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# Trustees Meeting

Monday, November 24, 2025  
22 Arsenal Street, Augusta, ME  
6:00 PM



Greater Augusta  
Utility District

Water | Wastewater | Stormwater

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# Introductions - Board of Directors



Ken Knight



Bob Corey



Bradley Sawyer



Cecil Munson



Patrick Paradis



Keith Luke



Keith Taylor



Kara Tudman-Walker



Tim Dennett

# Introductions - Management



Brian Tarbuck  
General Manager



Andy Begin  
Assistant General Manager



Mike Payne  
Finance Director

## Consultants



Alan Burton  
HR Consultant



Meredith Strang Burgess  
PR Consultant



# Old business - approve meeting minutes

**Motion 1:** I move to accept the Board meeting minutes for September 22, 2025 and October 21, 2025..

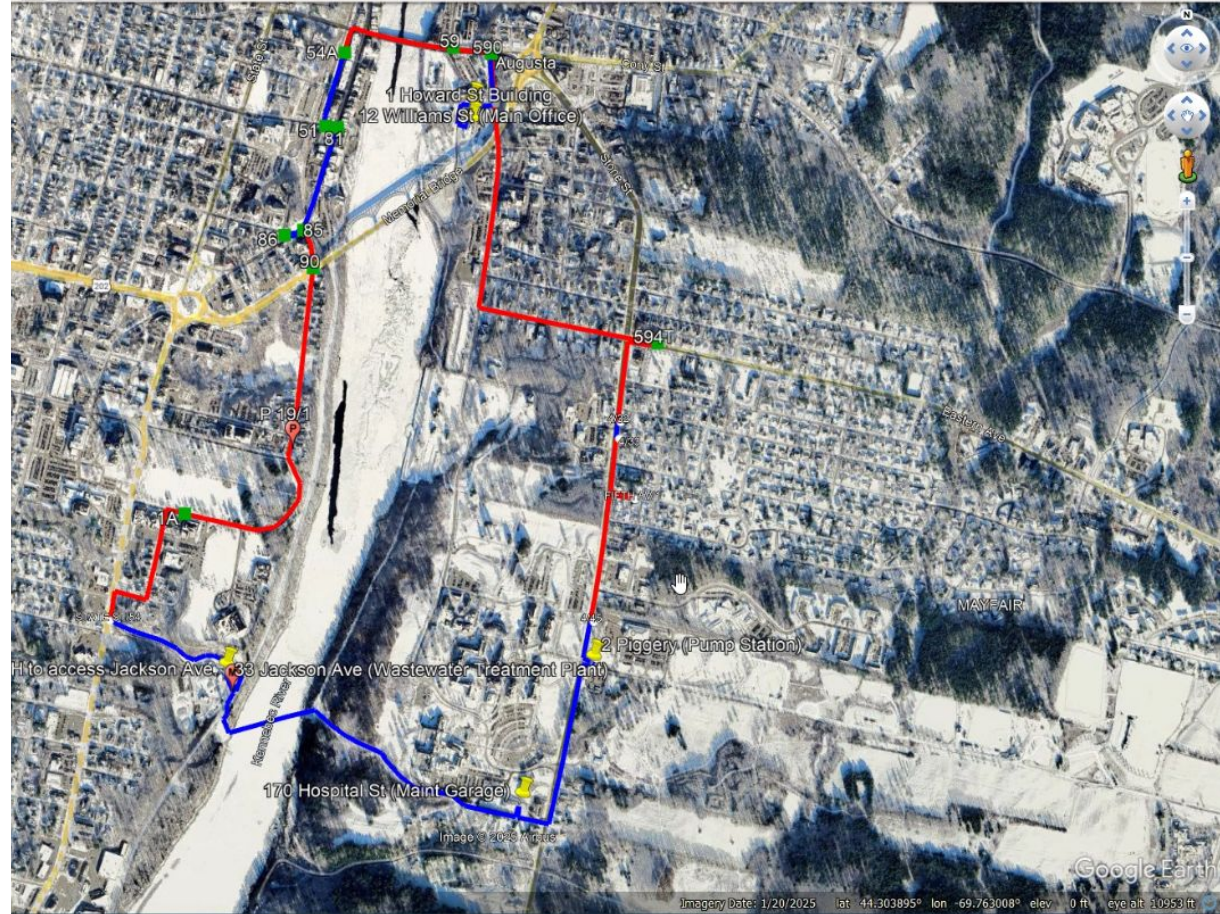


# **Old business - rate committee update**

The rate committee met on November 13th.

