56548
2. **Email:** Send to wcrwd@ae2s.com
3. **Phone:** Call 701-526-4217
4. **Online:** Use the QR below to access the online survey

YOUR RESPONSE IS IMPORTANT

Your response is vital to the future of this project. Responses will help us understand potential customer interests in rural water service. Response to this survey is in no way binding to any commitment, nor does it guarantee service is feasible at this time.

PROPERTY OWNER INFO

NAME	RENTER/CONTRACT FOR DEED PURCHASER NAME (IF APPLICABLE)
MAILING ADDRESS	
EMAIL	PHONE

THE INFORMATION BELOW WILL HELP US UNDERSTAND APPROXIMATE LOCATION SERVICE IS DESIRED

1/4 SECTION OR FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION (IF KNOWN)	SECTION	TOWNSHIP NAME	TWP#	RANGE #
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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Are you interested in the prospect of being connected to Rural Water?*

- Yes - As Soon As Available** **No - Not Interested***
 Yes - Possibly In The Future *No further action is required. Thank you for your time and consideration.

2. What would you use Rural or Regional Water for?
(check all that apply and fill out corresponding questions)

- Residential** - How Many People in Household?

- Livestock** - How Many Head & Type of Livestock?

- Agricultural Spraying** - How Many Acres & How Many Spraying?

3. What current water quality or supply issue are you facing? (i.e., arsenic, manganese, taste, odor, color/staining, hardness, reliability of well, etc.)

If interested and available, please provide a copy of well chemistry testing results. These could be used in future scenarios to apply for funding or project prioritization.



Scan the QR code or visit wcrwd-ae2s.hub.arcgis.com for more information about this important project, or to take the survey online.



MRES Legislative Line

Iowa

Visit the Iowa pages during the session to follow Iowa bills of interest to MRES members. The Iowa [Legislative Guide](#) for 2026 is also available on the [Iowa page](#) of the Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) website.

Iowa Fast Facts:

- Developer led community solar is advancing in both the House and Senate.

Session Update

Despite legislators being home on Monday for party caucuses, last week was still a busy week. With the first funnel deadline quickly approaching, the number of bills being introduced and moving through the subcommittee and committee process continues to increase. Topics last week included property taxes in the House, third-party developer solar gardens, and virtual power plants. The pace and intensity are expected to continue building over the next couple of weeks.

Community Solar

Solar developers have again brought a bill to authorize the creation and use of developer-led community solar gardens in Iowa. [HSB 629](#) and [SSB 3092](#) set the framework for developers to build solar facilities and for subscribers to receive credits on their utility bills. Supporters claim this legislation incorporated lessons learned from surrounding states and denied that there was any cross-subsidization by non-participants in third-party solar gardens. Both bills advanced out of subcommittee last week, but legislators voiced

concerns about the potential for cross-subsidization among customers.

Virtual Power Plants

The House Commerce Committee has introduced a bill that would authorize virtual power plants in Iowa. [HSB 630](#) comes from Iowa Businesses for Clean Energy, and while the subcommittee advanced the bill, they noted changes were needed before further consideration by the House.

Eminent Domain

At the very beginning of the session, the House prioritized passing a short, straightforward bill, [HF 2104](#), that would ban the use of eminent domain for carbon oxide pipelines. The bill was sent to the Senate in the second week of the session.

However, the Senate committee replaced the House language with its own version that takes a different approach. Rather than an outright ban, the Senate version effectively creates a second corridor to provide pipeline companies with route flexibility. It also establishes new requirements for companies seeking easements, including mandatory attempts to secure voluntary easements before resorting to eminent domain, landowner opt-out rights, and expanded notification requirements. This amended bill is now awaiting consideration by the full Senate.

A second bill, [SF 2069](#), backed by Senate leadership, would impose a severance tax on liquified CO2 exported from the state. Legislators advanced this bill out of subcommittee this week as part of ongoing eminent domain negotiations between the two chambers.

Bid Requirement Clarification

IAMU is also working on [HSB 592](#) and [SF 2164](#), which clarify the exemption from competitive bid requirements for construction and equipment related to municipal electric generation or transmission projects. After feedback from other stakeholders, an amendment has been prepared to achieve this goal more narrowly. HSB 592 has advanced out of subcommittee.

Utility Worker Protections

[HSB 685](#) adds utility employees and contractors to the list of occupations protected by enhanced penalties while performing their job duties. Depending on the severity of the assault or harassment, penalties range from an aggravated misdemeanor to a class "D" felony. The Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives (IAEC) brought forward this legislation in response to a growing number of negative interactions between utility workers and members of the public.

Municipal Electric Utility Confidentiality

[HSB 589](#) comes from IAMU and expands the definition of "proprietary information" to include electric generation capacity planning, energy markets, prices, and information subject to nondisclosure agreements. This would help keep the early stages of planning for new generation projects confidential until the process is further along. HSB 589 passed unanimously out of the subcommittee and is awaiting consideration by the Local Government committee.

Load Forecasting Report

The Iowa Economic Development Authority's (IEDA) departmental bill, [SSB 3103](#), requires ISU and IEDA to issue a load-forecasting report every two years. Under this provision, they can compel utilities to provide information, and the collected information may be used in proceedings before the Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC). The bill also requires utilities to fund this work. Utilities have noted that this duplicates work already performed by utilities and regional transmission organizations (RTOs).

Transmission Lines

Another electric transmission bill being considered is [HF 2228](#) and [SF 2214](#). This bill would facilitate

transmission line development along highway corridors by requiring greater coordination with the DOT and reducing placement restrictions. The Great Plains Institute proposed this legislation, which has passed out of committee in both the House and the Senate.

[HF 2227](#) sets a minimum standard for restoring land after a new transmission line is built. It passed unanimously out of the Commerce committee ahead of the first funnel deadline.

Integrated Resource Plans

For several years, the legislature has been interested in requiring utilities to plan resources and subjecting those plans to IUC oversight. This year, [HSB 522](#) is the latest attempt to establish and codify an integrated resource-planning process. While it only applies to IOUs and is not a contested case proceeding, there are still concerns about the underlying legislation. MRES will continue to monitor for any impact on municipal utilities.

IAMU Conference and Legislative Reception

The Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities' annual energy conference will be held at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines, February 17-19. Visit their website to learn more about the [speaker lineup and register](#). Also, if you plan to attend the conference, RSVP for an MRES dinner on the night of February 17 at Proudfoot and Bird.

