

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Committee Meetings Agenda

1:00 p.m.

March 5, 2025

1. Safety Briefing
2. Roll Call
3. Open Meetings Act Notice

Construction & Operations – Friend, Sidzyik, Cavanaugh

1. Capital Expenditures [Kendall Minor – SVP & Chief Operations Officer] – **Tab 5**
2. Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates
[Trevor Tonniges – Director, Plant Engineering] – **Tab 6**
3. Water Infrastructure Contract Partnership Recommendation for 2025
[Trevor Tonniges – Director, Plant Engineering] – **Tab 7**
4. Bids on Materials and Contracts [Jon Zellars – VP, Procurement & Enterprise Services] – **Tab 8**

Services & Extensions – Friend, Begley, Howard

1. Main Extensions [Masa Niiya – VP, Engineering] – **Tab 10**

Personnel – Begley, Sidzyik, Friend

1. Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratification
[Bonnie Savine – VP, Human Resources] – **Tab 11**

Judicial & Legislation – Cavanaugh, Cook, Howard

1. Blair High Road Pump Station Property Purchase
[Mark Mendenhall – SVP, General Counsel] – **Tab 12**
2. Second Legislative Report for 2025 [Rick Kubat – Governmental Relations Attorney] – **Tab 13**

(Turn over for regular Board Meeting agenda)

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

2:00 p.m.

March 5, 2025

1. Roll Call
 2. Open Meetings Act Notice
 3. Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Approval of Minutes – Committee Meetings and Regular Board Meeting for February 5, 2025
- CONSTRUCTION & OPERATIONS**
5. Capital Expenditures
 6. Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates
 7. Water Infrastructure Contract Partnership Recommendation for 2025
 8. Bids on Materials and Contracts
 9. Notice of Purchases Between \$25,000 & \$50,000
- SERVICES & EXTENSIONS**
10. Main Extensions
- PERSONNEL**
11. Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications
- JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE**
12. Blair High Road Pump Station Property Purchase
 13. Second Legislative Report for 2025
- BOARD**
14. Other Matters of District Business for Discussion
 15. Public Comment
 16. CLOSED SESSION – Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate

Adjourn Regular Monthly Board Meeting

(Turn over for Committee Meetings agenda)

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT
Minutes of the Committee Meeting
February 5, 2025

Chairman Tim Cavanaugh called to order the Committee meetings of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of Directors at 1:00 p.m. at its headquarters building located at 7350 World Communications Drive.

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the print version of *The Omaha World-Herald* on Sunday, January 26, 2025. Notice was also provided on the MUD website at www.mudomaha.com and other social media platforms. Agendas and all pertinent Board materials to be presented at the meeting were emailed to Directors and posted on the MUD website on January 31, 2025.

Chairman Cavanaugh announced that the meeting was being livestreamed and a recording of the meeting would be uploaded to the MUD website after the meeting's conclusion.

Safety Briefing

Vice President, Safety and Security Shane Hunter provided a safety briefing for all individuals attending the meeting in-person regarding protocol at the headquarters building in the event of an emergency.

Roll Call

On a roll call vote, the following Directors acknowledged their attendance: Bob Sidzyk, Mike McGowan, Gwen Howard, Tim Cavanaugh, Jim Begley, Tanya Cook, and Dave Friend. Directors McGowan, Howard and Cook joined remotely.

Open Meetings Act Notice

Chairman Cavanaugh announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the wall in the back of the Board Room.

Construction and Operations – Friend, Sidzyk, Cavanaugh

Senior Vice-President and Chief Operations Officer Kendall Minor presented the proposed capital expenditures as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated January 27, 2025.

Director of Plant Engineering Trevor Tonniges presented the acceptance of contracts and payment of final estimates as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated January 24, 2025. Director Cook requested clarification on the change in cost on project WP2067.

Director of Facilities Management John Velehradsky presented the amendment 1 – CC1/CC2 owner’s representation and program management services as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated January 22, 2025.

Vice-President of Procurement & Enterprise Services Jon Zellars presented the bids on materials and contracts as outlined in the letter to the Committee from Director of Procurement Sherri Lightfoot dated January 24, 2025. Director Friend requested further information regarding the vendor selection for the security improvements at the Platte South Water Production Facility.

Services and Extensions – Friend, Begley, Howard

Vice-President of Engineering Masa Niiya presented the proposed main extensions as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated January 28, 2025.

Personnel – Begley, Sidzyik, Friend

Vice-President of Human Resources Bonnie Savine reviewed the wage and/or salary increases and ratifications as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated January 23, 2025.

Ms. Savine continued presenting the SPA salary scale adjustment – annual general increase as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated January 22, 2025.

Justice & Legislative – Cavanaugh, Cook, Howard

Government Relations Attorney Rick Kubat reviewed the first legislative report of the 2025 session as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated January 30, 2025. Discussion took place regarding LB 117, 147 and 317.

Insurance & Pension – Howard, McGowan, Cook

Vice-President of Accounting Steve Dickas provided an overview of the 2024 Retirement Plan and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Investment Review as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated January 28, 2025, and as explained in the accompanying year-end report prepared by PNC Institutional Asset Management. The report was provided ‘for information only’ and was not subject to approval by the full Board in the regular monthly Board Meeting to follow. All materials presented to the Board were reviewed by the Insurance & Pension Committee during the meeting of January 27, 2025.

Mr. Dickas noted that the PNC report presents the 2024 investment performance for the Retirement and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust funds, and that the composite investment returns for the year ending December 31, 2024, were (9.93%) and (11.79%) for the Retirement and OPEB plans respectively (net of fees). The composite returns for the three-month period ending December 31, 2024, were -2.10% and -1.99% for the Retirement and OPEB plans respectively (net of fees).

Mr. Dickas introduced Braden Cielocha, Vice-President and Senior Relationship Manager at PNC Institutional Asset Management, to provide a brief presentation regarding investment performance and answer questions from the Board.