# Kennebec River Utility Crossing

- Fiber buildout happening before the end of the year.
  - Fidium
  - GoNetSpeed





# Front Street Sewer Pump Station



- 100% Complete, Pending release of retainage.

# Riverside Drive PFAS/PFOA Design

- Building modifications bids received on 10/8.
- Award to Blane Casey
- Construction starting on 11/24/25.
- Completion expected by March, 2026, same timing as the filter equipment.
- Filters should be online by July, 2026

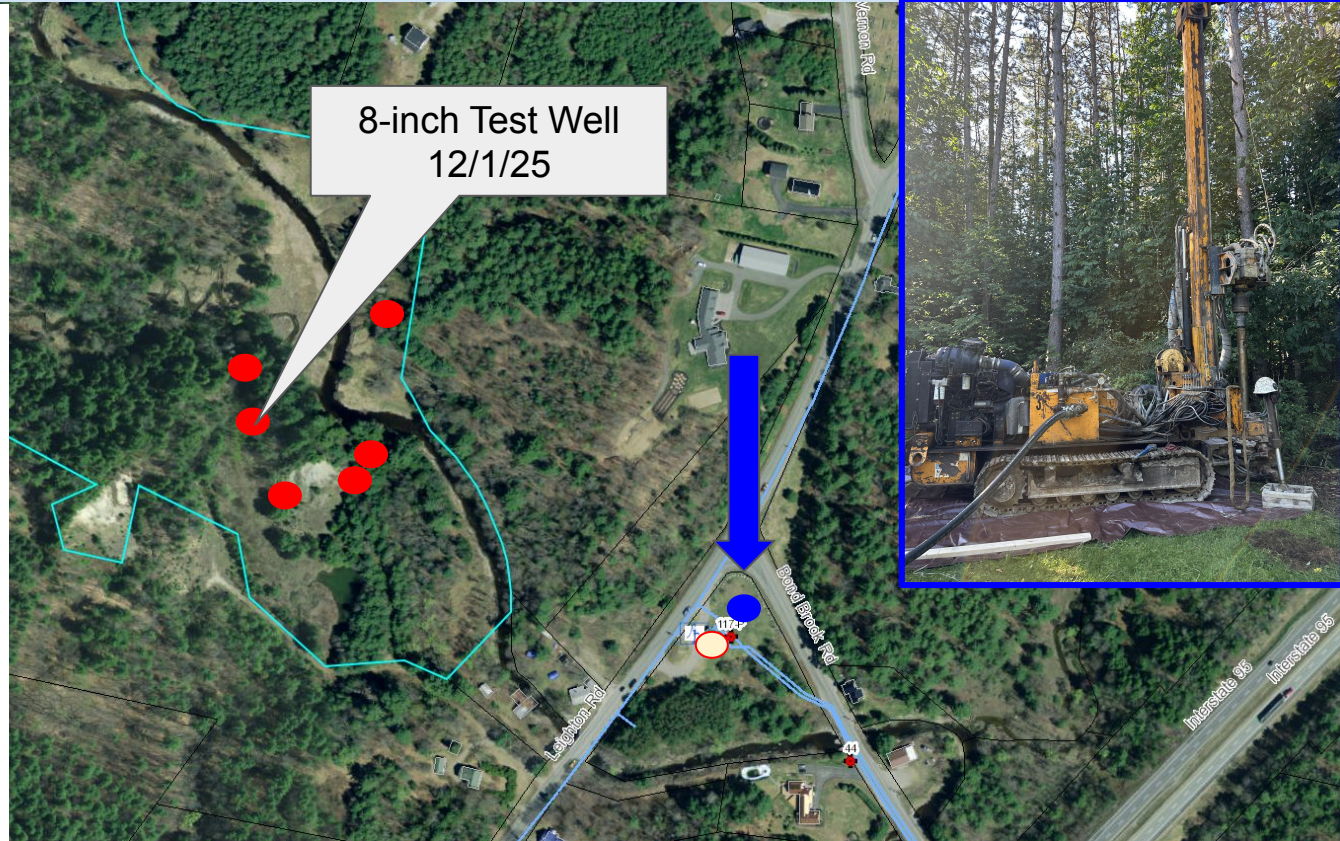
Contractor	Total
<b>Blane Casey</b>	<b>\$258,892</b>
T-Buck Construction	\$306,180
CH Stevenson	\$440,000
Phelan Construction	\$497,056





