

**UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2026**  
**8:30 – 10:00 am**  
**1300 Market Ave SW**  
**AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2025
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items
3. Approval of Agenda
4. 2025 Water and Sewer CMP update – Fishbeck
5. Updates
  - a. 2025 Water/Sewer Report – McCaul
  - b. City of Grand Rapids Staffing Updates
    - i. Financial Analyst – Verbrugge
    - ii. Utility Director - Jernberg
  - c. Utility Advisory Board Subcommittee - Jernberg
6. Quarterly Financial Update – Verbrugge
7. Chair/Vice Chair discussion - Jernberg
8. Public Comments
9. Items from Members
10. Next Meeting – February 19, 2026
11. Adjournment

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**MINUTES**

Members Present

Mark Bennett, Mike DeVries, Samarhia Giffel, Jared Grabinski, Wayne Jernberg, Jim Kirkwood, Doug La Fave, Jeff McCaul, Alison Nugent, James Ouzts, Lindsay Sagorski Munsell, Darrel Schmalzel, and Tai Verbrugge

Alternates Present

Alan Avitia, Nick Fisher, and Kieran Kelley

Others Present

Kolene Allen, Carly Aller, Rachael Brower, Tim Burkman, Izamar Contreras, Alexia Hall, Andrew Meyer, and Dan Taber

Call to Order

Mr. Schmalzel called the meeting to order at 8:49 am.

Approval of Minutes – November 6, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes made by Mr. Devries and seconded by Mr. Jernberg.

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Jernberg and seconded by Mr. La Fave.

MOTION CARRIED.

Updates

2025 Water/Sewer Report (November)

Mr. McCaul presented the Water/Sewer Report for November 2025. One bid was awarded to replace the check valves on the backwash pumps at the Lake Michigan Filtration.

### Water Legislation Letter

Mr. Jernberg said that a draft letter was included in the agenda packet. He asked that any requested changes should be given to him by the end of the day so that it can be sent to Lansing by the end of the calendar year.

He also reported that the 2025 rate study was approved on Tuesday. However, Mayor LaGrand noted he does not intend to vote to approve the FY2026 Rate Study unless changes are made to the Circuit Breaker Program and how much benefit Grand Rapids gets from it. The Commission raised questions about the funding sources for the program and the amount of penalty revenue being collected. To address these concerns, the City will be forming a subcommittee consisting of UAB members to evaluate the Circuit Breaker Program, gather relevant data, and present findings to the City Commission. An email requesting subcommittee members will be sent soon and discussed further at the January board meeting.

### 2026 Schedule

Mr. Verbrugge is requesting to change November 2026's meeting date from Thursday, November 19th to Monday, November 9th to accommodate the restrictive schedule of the rate study.

A motion to approve the schedule as presented was made by Mr. Verbrugge and seconded by Mr. La Fave.

MOTION CARRIED.

The schedule is as follows:

- January 15
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- July 16
- August 20
- September 17
- October 15
- November 9
- December 17

### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

### Items from Members

- Mr. Jernberg said that there was a perceived fire at the Lake Michigan Filtration Plant. The incident was determined to be oil that had spilled and was vaporizing from a pressure relief valve. Fortunately, the vapors did not ignite and no fire occurred.
- Ms. Allen stated that January's meeting is expected to go longer than usual, as Fishbeck will be in attendance to present on the Comprehensive Master Plan.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026.

### Adjournment

Mr. Schmalzel adjourned the meeting at 9:08 am.

## Water/Sewer Report

YTD 2025

Project Name	Contractor	Award Date	Substantial Completion Date	Final Completion Date	Water Fund Authorized NTE Amt	Sewer Fund Authorized NTE Amt	Est. Year for Rates	Integrated (Y/N)
Installation of Water Main in LEONARD STREET from Winterwood Drive (PVT) to Crahen Avenue and in CRAHEN AVENUE from Bradford Street to Leonard Street	Dykema Excavators, Inc.	1/14/2025	8/15/2025	11/21/2025	\$1,880,451	N/A	2026	N (GR Twp)
Reconstruction of GARFIELD AVENUE from Butterworth Street to Fulton Street	Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc.	1/14/2025	8/21/2026	5/7/2026	\$1,088,500	N/A	2027	N (GR)
Reconstruction of BOSTON STREET from Fuller Avenue to Plymouth Avenue	Wyoming Excavators, Inc.	2/11/2025	10/31/2025	9/19/2026	\$ 3,564,769.00	N/A	2026	N (GR)
Rotomill/Resurfacing of CHERRY STREET from Sheldon Avenue to LaGrave Avenue and from Prospect Avenue to 100' west of Madison Avenue	Anlaan Corporation	2/11/25	10/17/25	7/1/26	N/A	\$60,000	2025	N (GR)
Reconstruction of FULLER AVENUE from Kalamazoo Avenue to Boston Street and from Ramona Street to Adams Street AND Rotomill/Resurfacing of FULLER AVENUE from Boston Street to Ramona Street	Anlaan Corporation	3/11/2025	10/15/2025	10/2/2026	\$698,000.00	\$100,000	2026	N (GR)

