

Kaukauna, WI  
April 16, 2025

The regular meeting of Kaukauna Utilities Commission was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Lee Meyerhofer. Commission members present were John Moore, Pennie Thiele, Sue Hennes, Greg Lenz, Lee Meyerhofer, Tony Penterman, and Paul Van Berkel. Also present were Michael Avanzi, Clara Pickett, Dave Pahl, Zach Moureau, Tara Schmitz, Sam Brittnacher, Andy Vanden Heuvel, and Amy Brick from KU; Brian Roebke; and Richard Heinemann from Boardman Clark.

Engineering & Operations Director Dave Pahl gave a presentation on KU's risk models for our assets.

It was moved by Tony Penterman, seconded by John Moore to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Commission meeting.

All members voted aye.

Motion Carried

Environmental & Compliance Manager Zach Moureau informed the Commission that during the 2023 flume inspections at the John Street Hydro Plant, a cracked support column and seepage through a stacked stone foundation were encountered. In addition, concrete on the left intake deck has been slowly deteriorating over the last ten years and needs repair. The repair will consist of a polyurethane injection on the stacked stone foundation along with the application of a concrete overlay. The cracked support column will be encased in concrete with hooked rebar and the deteriorated concrete along the intake deck will be replaced. Project Code G25-12 was included in the 2025 Capital Budget to address these repairs with a budgeted cost of \$65,000. Six bids were received and evaluated with Lunda Construction being the lowest evaluated bid. The following bids were received:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Lunda Construction Co.	\$36,520
CR Meyer and Sons Co.	\$57,598
Cornerstone Restoration, LLC	\$61,000
Michels Construction, Inc.	\$94,700
IEI General Contractors, Inc.	\$100,408
Veit & Company, Inc.	\$205,750

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Pennie Thiele to authorize the General Manager to award the John Street Plant Flume and Intake Deck Structural Repairs Project (G25-12) to Lunda Construction Co. in the amount of \$36,520.

Roll Call Vote:

Sue Hennes	aye
Lee Meyerhofer	aye
Greg Lenz	aye
Pennie Thiele	aye
Paul Van Berkel	aye
John Moore	aye
Tony Penterman	aye

Motion Carried

Environmental & Compliance Manager Zach Moureau informed the Commission that staff solicited bids for the water and sewer relay project for Linda Court and Thelen Avenue area. The project will replace approximately 2,000 feet of 6" cast iron water main with 730' of 8" C900 PVC pipe and 1,500' of 12" C900 PVC pipe. The current water main was installed between 1960 and 1980. Kaukauna Utilities' portion of the bid came in at \$671,027 of the total project bid of \$1,569,740. This project doesn't include any lead services. As included in the 2025 Capital Budget, Linda Court (WM25-01) was budgeted with the Desnoyer Area for \$1,500,000. Three bids were received and evaluated with Carl Bowers & Sons Construction Company being the lowest bidder. The following three bids were received:

<b><u>Contractor</u></b>	<b><u>Linda Court/Thelen Avenue</u></b>	<b><u>Project Total</u></b>
Carl Bowers & Sons	\$671,026.35	\$1,569,739.70
David Tenor Corporation	\$664,156.75	\$1,594,040.40
DeGroot, Inc.	\$790,138.83	\$1,680,744.92

It was moved by Tony Penterman, seconded by Sue Hennes to award KU's portion of project WM25-01 to Carl Bowers & Sons Construction Company in the amount of \$671,027.

Roll Call Vote:

Tony Penterman	aye
John Moore	aye
Paul Van Berkel	aye
Sue Hennes	aye
Lee Meyerhofer	aye
Pennie Thiele	aye
Greg Lenz	aye

Motion Carried

Environmental & Compliance Manager Zach Moureau informed the Commission the well pump at #10 Well (406 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street) has been in place for over 10 years. Industry professionals recommend that a well pump should, at a minimum, be inspected every 10 years; however, this pump has experienced several component failures over the last year and needs to be replaced. Pricing for optional well rehabilitation was solicited from all contractors. If rehabilitation is deemed necessary, the rehabilitation process will be discussed and all costs associated with this process are anticipated to be within the amount budgeted for this project. The total cost included in the budget under Project Code W25-01 is \$435,000. This estimate includes internal labor for some of the electrical, mechanical, and plumbing work. Four bids were received and evaluated noted below:

<b><u>Contractor</u></b>	<b><u>Project Total without Rehab</u></b>	<b><u>Project Total with Rehab</u></b>
Municipal Well & Pump	\$51,136	\$77,476
Mid City Corporation	\$58,215	\$63,685
Water Well Solutions	\$66,992.90	\$76,401.70
CTW Corporation	\$76,705	\$97,116

It was moved by Greg Lenz, seconded by Sue Hennes to authorize the General Manager to award the #10 Well Pump Replacement (W25-01) to Municipal Well & Pump in the amount of \$51,136.