# North Augusta Well Exploration (mitigate PFAS)

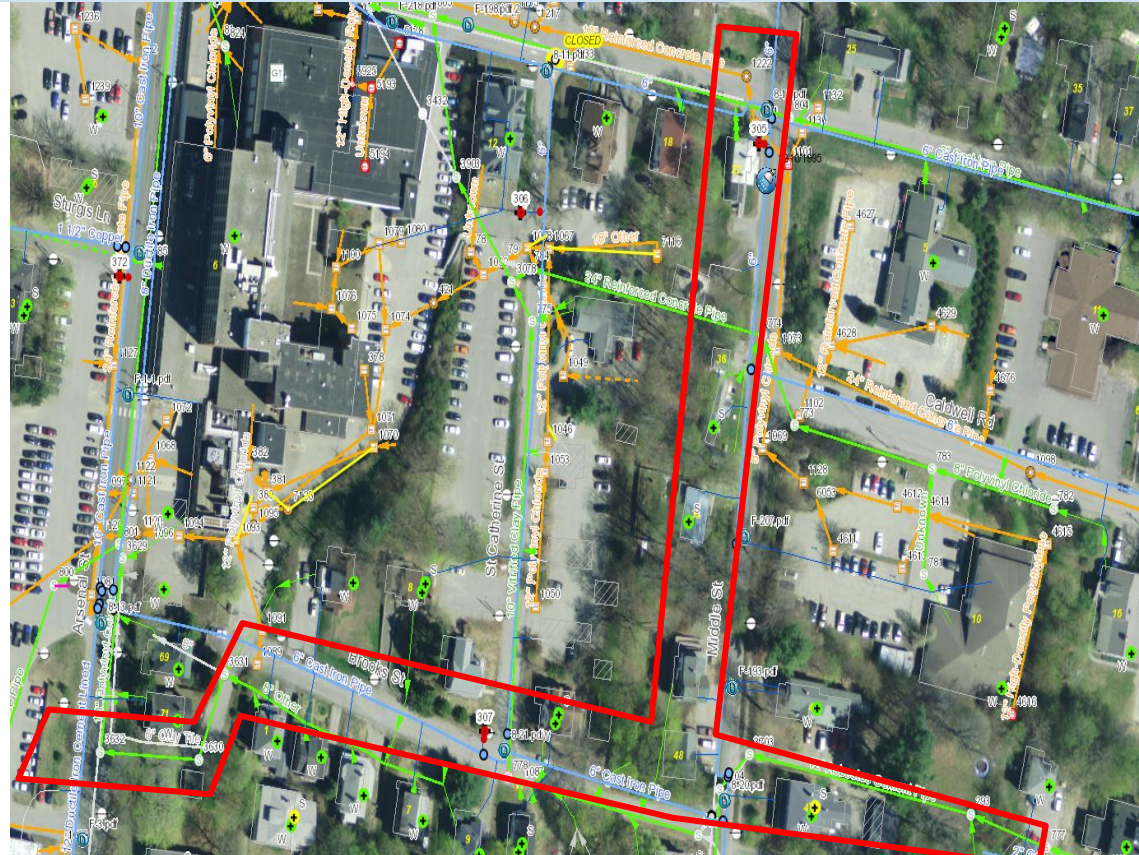
- **Test well** program starting on 9/24/25, ongoing for 1-2 weeks.
- A test well will be placed on our Triangle property to confirm a location for a **replacement well**.
- DEP and COA helped make this all happen, thank you.





# Brooks & St. Catherine Water/Sewer/Storm/Road Rebuild

- 400 feet of storm main installed on St. Catherine St.
- About 180 feet of water main installed on lower Brooks St.
- The contractor is base paving St. Catherine and lower Brooks and winterizing the site. Upper Brooks will be done in the spring of 2026.