The annual legislative networking reception will be held in Des Moines at Ken's Speakeasy on Wednesday, February 18, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This will be an excellent opportunity to visit with legislators and fellow municipal utility leaders. If you see your legislators, please invite them to this event!

Minnesota

Visit the [Minnesota pages](#) to follow Minnesota bills of interest to MRES members. The MRES Minnesota [Legislative Guide for 2026](#) is also available on the MRES website's Minnesota page. The Guide will be updated closer to the beginning of the session to reflect final committee assignments.

Capitol Security

Security for the 2026 session is still being worked out. The Senate Rules Committee has approved two measures to increase safety and security in the Capitol and the Senate Office Building. First, the Senate will begin screening visitors to the Senate gallery and implementing a ban on firearms and dangerous weapons in the gallery. Second, the Committee approved a policy banning firearms and dangerous weapons in the Minnesota Senate Building, except for permit holders to carry a handgun. There will also be weapons screening in the Senate Building.

Committee Deadlines Announced

Legislative leadership has announced committee deadlines ahead of the February session. Friday, March 27, at 5 p.m., marks the deadline for committees to act favorably on bills in the house of origin **and** for committees to act favorably on bills, or companions of bills, which met the first deadline in the other body. April 17 at 5 p.m. marks the deadline for committees to act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills.

Session Preview

With the session starting soon, what issues are expected? What bills will pass?

First, with a one-vote margin for the DFL in the Senate and a tie vote in the House, it is unlikely that anything will pass unless there is bipartisan support or a deal is made on another matter to secure votes. For example, a bonding bill requires a supermajority to pass. So, votes may be traded on another policy bill to get bonding measures across the finish line.

As to the energy issues up for debate:

- Repeal of the Nuclear Moratorium: While there may be enough DFL votes in the Senate and the House to pass a repeal, the sticking point is tribal support. Several DFL members will not vote to support a repeal unless there is tribal approval.
- Net Metering Reform: Last session, it was apparent that there were sufficient votes to support net metering reform for the cooperative and the municipal electric utilities. The sticking point is getting support from House DFL

members. Current law requires that, for distributed generation of 40 kW or less, municipal and cooperative customers must pay the retail rate for “excess” solar generated. In comparison, the PURPA rate (often described as avoided cost) is paid for solar generated by units larger than 40 kW. As constituents and lawmakers consider affordability, this issue will be raised to reduce costs.

- Affordability: As electric rates have generally increased nationwide, lawmakers in Minnesota are concerned. As they may look at different opportunities or policies to reduce costs for utilities, municipal utilities are concerned that ideas may be floated that move toward state or Public Utilities Commission (PUC) oversight of municipal utility or cooperative rates. As customer-owned and customer-operated utilities, we must maintain customer oversight.
- Air Dispersion Modeling: During the last session, there were attempts to add language to various bills that would allow the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to implement air modeling protocols and rules that are stricter than national (EPA) standards. If such language were to pass, it would make local municipal utility generation harder and much more expensive to run. This generation has proven necessary when the grid is suffering from a lack of resource adequacy (e.g., polar vortex and the recent Winter Storm Fern), or when a city is “islanded” due to weather or damage (e.g., transmission lines can’t bring power to a city due to tornado damage). MRES and others continue to oppose the addition of this language.
- Mini-Mandates: There will likely be several mini-mandates or suggestions to alter the Carbon Free (CFS) or Renewable Energy Standards (RES). Possible ideas that have been floated include mandating virtual power plants, requiring hourly retirements of renewable energy certificates (AKA RECs) for RES and CFS compliance, limiting the types of resources that count for the RES/CFS (e.g. biomass), mandating battery storage, eliminating or restricting the “off-ramps” allowed under the RES/CFS, and eliminating the ability to count some market purchases as carbon free for the CFS mandate. While it will be difficult to pass

these measures given the tie in the House, they may be discussed in committee to tee up the issues for 2027.

- **Wildfire Liability:** Like other states, there may be a bill introduced to relieve electric utilities from strict liability for wildfires upon proof that wildfire mitigation measures have been taken. It is important to note that such a measure, like other states, would only relieve strict liability, not general liability for property damage and similar claims. If such a bill were introduced, it would be too early to tell whether it could be passed this year.
- **Right of First Refusal:** Right of First Refusal (ROFR) is the right of a utility to have the first opportunity to invest in regionally planned high-voltage transmission lines that interconnect to the utility's existing infrastructure. There may be attempts to expand the statute to allow for greater investment rights. It is too early to tell where such legislation might go if introduced.

Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

The Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA) has announced its 2026 Legislative Conference. It will take place at the Drury Plaza Hotel in downtown St. Paul, running from 8:30 a.m. on March 24 to noon on March 25. Registration and hotel blocks are open, and information is available on the [MMUA website](#).

North Dakota

The legislative guide from the 2025 session is still available [online](#) on the MRES North Dakota pages for download.

Special Session Bill Update

In the last update, it was noted that [SB 2404](#) was still awaiting the Governor's signature. It has since been signed. The bill provides a \$325,000 appropriation and authorizes the Public Service Commission (PSC) to intervene in federal lawsuits. The PSC and the North Dakota congressional delegation have been raising concerns about the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Regional Transmission Organizations' cost allocations for new transmission lines. These cost allocation dockets may be one area in which we see PSC intervention.

South Dakota

Visit the [South Dakota](#) pages to track bills of interest to MRES members. The MRES South Dakota Legislative Guide for 2026 is also available on the South Dakota page of the MRES website.

South Dakota Fast Facts:

- **SB 127 would prohibit a data center from locating within a municipality.**

Session Overview

The deluge of bills continued last week with several data center-related bills, moratoriums, and tax proposals in the mix. At this point, there is no definition of data center in the statute, and the proposed legislation offers varying definitions; some specify different levels of electric usage, while others do not refer to a level of use, which would then incorporate any. It reflects policymakers' lack of understanding and their general negative perception of data centers. We will closely monitor and work to inform legislators about the impact on municipal utilities.

Thank you to those who helped host the MRES SD Power Lunch. We appreciate your participation and support in building relationships with the legislators to strengthen their appreciation for the value of municipal power.

Wildfire Mitigation

[SB 36](#) authorizes wildfire mitigation plans and limits utility liability. The Senate passed the bill on a 29-4 vote. We support this legislation. It faces opposition from trial lawyers and insurance companies. The bill moves on to the House Commerce Committee.