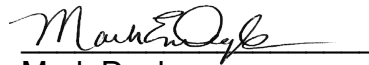
Committee of the Whole

Senior Vice-President and Chief Information Officer Sue Lobsiger presented the 2025 District Strategy Update. Board members provided feedback, including requesting additional input from across all levels of the District, soliciting customer feedback, including “cost-effective” to the mission statement, and ensuring the District Strategy in an ongoing plan. Ms. Lobsiger and President Doyle assured the Board that additional conversations will take place, and an update will be provided to Board Members in the coming months.

Public Comment

Chairman Cavanaugh asked if there were any further comments from the Board or if any member of the public would like to address the Board. There was none.

At 2:13 p.m., Chairman Cavanaugh announced the Committee Meetings had concluded and the Board would reconvene in then minutes for the regular monthly Board Meeting.



Mark Doyle
President & Secretary to the Board

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting
February 5, 2025

Chairman Tim Cavanaugh called to order the Committee meetings of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of Directors at 2:23 p.m. at its headquarters building located at 7350 World Communications Drive.

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AGENDA NO. 1

ROLL CALL

On a roll call vote, the following Directors acknowledged their attendance: Bob Sidzyk, Mike McGowan, Gwen Howard, Tim Cavanaugh, Jim Begley, Tanya Cook, and Dave Friend. Directors McGowan, Howard and Cook joined remotely.

AGENDA NO. 2

OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

Chairman Tim Cavanaugh announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the wall in the back of the Board Room.

AGENDA NO. 3

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Tim Cavanaugh invited all who wished to participate to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA NO. 4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR JANUARY 8, 2025.

Director Cook moved to approve the minutes for the Committee Meetings and Regular Monthly Board Meeting for January 5, 2025, which was seconded by Director Begley and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Sidzyk, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend

Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 5
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Director Friend moved to approve the proposed capital expenditures as presented in the Committee Meetings by Senior Vice-President and Chief Operations Officer, Kendall Minor as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated January 27, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Sidzyik and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend
Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 6
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF FINAL ESTIMATES

Director Friend moved to approve the acceptance of contracts and payment of final estimates as presented in the Committee Meetings by Director Plant Engineering Trevor Tonniges and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated January 24, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Begley and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend
Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 7
AMENDMENT NO. 1 CC1/CC2 OWNER'S REPRESENTATION AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Director Friend moved to approve the acceptance of contracts and payment of final estimates as presented in the Committee Meetings by Director Facilities Management John Velehradsky and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated January 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend
Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 8
BIDS ON MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS

Director Friend moved to approve the bids on materials and contracts as presented in the Committee Meetings by Vice-President of Procurement and Enterprise Services Jon Zellars and as outlined in the letter to the Committee dated January 24, 2025, from Director of Procurement Sherri Lightfoot. The motion was seconded by Director Begley and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend
Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 9
MAIN EXTENSIONS

Director Friend moved to approve the proposed main extensions as presented in the Committee Meetings by Vice-President of Engineering Masa Niiya and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated January 28, 2025, which was seconded by Director Sidzyk and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Sidzyk, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend
Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 10

WAGE AND/OR SALARY INCREASES AND RATIFICATIONS

Director Begley moved to approve the Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications as presented in the Committee Meetings by Vice-President of Human Resources Bonnie Savine and as outlined in her letter dated January 23, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Friend and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Sidzyk, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend
Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 11

SPA ANNUAL GENERAL INCREASE

Director Begley moved to approve the SPA Annual General Increase as presented in the Committee Meetings by Vice-President of Human Resources Bonnie Savine and as outlined in her letter dated January 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Friend and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Sidzyk, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend
Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 12

FIRST LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR 2025

Director Cavanaugh moved to approve the recommended positions on legislative bills outlined in the First Legislative Report for 2025 as presented in the Committee Meetings by Government Relations Attorney Rick Kubat and as outlined in his letter dated January 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Director Friend and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Sidzyk, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend
Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 13

OTHER MATTERS OF DISTRICT BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Mendenhall announced that he and Bridget Mendenhall are co-chairing the Heath the Streets event on March 1, 2025, and encouraged staff, Board members, and vendors to participate with proceeds going toward utility assistance for District

customers. He also thanked all the event sponsors which are listed on <https://www.heatthestreetsomaha.com>.

AGENDA NO. 14
PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Cavanaugh asked if there were any further comments from the Board or if any member of the public would like to address the Board. There was none.

AGENDA NO. 15
CLOSED SESSION – LITIGATION, PERSONNEL AND REAL ESTATE

At 2:32 p.m. Director Cook moved to go into Closed Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend

Voting No: None

At 3:35 p.m. Director Cook motioned to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend

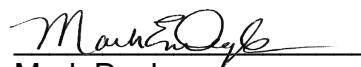
Voting No: None

Director Cook moved to adjourn the regular Board Meeting which was seconded by Director Sidzyik and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard, Cavanaugh, Begley, Cook, Friend

Voting No: None

The regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.



Mark Doyle
President & Secretary to the Board

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT*Inter-Department Communication***February 28, 2025****Subject: CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

To: Construction and Operations Committee
cc: all Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Myers, and all Vice Presidents

From: Kendall Minor, SVP & Chief Operations Officer

The following items will be on the March 5th, 2025, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval:

BUILDINGS, PLANTS & EQUIPMENT

1. JOB #: WP2179 (100085000680 - \$951,000)

PROJECT COST: \$951,000

LOCATION: 132nd Street and Harney Street

PURPOSE: Pump station rehabilitation and improvement consultant selection

DESCRIPTION: The 132nd & Harney Street Pump Station was initially placed into service in 1962. It is a key pump station for the system and is needed to access approximately 13 million gallons of finished water storage in the two Harney Street Reservoirs. The pump station is currently near the end of its operational life, needs significant repair, and improvements are necessary.

This C&A requests authorization to hire an outside engineering firm to design, prepare plans, and specifications for these improvements. This work will include the design of a complete replacement of the station's mechanical, electrical, control, and pumping systems. It will also include the design of pavement replacements, drainage improvements, building repairs, architectural enhancements, and security improvements.