# TL 2&4 Upgrades

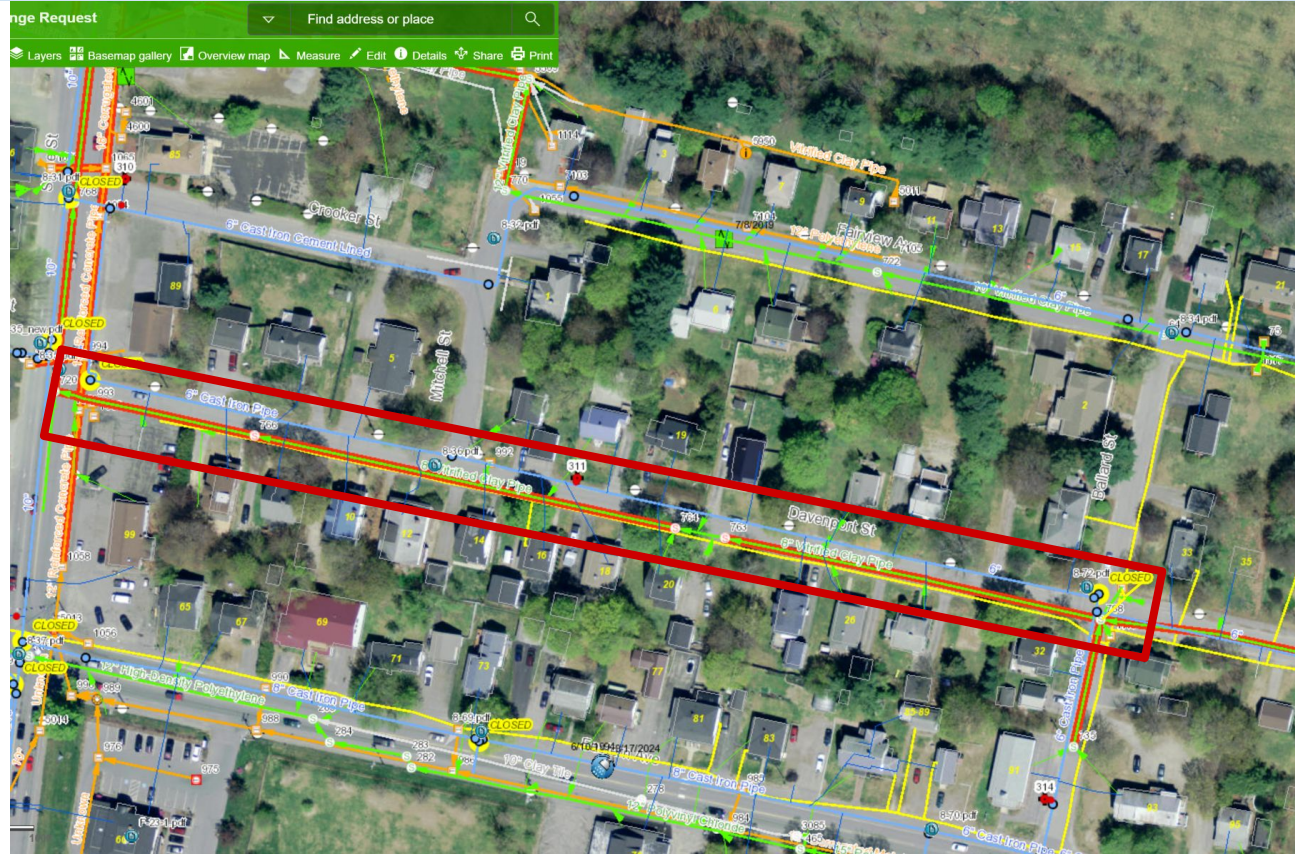
- Finalizing the funding application and environmental review.
- Soil borings complete.
- Alternatives analysis for resource crossings.
- Preliminary Easement Discussions.
- 3.5 miles
- \$2M CDS grant funding for a \$10-\$12M project.
- We are able to put more engineering time into this project now that some are finishing up.





# Davenport Street Storm & Water Main

- Bids due on 12/11
- Separate 3 catch basins from the sewer by installing 1,000 feet of storm main to improve drainage
- Install 1,000 feet of new 8" D.I. water main to replace 1911, 6" C.I.
- Q2 2026 Construction.
- Lots of ledge...