Public Meetings

[SB 46](#) revises the requirements for open meeting agendas. The Attorney General requests this bill. The Senate approved the bill 34-0. Last week, the House Local Government approved the bill unanimously, and it passed the House 69-0 on the consent calendar.

[SB 47](#) modifies requirements for executive sessions/closed meetings. The Attorney General proposes this bill. The Senate approved the bill

34-0. Last week, the House Local Government approved the bill unanimously, and it passed the House on the consent calendar 69-0.

Data Centers / Consumer Protection

[HB 1301](#) would impose a one-year moratorium on data centers and seeks to prevent costs associated with data centers from being passed on to traditional consumers. Rep. Healy (D-Sioux Falls) is the prime sponsor, and the State Affairs Committee will hear the bill.

[SB 127](#) would prohibit a data center from locating within a mile of a residential area, effectively preventing data centers within municipalities. Rep. Howard (R-Rapid City) is the prime sponsor, and the State Affairs Committee will hear the bill.

[SB 128](#) modifies provisions of serving large utility customers. Some elements need work, but regarding the 2 MW exception, the legislation changes the service territory to “the existing boundary of a municipality”—it means the 1976 boundaries do not bind cities (especially municipal electric cities) that have grown since 1976, but rather the boundaries as they exist today. Rep. Howard (R-Rapid City) is the prime sponsor, and the State Affairs Committee will hear the bill.

[SB 235](#) seeks to shield historic customers from rate increases resulting from data centers. This legislation reflects the need for a definition of a data center with an electric-use threshold. We have concerns about section 5 that may open the door to legal action against utilities that serve data centers. Sen. Crabtree (R-Madison) is the prime sponsor.

PUC / Public Safety

[SB 9](#) would clarify that the One-Call 48-hour timeframe begins at 12:01 AM the day after the locate request is made (excluding weekends and holidays). This is a helpful clarification. The bill passed the Senate 18-16. Last week, the House Commerce Committee approved the bill 12-1, and it passed the House 48-19. It is now with the Governor.

[SB 25](#) reduces the six-month notice-of-intent period to three months and modifies the local review committee process for PUC permits. It passed the

Commerce Committee 5-1 with favorable amendments. The bill passed the Senate 30-3. The House Commerce Committee will hear the bill on Monday morning.

[HB 1038](#), proposed by the PUC, was amended at the PUC's and stakeholders' request. The bill would now apply the actual costs of rate analysis to data centers with a load of 10MW or more. The amendment improved the bill. The House Commerce and Energy Committee passed the amended version unanimously. The House approved the bill 60-5. We anticipate an amendment will be added in the Senate to clarify that this legislation applies only to IOUs. The PUC proposes HB 1049. While federal statute addresses this infrastructure protection, it is acceptable to include it in state statute as well. The bill passed the House 68-0. It is now assigned to the Senate Commerce Committee.

Cybersecurity

[SB 75](#) makes clear that municipal utilities, cooperatives, and other nonprofit utilities, such as water districts, are eligible for cybersecurity services and grants. This is good legislation. The Appropriations Committee approved a clarifying amendment, passed the bill unanimously, and placed it on the consent calendar. The Senate approved the bill 32-0.

Survey Access

[SB 88](#) would limit the examination of property subject to condemnation. This bill does not apply to the state or its subdivisions. The Senate Commerce Committee approved it unanimously; the Senate followed suit, approving it 34-0. It will next be heard in the House Commerce Committee.



**Accept Report on Service Territory Payment to
Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association for 2025 Energy Usage**

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission accept a report on the electric service territory payment to Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association totaling \$82,512.19 for 2025 energy sales within their former service area.

BACKGROUND:

When the City of Moorhead annexes properties into Moorhead, the Commission negotiates with the existing electric service provider for the territory and purchases the rights to serve the newly annexed area. Service territory agreements generally include payments to the existing electric provider for existing electric infrastructure, system reintegration costs, and for 10 years of lost revenues.

The Commission has had several agreements in place with Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association (RRVCPA) for buyouts of electric service territories. By the end of 2017, all previous agreements had expired except the 2016 Agreement for the Oakport buyout area. In 2020, a new agreement took effect for a property on 46th Avenue South in Moorhead. In 2023, a new agreement took effect for a property on 40th Avenue South in Moorhead.

Payments for the 2016 Agreement will continue until late 2026; payments for the 2020 Agreement will continue until 2030; and payments for the 2023 Agreement will continue until 2033.

Moorhead Public Service (MPS) staff compiled the 2025 energy sales information for these three areas and made a payment to RRVCPA in February 2026. During 2025, no accounts were closed or removed within the service areas, and three new accounts were added. MPS maintains detailed records that are available to RRVCPA if they would like to audit the numbers.

Attached are the letter and summary sheet sent to RRVCPA, which show the consumption, rate, and payment due for the service territory agreements. The 2025 settlement payment is as follows:

2025	Energy (kWh)	Payment
2016 Agreement (Oakport)	2,670,202	\$80,106.06
2020 Agreement (46th Avenue South)	42,221	\$1,321.52
2023 Agreement (40th Avenue South)	32,867	\$1,084.61
Total	2,745,290	\$82,512.19

For comparison, the 2024 and 2023 payment amounts are listed below:

2024	Energy (kWh)	Payment
2016 Agreement (Oakport)	2,552,734	\$76,582.02
2020 Agreement (46th Avenue South)	40,595	\$1,270.62
2023 Agreement (40th Avenue South)	30,418	\$1,003.79
Total	2,623,747	\$78,856.43

2023	Energy (kWh)	Payment
2016 Agreement (Oakport)	2,644,907	\$79,347.20
2020 Agreement (46th Avenue South)	42,134	\$1,318.79
2023 Agreement (40th Avenue South)	12,628	\$416.72
Total	2,699,669	\$81,082.71

KEY ISSUES:

- MPS currently has three agreements in place with RRVCPA. One of the agreements is for RRVCPA's former service territory in Oakport; another is for RRVCPA's former service area located near 46th Avenue South in Moorhead, and the third is for RRVCPA's former service area serving a property on 40th Avenue South in Moorhead.
- MPS makes annual lost revenue payments to RRVCPA for these three agreements.
- MPS maintains detailed records that are available to RRVCPA if they would like to audit the numbers.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- In February 2026, MPS paid RRVCPA \$82,512.19 for the 2025 service territory payment. For comparison, the payment made to RRVCPA in 2025 for 2024 electric usage was \$78,856.43.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt
General Manager

Division/Response Person: Mark Moilanen, Administration and Finance Manager.

