



OFFICIAL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Wausau Water Works Commission
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 11:00 AM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Mayor Doug Diny (P) Aaron Griner
Jim Force Deb Hadley
Peter Gelhar

Members Present: Doug Diny, Jim Force, Peter Gelhar, Aaron Griner
Members Not Present:
Members Excused: Deb Hadley
Present 4, Not Present 0, Excused 1

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

1 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

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- Motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2026 by Griner. Seconded by Gelhar. Motion carried 4-0.

2 Director's Reports.

Report placed on file.

a. Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) Compliance Date November 1, 2027.

Lindman reported that all lead service lines must be replaced by 2037 and noted Wausau Water Works Commission approved a mandatory LSL replacement ordinance and was sent but not approved by city council. Therefore, the city lacks an ordinance to require private-side replacements. EPA funding will likely end within one to two years, shifting costs to homeowners or the city. Diny added that 2026 may be the last year with full funding. Boers estimated about 3,000 city-side and 6,000–7,000 private-side lines. DNR inventory work continues, but principal forgiveness will drop to 50 percent after this year. New federal rules in 2027–2028 will require treating all unknowns as lead and increasing sampling. Lindman explained that meeting future replacement needs far exceeds current capacity. Force expressed disappointment with the program's limitations; Lindman agreed, citing statewide administrative challenges.

b. Corrosion Control Treatment Optimization Study Update and Timeline

Boers reported that the EPA-mandated study, started in 2022, is due to DNR by March 31, 2026. The likely recommendation is adding about 1 mg/L of polyphosphate, with final results pending additional lead samples and lead-loop testing. In response to Griner, Boers noted anticipated equipment needs may include a pump skid, day tank, and a dual pump skid system (estimated around \$50,000), along with spill containment and piping, pending final results and available space.

c. Water Rate Increase History

Griner asked about remaining debt from the old facility. Lindman noted uncertainty regarding debt from the 1999–2001 for plant addition but confirmed state revolving loans utilized from 2015 to 2018 for capital projects. Groat added that only the 2017 and 2019 revenue bonds remain, with the 2017 bond nearing payoff. Force asked what a 3 percent rate increase would generate in revenue. Lindman said Ehlers would need to calculate that, and Diny noted fixed and meter charges would not increase at the same rate.

d. Updates on the Headworks Screening Project, Cherry St Lift Station Project and Status of

Approval for Class A Biosolids

Lindman summarized updates are in packet. We brought back the WPDES permit status for Class A Biosolids. Staff got in touch with Angela from WDNR updating Fred should be responding soon.

3 Discussion and Possible Action.

- a. Approving Amendment #2 to the contract with Clark Dietz for the Cherry St and Crocker St Lift Stations.

Lindman reported that the amendment is needed due to added engineering time caused by contractor IGE's delays and submission of pumps that did not meet specifications. A compliant pump has since been selected. He noted the city will seek to have IGE cover most or all of the added costs and may pursue liquidated damages if necessary. In response to questions, Lindman stated the pumps were from Flygt and estimated the city's exposure could be up to half of the \$25,000, though liquidated damages of up to \$1,000 per day (and \$500 after substantial completion) over 2–3 months would likely exceed that amount. An update will be provided once calculations are finalized if we have to follow through with litigation.

- Motion to approve amendment#2 to the contract with Clark Dietz for the Cherry Street and Crocker Street Lift Stations by Gelhar. Seconded by Griner. Motion carried 4-0.

- b. Approving the Sole Source Purchase of a Backhoe for the Water Department.

Boers summarized the backhoe quotes are included and noted that the Fabick Cat model is preferable because existing attachments are compatible, avoiding the need for adapter plates or hydraulic retrofits. When Force asked about retrofit costs, Boers estimated roughly \$5,000 for the hammer and \$5,000 for the front-end attachment.

- Motion to approve the sole source purchase of a backhoe through FabickCat for Water Department by Force. Seconded by Gelhar. Motion carried 4-0.

4 Adjournment.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th at 11:00 AM.

- Motion to adjourn by Griner. Seconded by Gelhar. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.

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