Roll Call Vote:

John Moore	aye
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Pennie Thiele	aye
Greg Lenz	aye
Lee Meyerhofer	aye
Paul Van Berkel	aye
Sue Hennes	aye
Tony Penterman	aye

Motion Carried

Engineering & Operations Director Dave Pahl informed the Commission staff has partnered with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to implement a microgrid project at our facility. The \$6.1 million initiative is being funded approximately 50% through a \$3 million grant awarded by the DOE. As part of the grant process, KU is required to meet extensive and complex reporting requirements to ensure federal funds are used responsibly. After completing the initial round of reporting, KU has recognized the significant workload this places on our internal staff. Moreover, given the current regulatory environment, we understand the importance of accuracy and experience when working with the DOE. In response, we reached out to Quanta Technologies, our current consulting partner on the technical aspects of the microgrid project, to explore the possibility of extending their support to include grant reporting. Quanta brings substantial expertise in managing federal grants and has direct experience with DOE reporting protocols. This adjustment will not have much impact on the overall project budget, as the associated costs will be covered by reallocating funds previously designated for in-house staff to manage grant compliance.

It was moved by Paul Van Berkel, seconded by John Moore to authorize the General Manager to approve and execute an agreement with Quanta Technologies for support of quarterly and annual federal reporting required for the microgrid project (DE-GD0000932) not to exceed \$255,126 with the understanding that staff will confirm the deliverables that are included in Table 1 of the proposal.

Roll Call Vote:

Tony Penterman	aye
John Moore	aye
Paul Van Berkel	aye
Sue Hennes	aye
Lee Meyerhofer	aye
Pennie Thiele	aye
Greg Lenz	aye

Motion Carried

General Manager Michael Avanzi provided an update on the 2025 Work Plan and Key Performance Indicators.

The Commission reviewed the Electric and Water Financial Statements and the monthly reports.

General Manager Michael Avanzi reviewed highlights from the monthly department updates informing the Commission that Frank Barth nominated Ahlstrom for the Focus on Energy Efficiency Excellence Award, and they were chosen to receive one of twelve awards statewide. A presentation will be planned at their facility within the next few months. At the March Commission meeting, Dave Roloff from Roloff Manufacturing made a public comment regarding the current electric rate case. Michael informed the Commission that KU has been working with WPPI Energy who provided a cost of service/rate design impact summary, and staff will be meeting with Mr. Roloff to help him better understand his business with respect to how energy is used and how it impacts his electric bill. Offers have been made

and accepted for the Billing Specialist, Junior Mechanical Technician, Intern and Summer Help positions. Recruitment is still underway for the Mechanical Technician position. The transformer at Kaukauna North Substation will be energized next week. The March 13<sup>th</sup> outage on the south side of Kaukauna involved mainly two circuits, both caused by galloping lines due to the ice build-up and wind. One of the circuits experienced an underground fault as well, resulting in a failed cable termination. Given all the faults in the underground on these two circuits, KU had this underground cable and terminations tested to help determine the condition of the equipment. In this process, it was found that the wrong stud was used with the terminator. This didn't allow the lug to be tightened as specified to the connection point. We have identified all areas where this lug was used and will be replacing them over the coming weeks. Engineering has been working with the Village of Combined Locks regarding their proposed plans to rebuild Park Street. KU is hosting 15 water engineers from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to showcase the treatment plants/wells on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Commission chose not to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. State Statute 19.85(f) for review of data Kaukauna Utilities is prohibited from making public under Wis. Stat. 196.137, including Kaukauna Utilities Write Off Journal details, Check Register details and Customer Usage and Billing.

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Sue Hennes to approve the March accounts receivable write-offs.

Roll Call Vote:

John Moore	aye
Pennie Thiele	aye
Greg Lenz	aye
Lee Meyerhofer	aye
Paul Van Berkel	aye
Sue Hennes	aye
Tony Penterman	aye

Motion Carried

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Greg Lenz that checks numbered 1769 through 1786, 10197 through 10272, 81514, 81515, and checks numbered 81685 through 81781 in the amount of \$4,230,319.93 be approved for payment.

Roll Call Vote:

Tony Penterman	aye
John Moore	aye
Paul Van Berkel	aye
Sue Hennes	aye
Lee Meyerhofer	aye
Pennie Thiele	aye
Greg Lenz	aye

Motion Carried

It was moved by Tony Penterman, seconded by Greg Lenz to adjourn.

All members voted aye.

Motion Carried

The meeting ended at 5:29 p.m.

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John P. Moore  
Secretary

Minutes taken by Amy Brick