Attachments:

Letter to RRVCPA dated February 2, 2026, and 2025 RRVCPA Buyout Payment Summary



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February 2, 2026

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Rich Whitcomb
Chief Executive Officer
Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association
P. O. Box 358
Halstad, MN 56548-0358

RE: 2025 Settlement Payment for Electric Energy Sold in Acquired Service Areas

Dear Mr. Whitcomb:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the annual settlement payment and a report of energy sold in the following areas in Moorhead, Minnesota, covered by Electric Service Territory Agreements:

- Oakport
- 46th Avenue South
- 40th Avenue South

During 2025, no accounts were closed or removed, and three new accounts were added.

The enclosed table outlines the energy sold and the associated settlement payment of \$82,512.19. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$82,512.19.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 218.477.8084.

Sincerely,

Travis L. Schmidt
General Manager, PE MBA

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MOORHEAD PUBLIC SERVICE

2025 RRVCPA BUYOUT PAYMENT SUMMARY (CONSOLIDATED)

Payment Due by Feb 15, 2026

Map #	Map Description	Exp. Date	Dual-Fuel	Electric	Street Lt	Usage Total	Rate	Amount
ALL MAPS								
Oak	Oakport	10/25/2026	0	2,636,857	33,345	2,670,202	\$ 0.03000	\$ 80,106.06
S MHD	S MHD (STOREMOOR)	01/06/2030	0	42,221		42,221	\$ 0.03130	\$ 1,321.52
S MHD	40 AVE S	05/23/2033		32,867		32,867	\$ 0.03300	\$ 1,084.61
TOTAL			0	2,711,945	33,345	2,745,290		\$ 82,512.19
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS			0	0	0	0		\$ -
GRAND TOTAL			0	2,711,945	33,345	2,745,290		\$ 82,512.19
SUMMARY BY TERRITORY AGREEMENT								
	Oakport		0	2,636,857	33,345	2,670,202		\$ 80,106.06
	S MHD (STOREMOOR)		0	42,221		42,221		\$ 1,321.52
	40 AVE S		0	32,867		32,867		\$ 1,084.61
			0	2,711,945	33,345	2,745,290		\$ 82,512.19

Approve Revised MPS Electric Service Rules and Regulations

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve the revised Moorhead Public Service Electric Service Rules and Regulations.

BACKGROUND:

The proposed revisions to Moorhead Public Service's (MPS') Electric Service Rules and Regulations consist of a comprehensive review and updates to several sections. The Electric Service Rules and Regulations were last revised in August 2019. Some of the revisions are simple updates, such as correcting definitions, adding necessary language, and updating contact information. Other revisions are more substantial and reflect changes in technology, operations, and document clarity.

Attached is a strike-and-underline version of the revised sections of MPS' Electric Service Rules and Regulations showing deletions, additions, and clarifications, as needed. Below is a summary of the major revisions that have been made:

- Section 100—Definitions
 - “Junction Point” is being renamed to “Point of Demarcation—no change made to the definition.
- Section 201—Service Jurisdiction
 - These revisions are being made to incorporate guidelines previously included in the Commission's Policy on Service Extensions.
- Section 300—Rates, Deposits, and Connection Charges
 - These revisions are being made to remove Appendix 3 and to reference the Commission's Policy on Deposits and the Policy on Collection of Accounts.
- Section 507— Dual-Fuel Program
 - These revisions are being made to reflect the addition of new technology to the program, and adjustments based on operational requirements.
- Section 508.5—Interruptible Service Program
 - These revisions apply to qualifying customers who may require an additional demand meter.
- Section 610—Meter Testing
 - These revisions are being made to include wording “as determined by MPS” when a customer requests meter testing.

KEY ISSUES:

- MPS' Electric Service Rules and Regulations were last updated in August 2019.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt
General Manager

Division/Response Person: Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager

Attachments: Revised Sections 100, 200, 300, 500, and 600 to MPS' Electric Service Rules and Regulations (strike-and-underline version) (PSC Only)

**Approve Renewable Energy Certificates Designated Entity
Contract No. 25-UGPR-73 with Western Area Power Administration****RECOMMENDATION:**

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve the Renewable Energy Certificates Designated Entity Contract No. 25-UGPR-73 with Western Area Power Administration, designating Missouri River Energy Services to administer Moorhead Public Service's Renewable Energy Certificates, contingent upon final legal approval.

BACKGROUND:

Prior to 2022, Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) did not provide Hydroelectric Generation Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) to preference power customers, such as Moorhead Public Service (MPS). In April 2023, MPS was notified that WAPA would begin providing RECs to its customers and was coordinating with Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (M-RETS) to disseminate those RECs.

On December 20, 2022, MPS elected Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) as the designated entity to manage MPS' RECs through M-RETS, allowing MPS to provide the necessary RECs to an MPS customer, with a sustainability goal or requirement. To simplify the process, MRES has been managing both MRES and WAPA's RECs at no cost to its members.

WAPA has requested that MPS agree to the Renewable Energy Certificate Designated Entity Contract No. 25-UGPR-73 (REC Contract) (available upon request) between the City of Moorhead (City), MRES, and WAPA. The REC Contract terminates the previous Renewable Energy Certificate Contract No. 23-UGPR-15, permits the resale of RECs, and updates various provisions, billing, and principles. The REC Contract designates MRES as the City's designated entity and provides REC management services to Moorhead. MRES will retire the RECs provided by WAPA so the power purchased from WAPA will be considered renewable and carbon-free.

WAPA is not currently charging administrative fees and will notify MPS if it begins charging them. WAPA has also stated that there are currently no plans to implement an administrative fee. However, MPS will be responsible for the transfer fee through M-RETS, the REC tracking system used by WAPA, which is \$0.004/REC. Based on MPS' 2025 energy purchases from WAPA (230,879,000 kWh), the transfer fee cost to MPS will be approximately \$923.52.

KEY ISSUES:

- On December 20, 2022, MPS elected (MRES as the designated entity to manage MPS' RECs through M-RETS, allowing MPS to provide the necessary RECs to an MPS customer, with a sustainability goal or requirement.
- WAPA has requested that MPS agree to the REC Contract between the City, MRES, and WAPA.
- The REC Contract terminates the previous Renewable Energy Certificate Contract No. 23-UGPR-15, permits the resale of RECs, and updates various provisions, billing, and principles.
- MRES will retire the RECs provided by WAPA so the power purchased from WAPA will be considered renewable and carbon-free.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- MPS will be responsible for the transfer fee through M-RETS, the REC tracking system used by WAPA, which is \$0.004/REC.
- Based on MPS' 2025 energy purchases from WAPA (230,879,000 kWh), the transfer fee cost to MPS will be approximately \$923.52.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt
General Manager

Division/Response Person: Taylor Holte, Project Engineer.