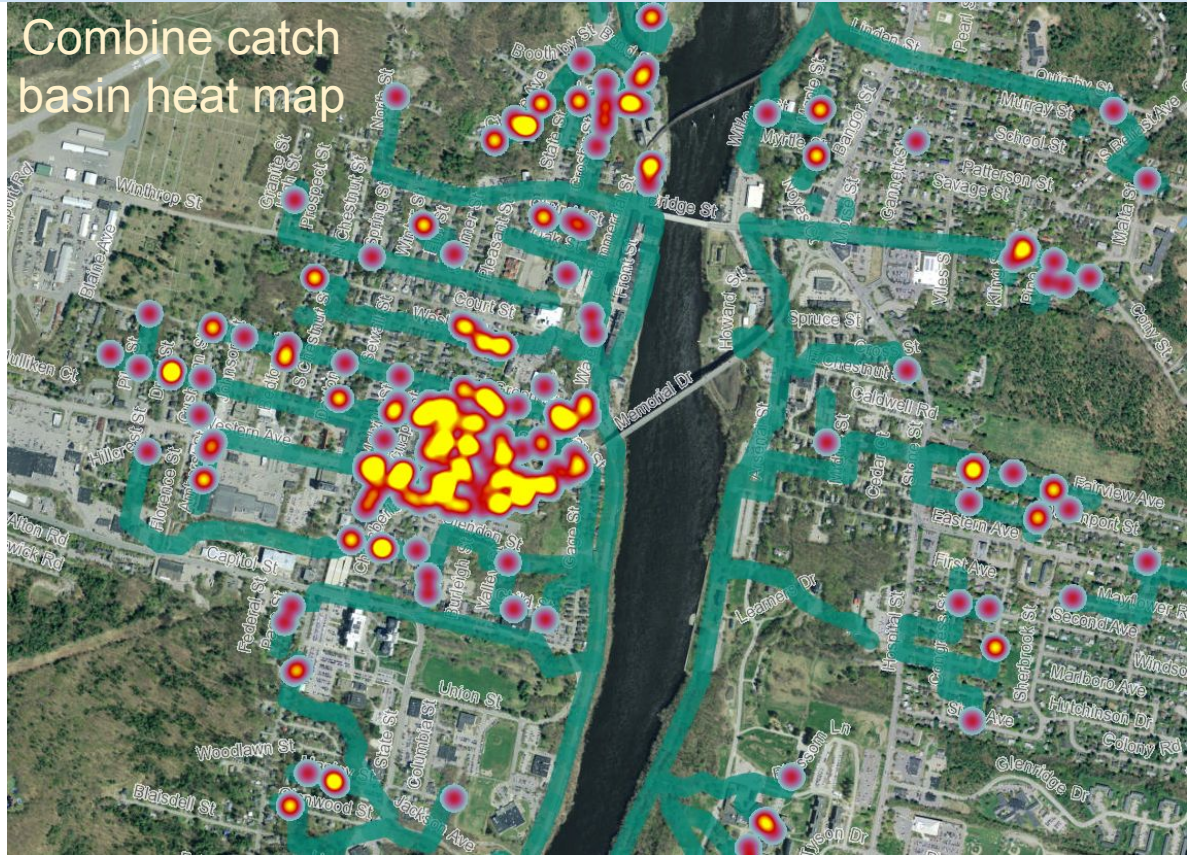
# Amherst Street Water & Storm Main

- This will bid in December
- Separating 2 combined catch basins near Western Avenue.
- Budget \$357,500 (Water), \$120,000 (storm)