To select a consultant for this work, a request for proposals for professional services was issued that was open to any Engineering or Architectural firm licensed in Nebraska. Five teams of consultants responded. The lead firms on those teams were TD2 Engineering, Slate Architects, Snyder and Associates Engineering, Jackson and Jackson Architects, and HDR Engineering. A District selection team reviewed these proposals and selected HDR as the best firm to provide these services. This design is scheduled to be completed in early 2026.

Approving this C&A authorizes the President to enter into an agreement with HDR for the professional engineering services described above.

2. JOB #: WP2182 (100097000077 - \$198,000)

TOTAL COST: \$198,000

LOCATION: Rainwood Road Pump Station

PURPOSE: Professional Services for Comprehensive Engineering Review

DESCRIPTION: The Rainwood Road Pump Station and Reservoir was constructed in 1974, with a building expansion and the addition of its third pump in 1979. At over 50 years old, maintenance challenges and reliability are growing concerns. The most significant are those centered around the obsolescence of the existing 2,400-volt electrical equipment and hydraulic deficiencies that limit the useable capacity of the reservoir.

This C&A requests authorization to hire an outside firm to perform a Comprehensive Engineering Evaluation of Rainwood. This study would identify repair or replacement priorities, recommend improvements, suggest alternatives, and develop cost estimates. The study will also include an implementation schedule for future budget and outage planning.

To select a consultant for this project, a request for proposals was issued for professional services. This request was open to any engineering or architectural firm licensed in Nebraska. Six teams of consultants responded. The lead firms on those teams were ABP Engineers, Slate Architects, Jackson and Jackson Architects, Olsson Inc., HDR Inc., and Black and Veatch Inc. A District selection team reviewed these proposals and selected Black and Veatch (B&V) as the best firm to provide these services.

Approving this C&A authorizes the President to enter into an agreement with B&V for the professional engineering services described above.

3. JOB #: WP2183 (100097000076 - \$137,000)

TOTAL COST: \$137,000

LOCATION: Harrison Street Pump Station

PURPOSE: Professional Services for Comprehensive Engineering Review

DESCRIPTION: The 78th and Harrison Street Pump Station is a key facility in our water system. It was constructed in 1969 and expanded to add two additional pumps in 1983. At 55 years old, maintenance and reliability are growing concerns. The most significant issues are centered around the age of the station's 2,400- volt transformer, the obsolescence of its electrical equipment, and pump performance.

This C&A requests authorization to hire an outside firm to perform a Comprehensive Engineering Evaluation of the station. This study would identify repair or replacement priorities, recommend improvements, suggest alternatives, and develop cost estimates. The study will also include an implementation schedule for future budget and planning purposes.

To select a consultant for this project, a request for proposals was issued for professional services. This request was open to any engineering or architectural firm licensed in Nebraska. Five teams of consultants responded. The lead firms on those teams were ABP Engineers, Slate Architects, Jackson and Jackson Architects, HDR Inc., and Olsson Inc. A District selection team reviewed these proposals and selected Olsson as the best firm to provide these services.

Approving this C&A authorizes the President to enter into an agreement with Olsson for the professional engineering services described above.

4. JOB #: WP2148 (100085000675 - \$2,450,000)

PROJECT COST: \$2,450,000

LOCATION: 195th and State Street

PURPOSE: Northwest Pump Station and Reservoir Land Acquisition and Platting.

DESCRIPTION: The Water Distribution System Master Plan identified the construction of a Zone 3 pump station and reservoir in northwest Omaha as a key project needed to support system growth and reliability. Recent evaluations by District staff using updated hydraulic models and demand forecasts concluded that construction of the facility should not only proceed but be accelerated.

The Board previously authorized District Management to enter a purchase agreement for approximately 20 acres northeast of 195th and State St. for the project via a memorandum from District Legal staff. This property is ideally suited for this facility. The parcel is near the center of future growth areas of Zone 3, adjacent to a planned transmission main along State St., and its elevation along a high ridge minimizes the energy needed to pump water into the system. Execution of the purchase agreement is expected soon, which will allow us to begin the due diligence period. During this time the District must survey the property, evaluate it and confirm it is suitable for the facility, and prepare a subdivision plat per City of Omaha regulations.

This C&A requests authorization to (1) hire a consultant to provide professional services to survey, perform environmental, geotechnical, due diligence evaluations, prepare a conceptual site layout, provide preliminary design recommendations, (2) plat the property, including payment of associated fees, costs required to record a final plat with the City of Omaha, and (3) close on the purchase the property. A separate C&A will be presented to the Board for the design and construction of the pump station/reservoir. Detailed design is planned to begin in early 2026.

A request for proposals was issued for professional services to consultants for the due diligence and other services described above. This request was open to any engineering or architectural firm licensed in Nebraska. Four teams of consultants responded. The lead firms on those teams were HDR, Benesch, TD2, and Olsson. A District selection team reviewed these proposals and selected Olsson as the best firm to provide these services.

Approval of this C&A will authorize the President to enter into a consultant agreement with Olsson to provide platting, survey, site investigation, and conceptual design services.

5. JOB #: WP2203 (100085000691 - \$1,000,000)

PROJECT COST: \$1,000,000

LOCATION: Highway 133 and Highway 36

PURPOSE: Highway 133 Pump Station Land Acquisition and Development.

DESCRIPTION: The Water Distribution System Master Plan identified the need for a small pump station near Highway 133 and Highway 36 to pump water from Zone 2 into Zone 3 in the near future, with a larger pump station likely necessary by 2050.

In 2024, the District received a request for water service to a new large industrial development water application (project WP2171) in the area Hwy 133 and Bennington Rd. To adequately serve this proposed industrial development, the District must move forward with the smaller pump station at this time.

The District has identified approximately 1.85 acres of land near the existing 24" transmission main that is suitable for both the initial smaller pre-packaged pump station and

future larger pump station.