Attachments: Available upon request.

Authorize MPS' Participation in the 2026 Light Up Navajo Project

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission authorize Moorhead Public Service to participate in the 2026 Light Up Navajo Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Light Up Navajo Project, often called “mutual aid without a storm,” was launched in 2019 by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) in partnership with American Public Power Association (APPA). Each year, public power utilities across the country send volunteer lineworkers to the Navajo Nation to help extend electric service to homes that have waited years for connection. Despite efforts, thousands of families living on the Navajo Nation still remain without access to electricity.

Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) is coordinating a member-led effort to recruit two, four-person line crews for each of the project’s first two weeks, which are scheduled for April 12-18 and April 19-25, 2026. In November 2025, MRES offered this opportunity to Moorhead Public Service (MPS) lineworkers as a form of providing mutual aid to another public power organization. At that time, eight employees expressed interest in supporting NTUA for the 2026 Light Up Navajo Project.

MPS is coordinating with MRES to determine the appropriate number of MPS lineworkers who may participate in 2026, while ensuring adequate staffing to meet operational needs during the project period. Through this effort, MPS has the opportunity to support beneficial work that will have a lasting impact on the communities served.

Under the proposed arrangement, MPS will cover wages and travel expenses for the participating lineworkers. NTUA would provide trucks, housing, and meals to MPS’ lineworkers for the duration of the project.

KEY ISSUES:

- The Light Up Navajo Project, often called “mutual aid without a storm,” was launched in 2019 by the NTUA in partnership with the APPA.
- MRES is coordinating a member-led effort to recruit two four-person line crews for each of the project’s first two weeks, scheduled for April 12-18 and April 19-25, 2026.
- MPS is coordinating with MRES to determine the appropriate number of MPS lineworkers who may participate in 2026, while ensuring adequate staffing to meet operational needs during the project period.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Under the proposed arrangement, MPS will cover wages and travel expenses for the participating lineworkers. NTUA would provide trucks, housing, and meals to MPS’ lineworkers for the duration of the project.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt
General Manager

Division/Response Person: Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager.

Attachments: None.



**Award Bid for Furnishing 115 kV IPO Breakers at
MPS' Northeast and Southeast Substations**

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission award the bid for furnishing two 115 kV IPO breakers at Moorhead Public Service's Northeast and Southeast Substations to Border States Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$558,750, and authorize the General Manager to approve all change orders up to a cumulative maximum of 5 percent of the contract amount, contingent upon final legal approval.

BACKGROUND:

In December 2024, Moorhead Public Service (MPS) entered into a Task Order Agreement for Professional Services with DGR Engineering (DGR). Task Order No. 12, which was approved by the Commission on January 21, 2025, is for engineering services for the Northeast Substation (NE Substation) Project. Task Order No. 13, which was approved by the Commission on April 22, 2025, is for engineering services for the Southeast Substation (SE Substation) Project. Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 12 and Task Order No. 13, which was approved by the Commission on November 18, 2025, is for additional engineering services related to the NE Substation and SE Substation projects.

DGR prepared specifications for two 115 kV independent pole operation (IPO) breakers that will be installed at the future NE Substation and the SE Substation. MPS received one bid at the bid opening on January 28, 2026. Border States Industries, Inc., provided a base bid and an alternate bid. The lowest of the two bids was Siemens Energy, Inc. (Siemens), in the amount of \$558,750. Attached are DGR's recommendation letter and Bid Summary. The bid price for the two 115 kV IPO breakers is higher than the engineer's estimate of \$420,000 and is included in MPS' budgets for future years.

Due to long lead times, the 115 kV IPO breakers are expected to arrive between May 2029 and August 2029. The breaker manufacturer, Siemens, had several exceptions to the terms and conditions of the contract. MPS' legal counsel will review and approve any changes to the contract prior to execution.

KEY ISSUES:

- DGR prepared specifications for two 115 kV IPO breakers that will be installed at the SE Substation and at the future NE Substation.
- MPS received one bid at the bid opening on January 28, 2026. Border States Industries, Inc., provided a base bid and an alternate bid.
- Due to long lead times, the 115 kV IPO breakers are expected to arrive between May 2029 and August 2029.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- The lowest of the two bids was Siemens in the amount of \$558,750.
- MPS has included the 115 kV IPO breakers in its annual and future budgets.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis L. Schmidt
General Manager

Division/Response Person: Taylor Holte, Electric Project Engineer.

Attachments: DGR Recommendation Letter and Bid Summary



February 9, 2026

Moorhead Public Service
Attn: Travis Schmidt, P.E., M.B.A., General Manager
PO Box 779
Moorhead, MN 56561-0779

RE: **Recommendation of Award of Contract**
Furnishing 115 kV IPO Breakers – Southeast & Northeast Substations
DGR Project No. 417026

Dear Travis:

We have reviewed the bids received on January 28, 2026 for the above-referenced project. A bid summary form of the bid results is enclosed. We have checked the bids for mathematical accuracy and compliance with the bid specifications. We are hereby prepared to offer the following recommendation.

There were two (2) responsive bids received ranging in price from \$558,750.00 to \$810,200.00. The apparent low bid evaluated was received from Border States, who submitted a total price of \$558,750.00 for two (2) breakers manufactured by Siemens. We are familiar with the Siemens breakers and know of no reason why they would not perform well on this project. Pending legal review, we recommend that you award the contract for two (2) IPO Breakers to Border States for a total price of **\$558,750.00**.

Please review our recommendation and feel free to contact us with any questions you or the Commission may have. Please let us know when an award has been made, and we will proceed with preparing the Contract Documents for signatures. We will be sending a copy of the bid summary to all bidders and plan holders.

Best Regards,

DGR Engineering

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Davis'.