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Reconstruction of KENDALL STREET from Kalamazoo Avenue to Kentridge Drive AND Reconstruction of FRUITWOOD DRIVE from Covell Avenue to Woodcrest Drive	Ponstein Enterprises LLC dba Georgetown Construction	3/25/2025	10/30/2026	5/7/2027	\$1,641,621.00	N/A	2027	N (GR)
Water Main Replacement, Reconstruction, and Resurfacing in BURTON STREET from 120' East of Division Avenue to Giddings Avenue	Kammaing & Roodvoets, Inc.	3/25/2025	10/30/2026	11/6/2026	\$ 8,529,987.00	N/A	2027	N (GR)
Replacement of Lead Service Lines at VARIOUS LOCATIONS - Contract 2025-1	SPS Pro Plumbing LLC	3/25/2025	10/30/2026	11/14/2026	\$ 3,510,860.00	N/A	2027	N (GR)
Replacement of Lead Service Lines at VARIOUS LOCATIONS - Contract 2025-2	Miller Pipeline LLC	4/15/2025	7/31/2026	11/14/2026	\$3,536,000.00	N/A	2027	N (GR)
External Cleaning and Painting of the ALGER RESERVOIR - 2025	Fedawa, Inc	5/13/2025	10/15/2025	11/25/2025	\$197,050.00	N/A	2026	N (GR)
External Cleaning and Painting of the ALGER RESERVOIR - 2025 (increase to contract)	Fedewa Inc.	5/13/2025	10/15/2025	11/25/2025	\$297,050.00	N/A	2025/2026	N (GR)
Improvements to the EAST LAGOON at the Lake Michigan Filtration Plant	Diversco Construction Company Inc	7/15/2025	10/31/2025	11/28/2025	\$513,970.00	N/A	2026	Y

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Improvements at COLLINDALE AVENUE SANITARY LIFT STATION	Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc.	7/29/2025	10/2/2026	10/30/2026	N/A	\$673,725.00	2027	N (Walker)
Reconstruction of STEVENS STREET from Steele Avenue to Randolph Avenue	Diversco Construction Company Inc	7/29/2025	6/26/2026	12/16/2026	\$4,265,506.00	N/A	2026	N (GR)
Replacement of the Ferrous Pumps and Piping at the WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY	Franklin Holwerda Company	7/29/2025	3/31/2026	4/30/2026	N/A	\$776,520.00	2026	Y
Replacement of North-South UV Disinfection at the WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY	Black & Veatch (Design Phase Services)	8/12/2025	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$942,401	2027	Y
Reconstruction of OAKLEY PLACE from Lyon Street to Crescent Street AND Drainage Improvements in PERKINS AVENUE from 400' S. of Lamberton Creek Lane (Pvt.) to 100' N. of Brookmoor Drive	Wyoming Excavators, Inc.	9/9/2025	7/3/2026	9/11/2026	\$538,750.00	N/A	2027	N (GR)
Improvements to Carbon Feed and Chemical Unloading at the LAKE MICHIGAN FILTRATION PLANT	Erhardt Construction Company	9/23/2025	1/1/2027	3/3/2027	\$7,761,835.00	N/A	2027	Y

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Replacement of Private Lead Service Lines at VARIOUS LOCATIONS - 2025-3	BRIK Plumbing LLC	10/7/2025	5/1/2026	6/30/2026	\$ 769,540.00	N/A	2026	N (GR)
Facade Assessment and Repair at the LAKE MICHIGAN FILTRATION PLANT	Kent Companies, Inc.	10/7/2025	8/28/2026	10/2/2026	\$ 1,662,799.00	N/A	2026/2027	Y
Replacement of Private Lead Service Lines at VARIOUS LOCATIONS - 2025-4	Groundhawk Excavating & Landscaping LLC	10/21/2025	5/1/2026	6/30/2026	\$ 635,330.00	N/A	2026	N (GR)
Reconstruction of CESAR E. CHAVEZ from Hall Street to Tenhaaf Court	Anlaan Corporation	10/21/2025	8/14/2026	9/24/2027	\$ 1,134,560.00	\$ 88,480.00	2026/2027	N (GR)
Improvements to Roofs Y, BB and EE at the Lake Michigan Filtration Plant	Arrow Roofing & Supply, Inc.	10/21/2025	9/4/2026	10/2/2026	\$ 460,484.00	N/A	2026/2027	Y
Replacement of Backwash Check Valves at the LAKE MICHIGAN FILTRATION PLANT	DHE Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc.	11/18/25	5/29/26	6/26/26	\$ 303,580.00	N/A	2026	Y