This C&A includes funds for the land purchase, due diligence engineering services, including site investigation, and preliminary conceptual design. Separate C&A's will be issued for detailed design services and construction of the packaged pump station. At the time of this C&A, purchase negotiations are ongoing with the property owner. The board separately approves the land purchase and closing via a memorandum from District Legal staff. This C&A is to document the formal procedural process to approve spending of the funds as District Legal finalizes the land purchase agreement.

Approval of this C&A will authorize the President to enter into a consultant agreement with HGM to provide due diligence services, including site investigation and conceptual design services.

6. JOB #: (100071000737 - \$230,000)

PROJECT COST: \$230,000

LOCATION: Florence Water Treatment Plant

PURPOSE: Rebuilding a traveling intake screen.

DESCRIPTION: This C&A is to rebuild a traveling intake screen at the Florence Water Treatment Plant. With the recent flooding events, ice jam, very low river conditions, and the screens have gone through extensive wear over the years. The traveling screen also takes on numerous zebra mussels. The zebra mussels can make their way through the plant. The refurbishment includes an anti-foulant coating to minimize the zebra mussels ability to attach to the screens. These screens are routinely rebuilt every 5-7 years.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

1. JOB #: GP2930 (100052001883 - \$148,400) & (100066002529 - \$5,000)

PROJECT COST: \$153,400

LOCATION: 175th Street and West Center Road

PURPOSE: Relocate gas mains

DESCRIPTION: The town border station at 175th & West Center Road is a key location where the District receives natural gas from Northern Natural Gas (NNG). Originally installed in the early 1990s, the station initially required pressure regulation to reduce the incoming gas pressure to 125 psig before it entered the distribution system. However, after NNG later adjusted their delivery pressure to 125 psig, the District no longer needed to regulate it further. As a result, the original regulators were removed and bypass piping was installed in their place.

Now, the section of the building that once housed the regulator piping has significantly deteriorated. To address this, NNG plans to demolish that portion of the structure and install a heater to raise the temperature of the gas.

As part of this project, the District will abandon the old regulator piping and re-route the connection from NNG's meter directly into the District's system. This work will involve installing approximately 50 feet of new coated steel gas main.

2. JOB #: R2290 (100053001577 - \$62,000) & (100067001547 - \$5,800)

PROJECT COST: \$67,800

LOCATION: 3702 370th Plaza

PURPOSE: Relocate water mains

DESCRIPTION: This work is required to eliminate conflicts with proposed building expansion and storm sewers for Thanksgiving Church. This project is anticipated to begin March 2025 and will be constructed by a District crew. This work is reimbursable as the project is private in nature.

3. JOB #: R2288 (100053001593 - \$127,000), (100067001564 - \$2,600), (100054001153 - \$27,000) & (100068001136 - \$1,800)

PROJECT COST: \$158,400

LOCATION: Woolworth Avenue and Park Avenue

PURPOSE: Relocate gas and water mains

DESCRIPTION: This work is required to eliminate conflicts with proposed storm sewer being built for the Traffic Calming Node Improvements Project, City of Omaha's Project OPW 54234. This project is anticipated to begin in March 2025 and will be constructed by a District crew. This work is not reimbursable as the mains are in public right-of-way.

4. JOB #: R2226 (100053001610 - \$420,000), (100067001582 - \$46,600), (100054001116 - \$84,000) & (100068001099 - \$15,300)

PROJECT COST: \$565,900

LOCATION: North 168th Street and Ida Street

PURPOSE: Relocate gas and water mains.

DESCRIPTION: This work is required to eliminate conflicts with proposed grading, paving and storm sewers being done for the Douglas County's Project C-28(512). This project is anticipated to begin Spring 2025 and will be constructed by a District crew. The water main relocations associated with this project are reimbursable as the mains were installed in a permanent easement. The total estimate for the reimbursable work is \$466,600. The gas main relocations are not reimbursable as the mains are in public right-of-way.

5. JOB #: R2286 (100053001574 - \$60,000) & (100067001544 - \$1,000)

PROJECT COST: \$61,000

LOCATION: South 10th Street and Martha Street

PURPOSE: Relocate water mains.

DESCRIPTION: This work is required to eliminate conflicts with proposed storm sewer being built for the Traffic Calming Node Improvements Project, and the City of Omaha's Project OPW 54234. This project is anticipated to begin in March 2025 and will be constructed by a District crew. This work is not reimbursable as the mains are in public right-of-way.

6. JOB #: GP2911 (100062000698 - \$35,000), (100062000699 - \$25,000), (100052001878 - \$44,400) & (100066002496 - \$4,100)

PROJECT COST: \$108,500

LOCATION: 102nd Street and West Maple Road

PURPOSE: Abandon below ground regulator station and replace with above ground regulator station.

DESCRIPTION: The existing below ground regulator station is experiencing significant corrosion and its vaults are in very poor condition. The above ground regulator station will be installed to the west and south of the existing location to reduce the traffic risk associated with the intersection.

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SVP, Chief Operations Officer

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT
Inter-Department Communication

March 3, 2025

Subject: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF FINAL ESTIMATES

To: Committee on Construction and Operations
 cc: All Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers, and all Vice Presidents

From: Trevor Tonniges, Director, Plant Engineering

The following items will be on the March 5, 2025, Committee Meeting for consideration and the Board Meeting Agenda for approval. Work has been satisfactorily completed on the following contracts and final payment is recommended:

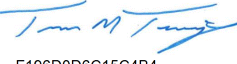
Contract	Contract Approval Date	Amounts	
		*Unit Price Bid	Actual
a. TURNER PUMP STATION CHLORINE BUILDING DEMO & GRADING; HEIMES CORP.; WP1831 (100083001137)	2/21/2024	\$67,858.00	\$72,649.30

Comments: There was an increase of \$4,791.30 (+7.1%) for this project, due to a previously approved change order for an unknown roof drain line that needed to stay in service as well as additional reinforcing steel in the retaining wall and some additional fencing and rock that was requested by District staff to complete the work. All work required by the contract has been completed by the Contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the Contract and Specifications.