Paul Davis, P.E.
Enclosure: Bid Summary
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BID SUMMARY

**Furnishing 115 kV IPO Breakers - Southeast & Northeast Substations
Moorhead Public Service
Moorhead, Minnesota**



**DGR Project No. 417026
Bid Letting: January 28, 2026 - 2:00 PM
MPS
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Bidder and Address	Bid Security	Bid Price	Guaranteed Delivery Date	Breaker Mftr	Mftr Location	Comments
Border States 605 25th Street Fargo, ND 58103	10% Bid Bond	\$558,750.00	170-180 Weeks	Siemens	Jackson, MS	Firm Pricing Excluding Tarriffs and Freight
Border States (Alternate) 605 25th Street Fargo, ND 58103	10% Bid Bond	\$810,200.00	156-160 Weeks ADA	GE Grid Solutions	PA, USA or Quebec, Canada	Firm Pricing Excluding Tarriffs and Freight

Quantity (2)

Approve Request to Mayor and Moorhead City Council to Approve Resolution of Applications for MPS' 2026 Water Division Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission request the Mayor and Moorhead City Council to consider approval of Resolution of Applications for the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund for Moorhead Public Service's 2026 Water Division Projects as follows:

1. 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project
2. 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement – Emergency Replacement
3. 2026 Watermain Replacement – Distribution Phase 4
4. 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement – Eighth Street South

BACKGROUND:

On January 15, 2026, the Commission approved Task Order No. 13 with Apex Engineering Group (Apex), to complete the engineering and funding administration services associated with Moorhead Public Service's (MPS') 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Projects. MPS' Water Division proposes completing several projects, including lead service line and watermain replacements. In 2024, MPS began a pilot project that established the foundation for lead service line replacement efforts and informed budget planning for future year-round projects. Since the spring of 2022, MPS has submitted applications to be included on the Project Priority List for funding through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (MPFA) Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF). Funding for lead service line replacements has become available through a combination of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and State of Minnesota matching funds.

MPS and Apex are currently in the process of submitting the DWRF lead service line and watermain replacement applications to MPFA for MPS' 2026 Water Division projects. MPFA requires that several items be submitted, including the attached Resolution of Applications approved by the Moorhead City Council.

As part of MPFA's program, the lead service line replacement projects will require entering into a loan or grant agreement with MPFA and submitting project specifications to the Minnesota Department of Health and MPFA by March 2026. Under the current funding available through the 2026 Intended Use Plan, the agreement with MPFA will provide two separate funds for the improvements—one for the private portion and one for the public portion of the lead service line replacements—ultimately resulting in a reimbursable grant covering 100 percent of the project costs. Eligible costs will include construction, project administration, legal review, and engineering expenses required to complete the projects. The watermain replacement (Distribution Phase 4) project would require entering into a loan agreement with the MPFA. The MPFA-financed amount is estimated for each Resolution of Application, or the as-bid cost for each project.

KEY ISSUES:

- On January 15, 2026, the Commission approved Task Order No. 13 with Apex to complete engineering and funding administration services associated with MPS' 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Projects.
- MPS and Apex are currently in the process of submitting the DWRF lead service line replacement applications to MPFA for the MPS' 2026 Water Division projects.
- MPFA requires that several items be submitted, including the Resolution of Applications approved by the Moorhead City Council.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- The MPFA-financed amount is estimated for each Resolution of Application, or the as-bid cost for each project.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt
General Manager

Division/Response Person: Jake Long, Water Distribution Manager.

Attachments:

Moorhead City Council Resolution of Applications

RESOLUTION

Resolution to Approve the Resolution of Application for the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan Application for Moorhead Public Service's 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project

WHEREAS, Moorhead Public Service has submitted applications to be included on the Project Priority List for funding through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund; and

WHEREAS, funding for lead service line replacements has become available through a combination of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and State of Minnesota matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority requires that several items be submitted, including a Resolution of Application approved by the Moorhead City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Moorhead City Council of the City of Moorhead, that Moorhead Public Service, a public utility of the City of Moorhead, Minnesota, is hereby applying to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for a grant from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund for a lead service line replacement project as described in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Moorhead City Council that Moorhead Public Service estimates the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority-financed amount to be \$500,000, or the as-bid cost of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Moorhead City Council that the City of Moorhead has the legal authority to apply for the grant, and the financial, technical, and managerial capacity to ensure proper construction, operation, and maintenance of the project for its design life.

PASSED: February 23, 2026 by the City Council of the City of Moorhead.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson, Mayor

Christina Rust, City Clerk

RESOLUTION

Resolution to Approve the Resolution of Application for the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan Application for Moorhead Public Service's 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Project – Emergency Replacement

WHEREAS, Moorhead Public Service has submitted applications to be included on the Project Priority List for funding through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund; and

WHEREAS, funding for lead service line replacements has become available through a combination of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and State of Minnesota matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority requires that several items be submitted, including a Resolution of Application approved by the Moorhead City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Moorhead City Council of the City of Moorhead, that Moorhead Public Service, a public utility of the City of Moorhead, Minnesota, is hereby applying to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for a grant from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund for a lead service line replacement project as described in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Moorhead City Council that Moorhead Public Service estimates the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority-financed amount to be \$150,000, or the as-bid cost of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Moorhead City Council that the City of Moorhead has the legal authority to apply for the grant, and the financial, technical, and managerial capacity to ensure proper construction, operation, and maintenance of the project for its design life.

PASSED: February 23, 2026 by the City Council of the City of Moorhead.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson, Mayor

Christina Rust, City Clerk

RESOLUTION

Resolution to Approve the Resolution of Application for the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan Application for Moorhead Public Service's 2026 Watermain Replacement – Distribution Phase 4

WHEREAS, Moorhead Public Service has submitted applications to be included on the Project Priority List for funding through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority requires that several items be submitted, including a Resolution of Application approved by the Moorhead City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Moorhead City Council of the City of Moorhead, that Moorhead Public Service, a public utility of the City of Moorhead, Minnesota, is hereby applying to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for a loan from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund for a watermain replacement project as described in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Moorhead City Council that Moorhead Public Service estimates the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority-financed amount to be \$1,466,250, or the as-bid cost of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Moorhead City Council that the City of Moorhead has the legal authority to apply for the loan, and the financial, technical, and managerial capacity to ensure proper construction, operation, and maintenance of the project for its design life.

