



OFFICIAL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Wausau Water Works Commission
DATE/TIME: Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Mayor Doug Diny Deb Hadley
(P) Aaron Van Krey
Micheal Martens
Peter Gelhar

Members Present: Doug Diny, Deb Hadley, Peter Gelhar, Michael Martens, Aaron Van Krey
Members Not Present:
Members Excused:
Present 5, Not Present 0, Excused 0

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

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

July 14, 2026 Regular Wausau Water Works Commission Minutes.

Motion to Approve Minutes of July, 14, 2026 by Gelhar, seconded by Hadley.
Motion carried 5-0

2 Director's Reports.

a. Drinking Water Division- Fluoride Reduction Due to Global Supply Disruptions.

Boers stated that we received a fluoride shipment last month, and at that time, we were advised we may not see another shipment. We have reduced our levels to about half. We have been in communication with the DNR, and they approve of our actions. He's reached out to the Health Department Director for any further advice moving forward. Lindman explained our main reason for reaching out to the Health Department would be whether we should put out a specific notification to areas like dental offices, schools, etc. Mayor Diny noted we will monitor this and bring it back as necessary. No further questions/discussions, placed on file.

b. Drinking Water Division- 1st GAC Changeout Scheduled.

Boers advised that our first GAC (granulated activated carbon) change out went fairly well. They changed it out on August 5th, followed by some backwashing and testing. It was put back into service on August 6th. Carbon Activated Corporation will be regenerating the carbon that they took from our first vessel and reinstalling that on September 3rd. No further questions/discussions, placed on file.

c. Drinking Water Division- GAC Performance Update.

Boers explained that when we looked at the 4 parts per trillion for PFOA, by the time the change outs were scheduled, and we could move forward with the reactivation, the carbon has become saturated and is letting a lot of that PFOA run through. We will need to speed up our change outs to meet the limits when they go into effect in 2029. Boers has asked Carbon Activated Corporation to review their numbers and if the commission is happy with those numbers, ask that we expedite another agreement with them for the next 6 vessels. Lindman explained that we have done quite a bit of testing and the EPA has been involved in testing as well. Having the information on the limitations of the GAC is good. We'll make some alterations to operations as we move forward to maximize the carbon and still meet the regulations when compliance is required in 2029. No further questions/discussions, placed on file.

d. Wastewater Division- Update on Headworks Screening and Cherry Street Lift Station Project.

Lindman stated this is an update on the 2 significant projects for wastewater that will be wrapping up this year. No further questions/discussions, placed on file.

3 Presentation.

a. Presentation by CDM Smith- Wausau Water Works Corrosion Control Treatment Study.

Lindman advised that information has been provided over the last several months on corrosion control and what we've been doing. This study, which was required for the new treatment facility, is wrapping up and recommendations were sent to the DNR. CDM Smith is here to explain the final outcomes of that study. This is providing us with ways to move forward to assist and help in meeting compliance with the lead and copper rule.

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4 Discussion and Possible Action.

a. Approving PFAS Process Waste Tank and Chemical Room Project Proposal.

Boers indicated that when we first started the PFAS facility project, we were earmarked federal funds for \$1.67 million through Tammy Baldwin's office. At that time, the DNR was not going to allow us to use the safe drinking water grant funds and these federal funds in conjunction with each other. At that time, we also asked the EPA if they would allow us to use the \$1.67 million for carbon change outs. The intent was to take that money and pay for the carbon that we are changing out right now. Since then, they've had staff changeover and different theories on how we can spend that money. They will not allow us to spend that money on the carbon change outs anymore, and they've encouraged us to spend that money on a capital project that is PFAS related.

Boers proposed the capital projects to be an underground process waste tank to help with operations and carbon change outs, as well as 2 additional chemical treatment rooms. One is needed for orthophosphate, the other would be used for storage but could be converted to a chemical treatment room in the future if need be.

Gelhar asked if it is expected that the grant will cover the whole project after half a million dollars goes to the design. Boers responded that we expect to be \$700,000 to \$800,000 short.

We would either have to budget, borrow or revisit our capital projects to see what we could defer. Susan Wojtkiewicz/Donohue confirmed the estimate for these projects to be just under \$2.5 million for construction and engineering.

Motion by Hadley to approve the process water tank and chemical treatment room project proposal as presented, seconded by Van Krey. Motion carried 5-0.

5 Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by Martens, seconded by Gelhar. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:41 PM.

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