Contract	Contract Approval Date	Amounts	
		Lump Sum Price Bid	Actual
b. REPAIRS TO MINNE LUSA HIGH SERVICE PUMP STATION; D.R. ANDERSON; 100031000012	1/3/2024	\$1,167,400.00	\$1,182,293.31

Comments: There was a net increase of \$14,893.31 (+1.3%) for this project, due to a previously approved change order for a deduct for modifying the electrical platform foundation system and an addition for the platform access and modifying the gate of the platform. All work required by the contract has been completed by the Contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the Contract and Specifications.

**Based upon Engineering's estimated unit quantities.*

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 Director, Plant Engineering


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 President

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT*Inter-Department Communication*

February 26, 2025

Subject: WATER INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACT
PARTNERSHIP RECOMMENDATION FOR 2025

To: Committee on Construction and Operations
cc: All Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents
Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers, and all Vice
Presidents

From: Trevor Tonniges, Director, Plant Engineering

Management is recommending the District enter into Water Infrastructure Replacement (WIR) partnerships with Murphy Pipeline (“Murphy”), General Excavating (“GE”) and Valley Corporation (“Valley”) for one year in 2025.

Many of the District’s critical water mains require replacement, rehabilitation, or assessment, to provide better reliability to the water distribution system and to reduce water main breaks. The District plans to continue its WIR program in 2025 with a replacement goal of 17 miles.

In December of 2022 the Board authorized three-year contract partnerships with Roloff Construction, M.E. Collins Contracting Company, and Heimes Corporation, that will all expire at the end of 2025. Murphy Pipeline was granted a one-year agreement with subsequent one-year extensions for 2023 and 2024. One of the four partners was removed from the approved contractor list in 2024 and thus will not be entering into a partnership agreement for 2025.

These recommended one-year agreements with Murphy, GE, and Valley will increase our contracted partners group to five (5) to better assist with meeting the Districts 2025 WIR goal. Management will review project execution and come back to the Board with a three-year contract partnership recommendation later this year as all WIR contract partnerships are set to expire in 2025.

The District first began a partnership with Murphy in 2022 when they completed a pilot pipe bursting project. In 2023, Murphy completed three pre-chlorinated pipe bursting HDPE pipe replacement projects for a total of 3.5 miles of cast iron water main abandoned. In 2024, Murphy again completed three pre-chlorinated pipe bursting HDPE pipe replacement projects for a total of 3.5 miles of cast iron water main abandoned. Contracted pipe bursting continues to be an economical solution for certain WIR project areas.

Murphy is an out of state contractor who has continued to learn District expectations

and requirements to complete work in the Omaha metropolitan area. The District and Murphy have discussed lessons learned from 2023 and 2024 projects and remain committed to improving efficiencies and service to District customers. We will reevaluate near the end of 2025 to determine continued viability of this method, material, and partnership.


GE has been on the approved contractors list since 2023 and is a local construction company with crews that have the experience required to complete this work. Valley has been on the approved contractors list for many years and completed several water development jobs over that time frame. In 2024, Valley was the low bidder for WP2008 and successfully completed 0.62 miles of WIR in early 2025.

Prices are currently being negotiated with each of our partnership contractors, as water main designs are being finalized. If at any time the District cannot agree on negotiated prices with Murphy, GE and/or Valley, the partnership may be terminated.

In addition to the partnership contractor work, two projects for WIR were successfully bid and completed last year and another two projects were successfully bid for 2025. This helps expand the potential contractor pool while also maintaining competitive pricing for the WIR program.

With the approval of this request, management is asking that the President be authorized to execute a contract(s) with Murphy, GE and/or Valley in 2025, contingent upon negotiation of acceptable pricing.


The corresponding C&As for this work have already been submitted as part of the annual C&A requests for all gas and water infrastructure work at the January 2025 Board of Directors meeting. Your approval is requested.


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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT
Inter-Department Communication

February 19, 2025

Subject: BIDS ON MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

To: Construction & Operations Committee
 cc: All Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers and all Vice Presidents

From: Sherri A Lightfoot, Director, Procurement

The following items will be on the March 5, 2025 Committee Agenda for consideration and the March 5, 2025 Board Agenda for approval. The recommended bid is bolded and listed first. Nonlocal bidders have been indicated in italics.

WATER/GAS MAIN CONTRACTS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bids Sent</u> <u>/ Rec'd</u>	<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Install Water Mains in Blondo Point Lots 1-379 & Outlots "A" – "D", NW of N. 209 th St. and Blondo St. 100055001481 100057000551 100057000552 100051001100 WP2139 Engineering Estimate: \$2,577,400.00 (A C&A in the amount of \$2,950,564.00 will be presented to the Board on March 5, 2025 for approval.)	35/5	Cedar Constr. Kersten Constr. Roloff Constr. <i>Judds Bros. Constr.</i> <i>Valley Corp.</i>	\$2,361,137.00 2,437,125.00 2,526,456.75 2,744,735.00 3,068,861.11
Cast Iron Water Main Replacement in Oakridge Rd. from John J Pershing Dr. to N. 36 th St. and N. 36 th St. from Oakridge Rd. to N. Post Rd. 100093001261 WP1668 Engineering Estimate: \$1,445,050.00 (C&A for An Annual Water Infrastructure Replacement approved January 8, 2025 in the amount of \$30,719,544.00.)	35/5	Heimes Corp. Roloff Constr. <i>General Excavating</i> <i>K2 Constr.</i> <i>Valley Corp.</i>	\$1,498,632.00 1,559,709.50 1,576,997.40 1,707,291.00 1,765,689.63