# Memorial Drive Stormwater Separation

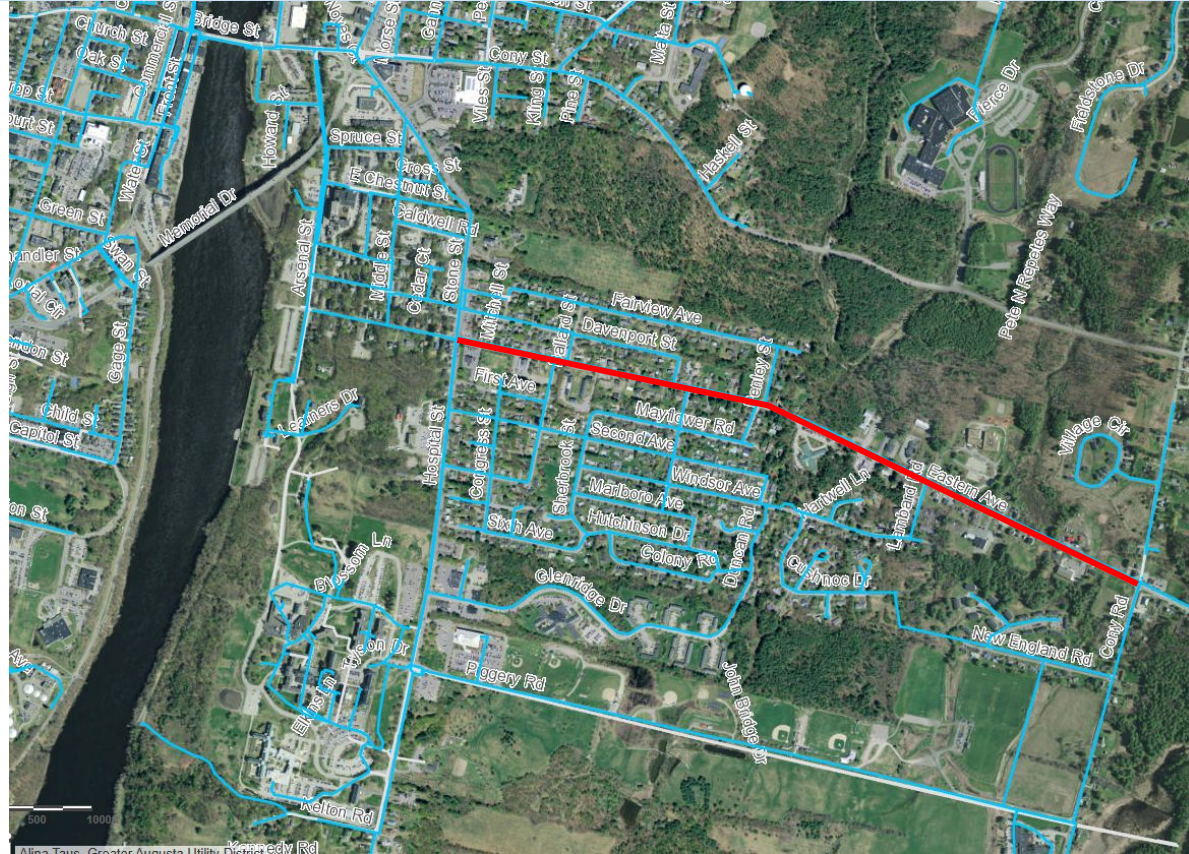
- Misprint in Board Packet, this is ready for bid, we are in preliminary design.
- 1,200 of 30" Storm Main
- Multi-phase project to separate over 60 combine catch basin from the sewer. The first phase includes work on Memorial Drive to Gage Street.





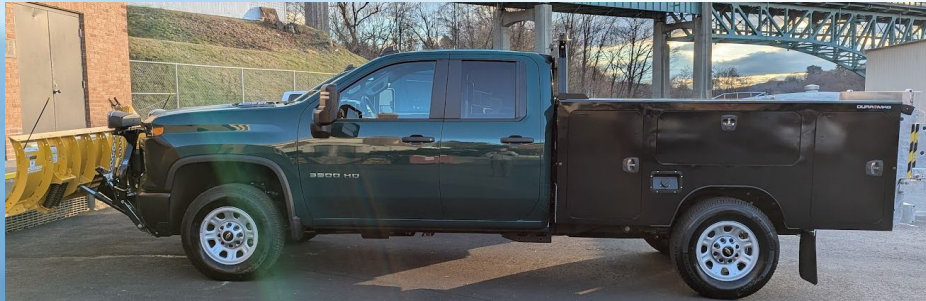
# Eastern Avenue Water Main Replacement

- Design
- 6,300 feet of 12-inch water main from Hospital Street to Cony Road.
- Replace leak prone 6" & 8" unlined cast iron water main, approximately 100 yrs old.
- Estimated at \$4M. This will be a multi-year replacement.



# Replace 2 utility trucks

- Trucks arrived today! Ordered in May...



