

Kaukauna, WI
June 17, 2026

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, Kelli Antoine, Sue Hennes, Greg Lenz, Lee Meyerhofer, Paul Van Berkel, and Tony Penterman. Also present were Michael Avanzi, Dave Pahl, Zach Moureau, Aaron Wallin, Amy Brick, Zach Kriesel, and Don Krause from KU, Richard Heinemann from Boardman Clark, and Brian Roebke.

General Manager Michael Avanzi announced that Commissioner Sue Hennes has been awarded the Charlie Bradburn Pillas of Public Power award by MEUW.

It was moved by Greg Lenz, seconded by John Moore to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2026 Commission meeting.

All members voted aye.

Motion Carried

Environmental & Compliance Manager Zach Moureau discussed the 2027 Wisconsin Safe Drinking Water Loan informing the Commission that financing for the Water Treatment System Improvement (WTSI) Project may be done through the Wisconsin Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP). Evaluation of the financing options currently being considered and the final decision will be based upon the outcome of federal grant or appropriation funds requests. As part of the SDWLP, the City of Kaukauna is required to pass a reimbursement resolution. This resolution states that we will have interim funding in place for the WTSI Project until the issuance of the bonds from the SDWLP.

It was moved by Paul Van Berkel, seconded by Kelli Antoine to approve the 2027 Wisconsin Safe Drinking Water Loan reimbursement resolution and authorize staff to submit to the Kaukauna Common Council for their review.

All members voted aye.

Motion Carried

Finance & Administration Director Aaron Wallin discussed the water utility rate study application informing the commission as previously discussed, KU will need to apply for a rate increase with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to support the additional debt needed to fund the project. The additional debt will yield a higher debt service coverage requirement that can only be met by increasing revenue through an increase in rates. The rate increase will also support additional debt funding required to continue the lead service line replacement program authorized by the PSCW in docket 2800-LS-100. The last full rate study was filed on December 22, 2022, and the PSCW authorized a revenue requirement increase of \$1.4M or 35.74%. KU also filed a simplified rate case in 2025 and implemented a 3% increase to the fixed and volumetric charges on August 1, 2025. The current water bill for a typical customer consuming 400 c.f. each month is \$36.90. The rate increase would raise the monthly cost for the typical customer to \$68.15 per month. This would increase revenues from approximately \$5.9M (2026 forecast) to approximately \$10.4M in 2028. Some rates will increase more than others based on the cost-of-service study which will be completed by the PSCW. The rates would be effective upon completion of the PSCW review and public hearing.

It was moved by Tony Penterman, seconded by Sue Hennes to authorize KU staff to proceed with filing a two-step rate increase with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to support the additional

\$35M in debt funding required to finance the Water Treatment System Improvement project and continued investment in the water main replacement program for 2027 and 2028.

Roll Call Vote:

Sue Hennes	aye
Lee Meyerhofer	aye
Greg Lenz	aye
Kelli Antoine	aye
Paul Van Berkel	aye
John Moore	aye
Tony Penterman	aye

Motion Carried

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 there will be a celebration to honor Rapide Croche Hydro's 100-year anniversary on Tuesday, July 21, with more details to come. The anniversary video will be played at the Kaukauna Public Library movie night on Monday, July 27th.

Finance & Administration Director Aaron Wallin informed the commission the S&P ratings call for the \$20M Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) was held on May 26th. S&P affirmed an A+ rating and a stable outlook for the existing senior-lien waterworks system revenue debt. The second-lien 2026 BANs were assigned a rating of A also with a stable outlook. The award date was June 10th with a closing date of July 8th. Aaron also informed the commission that KU is officially a MISO market participant. The transfer of the Elm Street generator from WPPI to KU has been confirmed with MISO and will be completed with Tenaska taking over as KU's agent on July 1st.

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 May accounts receivable write-offs.

Roll Call Vote:

Tony Penterman	aye
John Moore	aye
Paul Van Berkel	aye
Sue Hennes	aye
Lee Meyerhofer	aye
Kelli Antoine	aye
Greg Lenz	aye

Motion Carried

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Kelli Antoine that checks numbered 2037 through 2055, 11741, 11780 through 11898, and checks numbered 82589 through 82646 in the amount of \$6,004,955.89 be approved for payment.

Roll Call Vote:

John Moore	aye
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Kelli Antoine	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 Tony Penterman to adjourn.

All members voted aye.

Motion Carried

The meeting ended at 4:50 p.m.

John P. Moore
Secretary

Minutes prepared by Amy Brick