Cast Iron Water Main Replacement in W. Center Rd. to Dorcas St. and S. 80 th Ave. to S. 84 th St. 100093001443 WP2078 Engineering Estimate: \$2,972,985.00 (C&A for An Annual Water Infrastructure Replacement approved January 8, 2025 in the amount of \$30,719,544.00.)	35/4	K2 Constr. Roloff Constr. Valley Corp. General Excavating	\$3,127,405.00 3,143,543.50 3,366,359.89 3,465,958.40
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bids Sent / Rec'd</u>	<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Platte West Corporate Switch and Wireless Upgrade 100086000770 (C&A for 100086000770 approved March 6, 2024 in the amount of \$270,000.00)	1/1	Sirius/CDW	\$118,042.14
Platte West Systems Control and SCADA Management Switches 100086000768 (C&A for 100086000768 approved March 6, 2024 in the amount of \$250,000.00)	1/1	Sirius/CDW	\$127,505.89
Audio-Visual Equipment for Platte South Water Production Facility 100033000009 WP 2060 (C&A for 100033000009 approved January 3, 2024 in the amount of \$6,405,000.00)	2/2	CCS <i>Bizco</i>	\$90,006.34 91,077.14
Managed Security Services Renewal – Three Year Contract (April 18, 2025 to April 17, 2028)	1/1	GuidePoint Security	\$483,000.00

OTHER

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bids Sent / Rec'd</u>	<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Traveling Screen Rebuild for Florence Water Treatment Plant 100071000737 (A C&A in the amount of \$230,000.00 will be presented to the Board on March 5, 2025 for approval.)	2/2	Atlas-SSI <i>Evoqua Water Tech.</i>	\$143,283.33 190,553.50

Replace Engine Bldg., Connecting 10/4 **10 Men Roofing** **\$481,957.00**
 Gallery and Unloading Bay Roofs at *White Castle Roofing* 498,328.00
 Platte South Water Treatment Facility *Anderston Roofing* 601,357.00
 100033000022 100033000023 *Royalty Roofing* 357,675.23*
 100033000024
 Engineering Estimate: \$520,000.00
 *Bid Rejected, Bid Incomplete
 (C&A for 100033000022, 100033000023, and 100033000024 approved February 5, 2025 in the amount of \$633,800.00.)

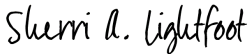
Two (2) Compact Tracked Skid Loaders 1/1 **Bobcat of Omaha** **\$170,492.00***
 100088000705
 *State of Nebraska Bid, Contract #15993 OC
 (C&A for Annual Construction Machines, Equipment, Vehicles and Upfitting approved January 8, 2025 in the amount of \$19,508,393.00.)

ANNUALS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bids Sent / Rec'd</u>	<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Professional Engineering Services for Soil & Concrete Testing & Inspection Services & SWPPP Inspections on Various Contracted Water & Gas Infrastructure Replacement Projects (March 8, 2025 to March 7, 2027)	3/3	Olsson Schemmer Benesch	\$797,940.00 1,011,412.00 1,150,016.00
Perform Sanitary Sewer Lateral Inspections for Cross Bores caused by Recent Natural Gas Pipe Installations in the City of Omaha and the Surrounding Areas 100072000901 GP1557 (April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026)	7/3	Plumbrite LLC Backlund Plumbing Q3 Contracting	\$340,500.00 639,625.00 937,909.00
Perform Sanitary Sewer Lateral Launch Inspections and Pre-Inspections for Locating Purposes In the City of Omaha and the Surrounding Areas 100072000901 GP1557 (April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026)	7/2	Backlund Plumbing Q3 Contracting	\$238,425.00 409,267.50

Sandblast and Paint District Fire Hydrants (3445 units) 100071000717 (Calendar Year 2025) *Extension #2	1/1	Buss Lincoln	\$499,525.00*
Ductile Iron Water Pipe (April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026)	8/4	Omaha Winwater American Underground Core & Main <i>American Cast Iron Pipe</i>	\$498,679.86 498,900.80 504,829.00 534,315.00
Gas Odorant (Approximately 40,000lbs) *Extension #2	1/1	USDI	\$154,000.00*

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT
Inter-Department Communication

February 26, 2025

Subject: NOTICE OF PURCHASES BETWEEN \$25,000 - \$50,000

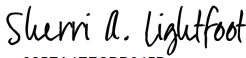
To: Construction & Operations Committee
 cc: All Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers and all Vice Presidents


From: Sherri A. Lightfoot, Director, Procurement


During the month of February, the following item was purchased or contracted for and are being submitted to the Board to be placed on file. The purchase or contract was initiated with the low bidder which is bolded and listed first.


<u>Item</u>	<u>Bids Sent / Rec'd</u>	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount Bid</u>
Skyline Pump Station Storm Drainage	19/4	Judds Bros. Constr.	\$36,450.00
100083001199 WP2184		Midwest Excavation	38,376.00
Engineering Estimate: \$73,000.00		Thompson Constr.	38,620.00
		Gretna Plumbing & Drain	57,200.02

(C&A for 100083001199 approved February 25, 2025 in the amount of \$48,300.00.)

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

February 25, 2025

Subject: MAIN EXTENSIONS

To: Services and Extensions Committee
cc: All Board Members: President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers, and all Vice Presidents

From: Masa Niiya, Vice President, Engineering

The following main extension will be on the March 5, 2025, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval:

1. JOB #: WP2139 (100051001100 - \$59,012), (100055001481 - \$2,375,179), (100057000551 - \$427,576) & (100057000552 - \$88,797)

PROJECT COST: \$2,950,564

DISTRICT COST: \$272,800

LOCATION: Northwest of North 209th Street & Blondo Street

DISTRICT SUBDIVISION: Begley

PURPOSE: Install water mains for Blondo Point Subdivision and connections for Greenbrier Subdivision

DESCRIPTION: Work to be done will provide domestic water service and fire protection to 379 single family residential lots and 4 outlots in Blondo Point subdivision. In addition, this project includes the installation of approach mains in Blondo Street fronting this development to support continued orderly growth and connections to the existing Greenbrier subdivision to the south of Blondo Street.

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT
Inter-Department Communication

February 25, 2025

Subject: Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications, March 2025 Board Meeting

To: Personnel Committee

cc: All Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers and all Vice Presidents

From: Bonnie Savine, Vice President, Human Resources

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve the wage or salary increases outlined below. All positions involve District employees earning more than \$10,000 per year and therefore require your approval.

1. Operating and Clerical (OAC) Wage Increases Due To Promotion

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve wage increases for the following Employees within the OAC classification. These wage increases are based on a job selection process, are in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and are made following the posting and application process for a job opening in the District. The effective date for these increases will be the beginning of the next OAC pay period following Board approval.