PASSED: February 23, 2026 by the City Council of the City of Moorhead.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson, Mayor

Christina Rust, City Clerk

RESOLUTION

Resolution to Approve the Resolution of Application for the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund Loan Application for Moorhead Public Service's 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement – Eighth Street South

WHEREAS, Moorhead Public Service has submitted applications to be included on the Project Priority List for funding through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Drinking Water Revolving Fund; and

WHEREAS, funding for lead service line replacements has become available through a combination of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and State of Minnesota matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority requires that several items be submitted, including a Resolution of Application approved by the Moorhead City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Moorhead City Council of the City of Moorhead, that Moorhead Public Service, a public utility of the City of Moorhead, Minnesota, is hereby applying to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for a grant from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund for a lead service line replacement project as described in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Moorhead City Council that Moorhead Public Service estimates the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority-financed amount to be \$250,000, or the as-bid cost of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Moorhead City Council that the City of Moorhead has the legal authority to apply for the grant, and the financial, technical, and managerial capacity to ensure proper construction, operation, and maintenance of the project for its design life.

PASSED: February 23, 2026 by the City Council of the City of Moorhead.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Michelle (Shelly) A. Carlson, Mayor

Christina Rust, City Clerk

**Approve Sponsorship Request from Moorhead American Legion
for Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN Summer Blast Fundraiser**

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission approve the sponsorship request from the Moorhead American Legion for the 2026 Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN Summer Blast Fundraiser in the amount of \$2,500.

BACKGROUND:

On November 21, 2023, the Commission approved the amended Policy on Sponsorships and Marketing (Policy). As stated in the Policy, the General Manager has the authority to review and provide a recommendation to the Commission for approval of a sponsorship request.

The Moorhead American Legion will be holding a fundraiser for the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN July 24-26, 2026. The Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans. The top priority is given to senior veterans of World War II and the Korean War, as well as other veterans who may be terminally ill.

Moorhead Public Service's (MPS') sponsorship of \$2,500 would include its logo on the jumbo video screen during the event, as well as 10 weekend pass tickets. Attached are the Moorhead American Legion's Sponsorship Submission Form and sponsorship opportunities.

In 2024, MPS consulted with legal counsel Flaherty & Hood, PA (F&H), regarding the sponsorship request for the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN to confirm that all requirements were met. F&H confirmed that MPS could sponsor this event based upon final approval by the Commission.

Each year, MPS budgets \$50,000 for marketing and/or sponsorship requests, of which \$8,340 has been expensed to date.

KEY ISSUES:

- On November 21, 2023, the Commission approved the amended Policy on Sponsorships and Marketing, which gives the General Manager the authority to review and provide a recommendation to the Commission for approval of a sponsorship request.
- The Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans. The top priority is given to senior veterans of World War II and the Korean War, as well as other veterans who may be terminally ill.
- MPS' sponsorship of \$2,500 would include its logo on the jumbo video screen during the event, as well as 10 weekend pass tickets.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- The Moorhead American Legion is requesting a sponsorship from MPS in the amount of \$2,500 for its fundraising efforts for the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN.
- Each year, MPS budgets \$50,000 for marketing and/or sponsorship requests, of which \$8,340 has been expensed to date.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt
General Manager

Division/Response Person: Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager.

Attachments:

Moorhead American Legion's Sponsorship Submission Form and Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship Submission Form

Requester Information

Date: 2-3-2026

Name of Organization Requesting Sponsorship Opportunity: _____

Moorhead American Legion / Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN

Name of Sponsorship Event: Summer Blast 2026

Primary Contact Person and Title: Scott B. Moen - General Manager

Primary Contact Person Phone Number: 701-367-5787

Primary Contact Person E-mail: post21manager@gmail.com

Please answer the following questions related to the above-named sponsorship request:

1. How will the sponsorship benefit the Moorhead community as a whole?

SEE Attachment

2. How will the sponsorship directly relate to the functions of Moorhead Public Service?

See Attachment

3. Does the sponsorship have, as the primary objective, the benefit of a private interest?

See Attachment

APPROVE SPONSORSHIP REQUEST:

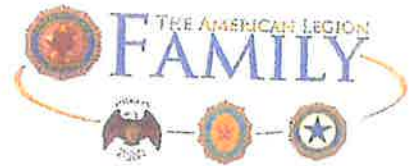
General Manager

Date: _____



Questions answered for Sponsorship form.

1. The ND/MN Veterans Honor Flight is continually raising funds to send our local veterans to Washington D.C. Many of our local veterans have had the pleasure of being on a recent flight and speak very highly of this trip. The event “Summer Blast” is open to the general public and is advertised as a Community Event. We know this event helps raise awareness so that these deserving Veterans get to go and see the Memorials and Monuments built in their Honor.
2. MPS has been a big supporter of Summer Blast in recent years. MPS provides us with expert knowledge when it comes to set up for the event. It is so greatly appreciated.
3. The sponsorship does not have any benefit to a private interest. All funds raised are 100% allocated to the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN. A lot of volunteer hours are accumulated, but so worth it and rewarding.



American Legion Post 21 & Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN
303 30th St N
Moorhead, MN 56560

Dear Supporters and Future Donors,

The Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN is a non-profit organization that takes Veterans to Washington D.C. free of charge. As of this year, more than 2,824 heroes from ND & MN have been escorted to Washington D.C. since 2005.

Our Mission is to Celebrate America's Veterans by inviting them to share in a trip of a lifetime at our nation's memorials, and we cannot do this without the help of our wonderful people and businesses.

We are hosting our Veterans Summer Blast on July 24-26, 2026, at the American Legion Post 21 in Moorhead. Last year's event was such a huge success that we raised over \$30,000.00. Enough money to send 19 veterans to Washington D.C.

One chartered flight of 110 Veterans and numerous volunteers' costs over \$270,000.00, and we need your help. We have included with this letter an existing itinerary of a past flight to give you an idea of what this trip entails.

This year we're hoping to raise even more money! Our goal is to send 30 heroes, and we were hoping that you could help us reach that goal.

If you have been a sponsor in the past, we sincerely thank you. And if you would like to become a first-time sponsor, your donation will go to help with a great and rewarding trip! Regardless of the amount you choose to give, your name, or company name will be included in the banners throughout the event.

Feel free to contribute an amount you're comfortable with.

See the attached Sponsorship Levels Document to find the giving level that's right for your company.

PLATINUM: \$5,000.00 +

GOLD: \$2,500.00-\$4,999.99

SILVER: \$1,000.00-\$2,499.99

BRONZE: \$500.00-\$999.99

If you're ready to donate, please make the check to the Moorhead American Legion and annotate in the memo "Veterans Summer Blast. Please send it to Moorhead American Legion, Attn: Scott Moen, PO Box 442 Moorhead, MN 56561-0442.