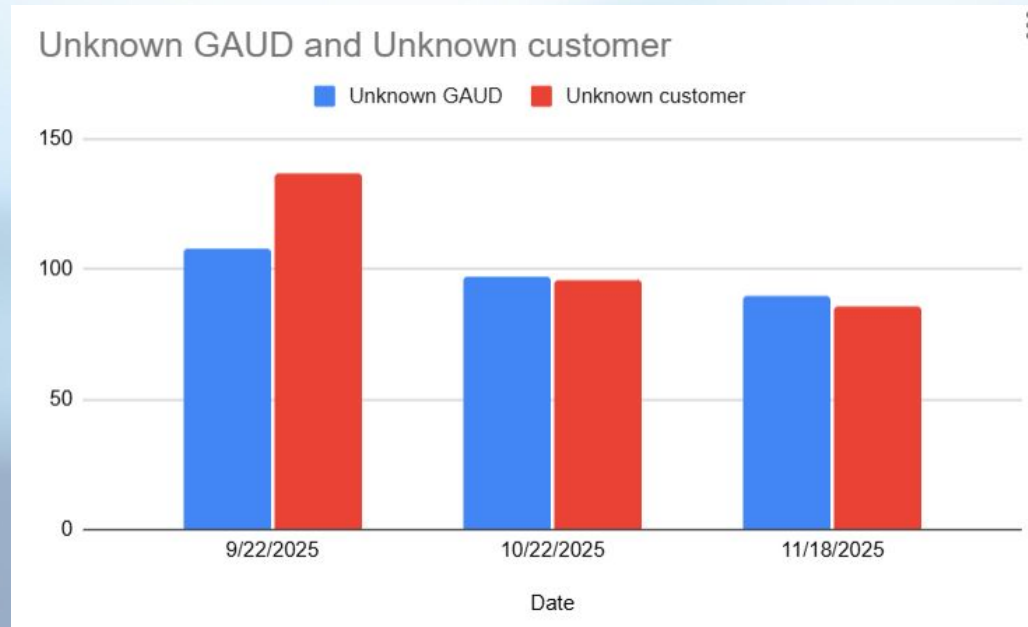
# Old business - General Manager's report

## Employee anniversaries

Name	Years
Lee Cumber	33
Ken Knight	22
Troy Maheux	7
Joe Perkins-Macdonald	1
Tucker Ladd	1

# Old business - General Manager's report

- John Cummons elected to NEBRA board of directors
- Building improvements - electrical panel and fire control panel
- Union agreement has been executed





# Old business - General Manager's report

- [December 9 to 11, Maine Rural Water Association Conference,](#)  
Bangor
- [December 18, Gardiner, MWUA bimonthly meeting](#)

# PFAS Update

- Covered under projects



# Bob Webber visual buffer complaint

- Discussed in September
- Reviewed easement
- **Management recommends not planting trees over infrastructure that we work to keep free of trees**

# Winthrop Utilities District management change

- Dan Wells, WUD superintendent, retires in January
- WUD wanted to meet with GAUD board to discuss the transition

# October, 2025 Water income statement summary

- Revenue was **\$6.3M** which is **10% over budget** and approximately **\$722K above** the same period last year.
- Expenses were **\$4.0M** which is **1% over budget** and approximately **\$586K above** the same period last year.

**Water Revenue**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Metered	4,113,118	3,613,525	88%
Fire Protection	2,415,640	2,005,366	83%
Investment income	5,000	45,129	903%
Other Income/Grants	250,000	639,457	256%
Sum:	6,783,758	6,303,478	93%

**Water Expenses**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Labor and fringe	2,318,465	1,801,047	78%
Power	286,144	253,130	88%
Supplies	500,392	511,009	102%
Debt interest	77,471	72,159	93%
Depreciation	993,002	825,257	83%
Other	566,626	541,755	96%
	4,742,100	4,004,356	84%
Revenue - expense	2,041,658	2,299,122	