Employee:	Andrew Bonneau
Current position (department):	Water Plant Operator (Water Pumping – Florence)
New position (department):	Water Plant Engineer (Water Pumping – Florence)
Current rate; step/grade:	\$36.22; Step 1
Proposed rate; step/grade:	\$39.84; Step 2
Percent of increase:	9.99%
District hire date:	November 20, 2023
Employee:	Nico Mannino
Current position (department):	Customer Service Technician (Field Services)
New position (department):	Customer Service Technician – Fitter (Field Services)
Current rate; step/grade:	\$38.67; Step 1
Proposed rate; step/grade:	\$42.58; Step 2
Percent of increase:	10.11%
District hire date:	May 17, 2021
Employee:	Tyler Martin
Current position (department):	Meter Mechanic (Meter Services)
New position (department):	Industrial Gas Meter Mechanic (Meter Services)
Current rate; step/grade:	\$35.26; Step 2
Proposed rate; step/grade:	\$37.47; Step 1
Percent of increase:	6.27%
District hire date:	May 24, 2021

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Employee: Michael Moore
Current position (department): Stores Clerk III (Water Pumping – Florence)
New position (department): Material Handler II (Stores)
Current rate; step/grade: \$40.55; Step 4
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$42.14; Step 4
Percent of increase: 3.92%
District hire date: May 27, 2014

2. Operating and Clerical (OAC) Wage Increases Due To Job Transfer

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve wage increases for the following Employees within the OAC classification. A transferring employee who is at less than Standard Wage will be moved to an equal rate in the new job classification or, if there is not an identical wage rate, to the nearest higher wage rate in the new job classification. These wage increases are based on a formal selection process, are in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and are made following the posting and application process for a job opening in the District. The effective date for these increases will be the beginning of the next OAC pay period following Board approval.

There are no recommendations for approval this month

3. Operating and Clerical (OAC) Wage Increases Due To Job Progression

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve the following wage increases for the OAC employees who have successfully completed required training and who have been recommended by their supervisor for promotion as they progress within their job family. All increases are based on the bargaining unit wage structure. The effective date for these increases will be the beginning of the next OAC pay period following board approval.

There are no recommendations for approval this month

4. Supervisory, Professional and Administrative (SPA) Salary Increases Due To Job Promotion

The following employees are selected for promotion into SPA positions. It is recommended the President be authorized to increase the salary of these employees. These SPA jobs have been evaluated, graded, appropriate job descriptions completed, and posting guidelines fulfilled. The effective date for these salaries will be the beginning of the next SPA pay period following board approval.

Employee: Tiffany Jackson
Current position (department): Apprentice – IT Software Developer (Information Technology)
New position (department): Software Developer I (Information Technology)
Current rate; step/grade: \$86,770; SPA – 01
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$91,109; SPA – 02
Percent of increase: 5.00%
District hire date: April 25, 2011

Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications

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5. Supervisory, Professional and Administrative (SPA) New Hire Ratification

Board of Director Ratification of salaries, for new SPA employees hired from outside the District, is required to confirm the salary within the grade established for the position. Authorization to ratify the annual salary of SPA employees hired from outside the District will be requested each month, if appropriate.

There are no ratifications for approval this month

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT*Inter-Department Communication*

February 27, 2025

Subject: PURCHASE AGREEMENT, Highway 133 Pump Station

To: Judiciary and Legislative Committee

Cc: All Board Members; President Doyle, Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Minor, and Myers and all Vice Presidents

From: Mark Mendenhall Senior Vice President, General Counsel

The District's Water Distribution System Master Plan identified several key capital projects to continue operations through 2050. One recommendation is a water pump station located near Highway 133 and Highway 36 to pump water from Zone 2 into Zone 3 and to accommodate growth along Highway 133. The District's Water Operations' team has recommended a two phased approach to development. The team recommends construction of a 1 million gallon per day pump station this year and then a larger, 10 million gallon per day pump station in 2050.

In 2024, the District received a request for water service for a new large industrial development near Highway 133 and Bennington Road. In order to serve the needs of this development, the smaller 1 million gallon per day pump station is needed. The developer is willing to sell a lot within the development for the station.

The Law Department with the support of Water Operations and Engineering engaged the developer in a discussion about the site and the parties have agreed on a 1.8-acre site along Highway 133 approximately 2 miles northwest of CC2. This lot is appropriate for both current and expected future needs.

The site is being offered to the District at \$7 per square foot plus \$1.49 per square foot for special assessments associated with development. The price is reasonable for the market and its utilization and is favorable to budget.

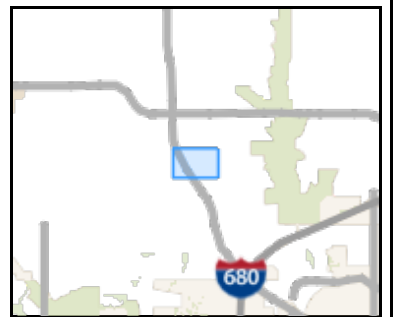
This matter will appear on the March 5, 2025 Committee Agenda and, subject to Committee review, the March 5, 2025 Board Agenda for consideration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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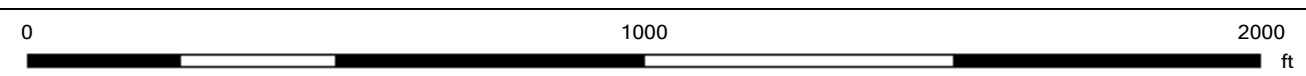
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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT*Inter-Department Communication*

February 26, 2025

Subject: SECOND LEGISLATIVE REPORT – 2025 SESSION

To: Judicial and Legislative Committee

cc: All Board Members; President Doyle; Senior Vice Presidents
Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers; all Vice Presidents

From: Rick Kubat, Government Relations Attorney

The Legislature has been engaged in floor debate in the morning with legislative hearings being heard in the afternoon. Legislative proposals with fiscal notes are receiving additional scrutiny as Nebraska is faced with a projected budget shortfall over the next biennium. In addition to the list of bills provided below, there are numerous other legislative proposals that will continue to be monitored on behalf of the District.