We want to thank you in advance for your generosity. Please don't hesitate to contact us directly, Lori Ishaug/Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN @ 701-361-6972; vikes4me@hotmail.com or Scott Moen/American Legion Post 21 @ 701-367-5787; post21manager@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Veterans Honor Flight Summer Blast Fundraiser Committee 2026

Discuss Sponsorship Request from Asian Night Market for 5th Annual Event

RECOMMENDATION:

The General Manager respectfully requests the Commission discuss the sponsorship request from Asian Night Market for its 5th Annual Event.

BACKGROUND:

On November 21, 2023, the Commission approved the amended Policy on Sponsorships and Marketing. As stated in the Policy, the General Manager has the authority to review and provide a recommendation to the Commission regarding a sponsorship request.

Asian Night Market’s mission is to unite diverse groups of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) from the Fargo-Moorhead metro area, empower its business owners, and foster collaboration between businesses and individuals to create opportunities that enrich and strengthen its collective community.

The 5th Annual Asian Night Market, will be held on May 30, 2026, at the Fargo Air Museum. This event is free and open to the public and features live performances, vendors, art, food, and children’s activities. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$100 to \$2,000. MPS would be recognized according to the sponsorship level.

MPS staff recommends not approving the Asian Night Market’s 5th Annual Event.

KEY ISSUES:

- On November 21, 2023, the Commission approved the amended Policy on Sponsorships and Marketing. As stated in the Policy, the General Manager has the authority to review and provide a recommendation to the Commission regarding a sponsorship request.
- Asian Night Market’s mission is to unite diverse groups of AAPI from the Fargo-Moorhead metro area, empower its business owners, and foster collaboration between businesses and individuals to create opportunities that enrich and strengthen its collective community.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- MPS staff recommends not approving the Asian Night Market’s 5th Annual Event.

Respectfully submitted,



Travis L. Schmidt
General Manager

Division/Response Person: Travis L. Schmidt, General Manager.

Attachments:

Asian Night Market Sponsorship Submission Form and Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship Submission Form

Requester Information

Date: 12/12/25

Name of Organization Requesting Sponsorship Opportunity:

Asian Night Market

Name of Sponsorship Event: 5th Annual: Asian Night Market

Primary Contact Person and Title: Shayna Karuman Sponsorship Co-ordinator and Co-Founder

Primary Contact Person Phone Number: 412 953 3804

Primary Contact Person E-mail: AsianNightMarketfm@gmail.com

Please answer the following questions related to the above-named sponsorship request:

1. How will the sponsorship benefit the Moorhead community as a whole?

Asian Night Market's mission is to unite diverse groups of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders from the Fargo-Moorhead metro area, empower its business owners, and foster collaboration between businesses and individuals to create opportunities that enrich and strengthen our collective community.

Our market on May 30th from 4-9pm will invite about 50 vendors to promote their AAPI owned businesses to all community members. We plan on hosting performances and kids activities for family friendly fun and entertainment. We expect about 3,000 attendees this year with about 2,500 at last year's market.

2. How will the sponsorship directly relate to the functions of Moorhead Public Service?

Asian Night Market's team continues to find ways to bring together Community members of all backgrounds to bring each other in our successes and innovation that makes Moorhead and Fargo an amazing place to have a family, own a business and lead our own journeys.

Our event is about showcasing culture and businesses but our community lead team is proud of the diversity in age, ancestry, industry and backgrounds that brought us to the FM area and how we can bring together an event that truly reflects how our Fargo Moorhead environment can foster a healthy and sustainable place in every aspect. Not only financially, environmentally, educationally, spiritually but also culturally for those neighbors who may not have roots as deep within this community as its founders. We believe the principles of uplifting our stories, voices and successes are how we can impact the community in a positive way and for future generations to speak their

stories with pride and agency.

3. Does the sponsorship have, as the primary objective, the benefit of a private interest?

100% of our organization's funds go directly towards our event program and venue/decoration cost. Thus, No, sponsoring our event would be for the benefit of the FM community's interest. Our event is free for all to attend with no cost or registration required.

Our team requests support from sponsors to help our event grow while ensuring it remains accessible and welcoming for all attendees and vendors. Funding will be used to support our venue rental at the Fargo Air Museum, printing cost of posters to promote our event and catalogs to invite attendees to engage with each vendor for a chance at vendor donated prizes. Additionally funding will go to decorations, kids activity materials and stage rental for performances.

APPROVE SPONSORSHIP REQUEST:

_Date:
General Manager



6/24/2025

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Sponsorship Tier Level	Yamashita's Gold \$500+	Jade \$250+	Silk \$100+
Recognition during opening and ending speeches	✗		
Half page catalog ad space	✗		
Logo displayed on T-shirt	✗	✗	
Sponsor group recognition on media portfolio (Instagram, Facebook, Website)	✗	✗	✗
Logos displayed on welcome and cafe tables	✗	✗	✗
Invitation to Asian Night Market Pre-Social	✗	✗	✗

*The Asian Night Market welcomes in-kind donations, such as team, equipment, or skill sharing. Please speak with our Sponsorship Coordinator for more information!

Individual Sponsorship Offers

Stage Sponsor \$2000

supporting, **performances, venue, stage and security cost.**

Sponsorship Incentives:

- All Gold Level Incentives
- 10ft Logo placement on performance stage
- Full page catalog ad space
- Individual social media "Thank You" post

Passport Sponsor \$1500

Market Sponsor contributions go directly to marketing and media of the Asian Night Market. More specifically, **passports, design and photobooth cost.**

Sponsorship Incentives:

- All Gold Level Incentives
- Logo placement on digital photobooth images
- Full page catalog ad space
- Individual social media "Thank You" post

Lantern Sponsor \$1000

Lantern contributions go directly to artistic and culturally inspired **decorations**

Sponsorship Incentives:

- All Gold Level Incentives
- Logo placement on digital photobooth images
- Full page catalog ad space
- Individual social media "Thank You" post

Education Sponsor \$750

Funding educational programming during Asian Night Market. More specifically, **kids activity, and advertisement.**

Sponsorship Incentives:

- All Gold Level Incentives
- Logo placement on kids table and coloring sheets.
- Full page catalog ad space
- Individual social media "Thank You" post



Captured by Shayna Karuman

The Asian Night Market Pre-Social

Reflecting on the feedback and opportunities to build relationships not only externally with the greater FM Community, but also internally, we have decided to host a social! Internally, we would like to provide an opportunity for our Asian Night Market team, sponsors, vendors, volunteers, and partners to network. This evening plans to encourage discussions around individual and group goals as well as build excitement for the Asian Night Market. The location and time are to be determined upon group availability.