INTRODUCED LEGISLATION IN THE 2025 SESSION

LB 36 (Brandt) – Creates the Wellhead Protection Act. The bill provides that any county, city, or village with zoning, land-use, planning, or permit-granting authority over any wellhead protection area shall notify the controlling entity of such wellhead protection area of any proposed land-use or zoning regulation or building permit within such wellhead protection area. Additionally, counties, cities, or villages shall take into consideration the ability of a controlling entity to provide the public with an adequate supply of potable water when making any determinations regarding the authorization of a proposed land-use or zoning regulation or building permit within a wellhead protection area. The Nebraska League of Municipalities has been engaged with opponents of LB 36 attempting to address underlying concerns with the breadth and scope of the bill.

Board Pos: Support
Status: Natural Resources Committee Hearing January 29, 2025

LB 117 (Holdcroft) – Creates a sales tax exemption for the sale and use of *residential* electricity, natural gas, propane, and sewer. Senator Holdcroft has indicated his intention is for LB 117 to specifically eliminate state sales taxes for residential utilities, but to allow cities to maintain their local option sales taxes.

Board Pos: Support
Status: Revenue Committee Hearing January 31, 2025

LB 147 (Hansen) – Public and private water entities which provide water for human consumption may add fluoride. Entities that choose to fluoridate must do so in an amount and manner as determined by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Board Pos: Neutral
Status: Health and Human Services Committee Hearing March 12, 2025

LB 264 (Arch on behalf of Governor) – Fiscal adjustments to Nebraska’s biennium budget. The District’s opposition to LB 264 is specific to section 58, where any remaining balance to the Lead Service Line Cash Fund is transferred to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025.

Board Pos: Oppose
Status: Appropriation Committee Hearing February 18, 2025

LB 317 (Brandt) – A 446-page bill that merges the Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to become the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE), effective July 1, 2025. The merged Department shall exercise the powers and perform such duties that were assigned to both NDEE and DNR prior to the merger. The NDEE Director will be renamed the Director of Water, Energy, and Environment and shall be appointed by the Governor. The DNR Director would be renamed the Chief Water Officer and would retain the authorities previously prescribed for the administration of the duties of DNR. The Chief Water Officer shall have at least five years’ experience in a position of responsibility in irrigation work, shall be appointed by the Governor, and shall report directly to the Director of Water, Energy, and Environment. The bill would remove the requirement for the Chief Water Officer to be a licensed Professional Engineer. Senator Brandt has indicated his intention of adding back the Professional Engineer requirement for either the DNR Department Director or Chief Water Officer.

Board Pos: Neutral
Status: Natural Resources Committee Hearing February 13, 2025

LB 344 (Brandt) – Changes provisions relating to ground water allocations. The bill proposes to update language that is set to expire on January 1, 2026, regarding allocations and limits placed on commercial or industrial municipal water use in fully and over appropriated areas. The Papio-Missouri water basin, in which the District operates, is neither fully nor over appropriated. Under the bill, after January 1, 2026, in fully or over appropriated areas, any new or expanded commercial or industrial user served by a municipal water source that commences water use at a rate in excess of 25 million gallons annually, expands water use to a rate in excess of 25 million gallons annually, or at any time exceeds water use of 25 million gallons annually shall be subject to the controls of an integrated management plan, rule, or order and provide a mitigation report to the natural resources district within which such user is located. The mitigation report shall include (i) annual water use, (ii) annual volume of water returned to the municipal system or discharged to another location, (iii) source of water used to mitigate the new or expanded consumptive use, and (iv) any other information deemed necessary by the

applicable natural resources district or the Department of Natural Resources. The mitigation report shall be approved by the applicable natural resources district and the Department of Natural Resources prior to January 1, 2026, or prior to commencement of the new or expanded use. Each integrated management plan, rule, or order within an area determined by the Department of Natural Resources to be fully appropriated or over appropriated pursuant may require annual water use and water consumption reporting from municipalities. There was not any opposition testimony offered for LB 344.

Board Pos: Neutral
Status: Placed on General File

LB 542 (Dover) – Under current law, the District is required to move facilities at District expense for any changes, alterations, or relocations of roads. LB 542 would require the state or local government to pay for relocation of utilities when federal funds or state funds for local governments are part of the financing for said road project. LB 542 received opposition testimony from the Nebraska Department of Transportation and representatives of cities with the primary concern being the additional costs associated with roads projects should the state or cities be required to pay for utility relocations.

Board Pos: Support
Status: Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
Hearing February 24, 2025

LB 546 (Rountree) – Provides political subdivisions that supply electricity, natural gas, water, or sewer service with permissive authority to request an emergency proclamation from the Governor when the political subdivision operates in multiple counties. LB 546 was introduced to address the requirement of requesting multiple counties to sign-off on an emergency declaration when utilities are operating in more than one county. The utilities listed will have the authority under the bill to make a direct request to the Governor for such a declaration.

Board Pos: Support
Status: Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Committee

LB 548 (Lippincott) – Introduced to address a specific situation, where a municipal natural gas utility desires to serve an industrial customer outside of the utilities’ territorial jurisdiction. LB 548 as currently drafted, would allow any publicly owned natural gas utility to serve an industrial customer that uses three million British thermal units of gas per day. The legislation would only apply to industrial customers who are both outside the jurisdiction of the municipal gas utility and not serviced within the territory of any other existing gas utility.

Board Pos: Neutral
Status: Natural Resources Committee Hearing February 19, 2025


LB 580 (Cavanaugh M.) – Provides that any remaining funds in the Lead Service Line Cash Fund for purposes of lead service line removal or labor training be re-appropriated into the subsequent biennium budget. All remaining Lead Service Line Cash funds are to be made available to the District for purposes of lead service line removals via a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy.


Board Pos: Support
Status: Appropriations Committee Hearing March 18, 2025

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