Beginning cash: \$4.3M

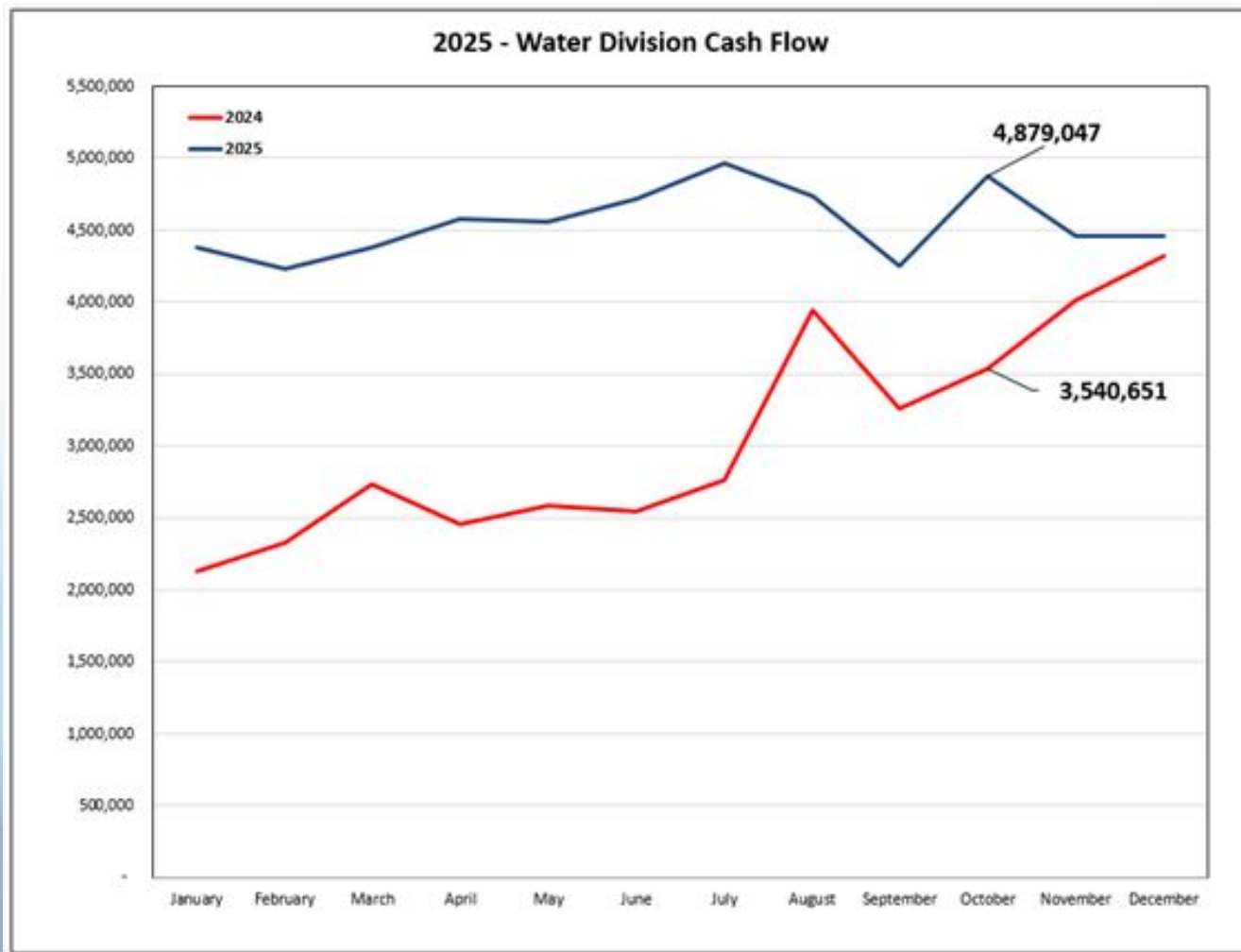
### Revenue

- \$734K Operating
- \$238K PFAS lawsuit

### Expenses

- \$279K O&M
- \$71K CIP

Ending cash: \$4.9M



# October, 2025 Sewer income statement summary

- Revenue was **\$6.3M** which is **6% over budget** and approximately **\$899K above** the same period last year.
- Expenses were **\$4.2M** which is **6% under budget** and approximately **\$56K below** the same period last year.

**Sewer Revenue**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Flat rate	37,031	25,200	68%
Metered	5,719,943	4,906,858	86%
Trunkline	945,000	710,330	75%
Investment income	5,000	45,129	903%
Other Income/Grants	365,692	641,097	175%
Sum:	7,072,666	6,328,615	89%

**Sewer Expenses**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Labor and fringe	1,816,519	1,293,904	71%
Power	415,804	320,481	77%
Supplies	322,803	275,248	85%
Debt interest	265,016	212,895	80%
Depreciation	1,533,662	1,217,368	79%
Other	1,055,595	869,668	82%
	5,409,398	4,189,564	77%
Revenue - expense	1,663,268	2,139,051	

Beginning cash: \$321K

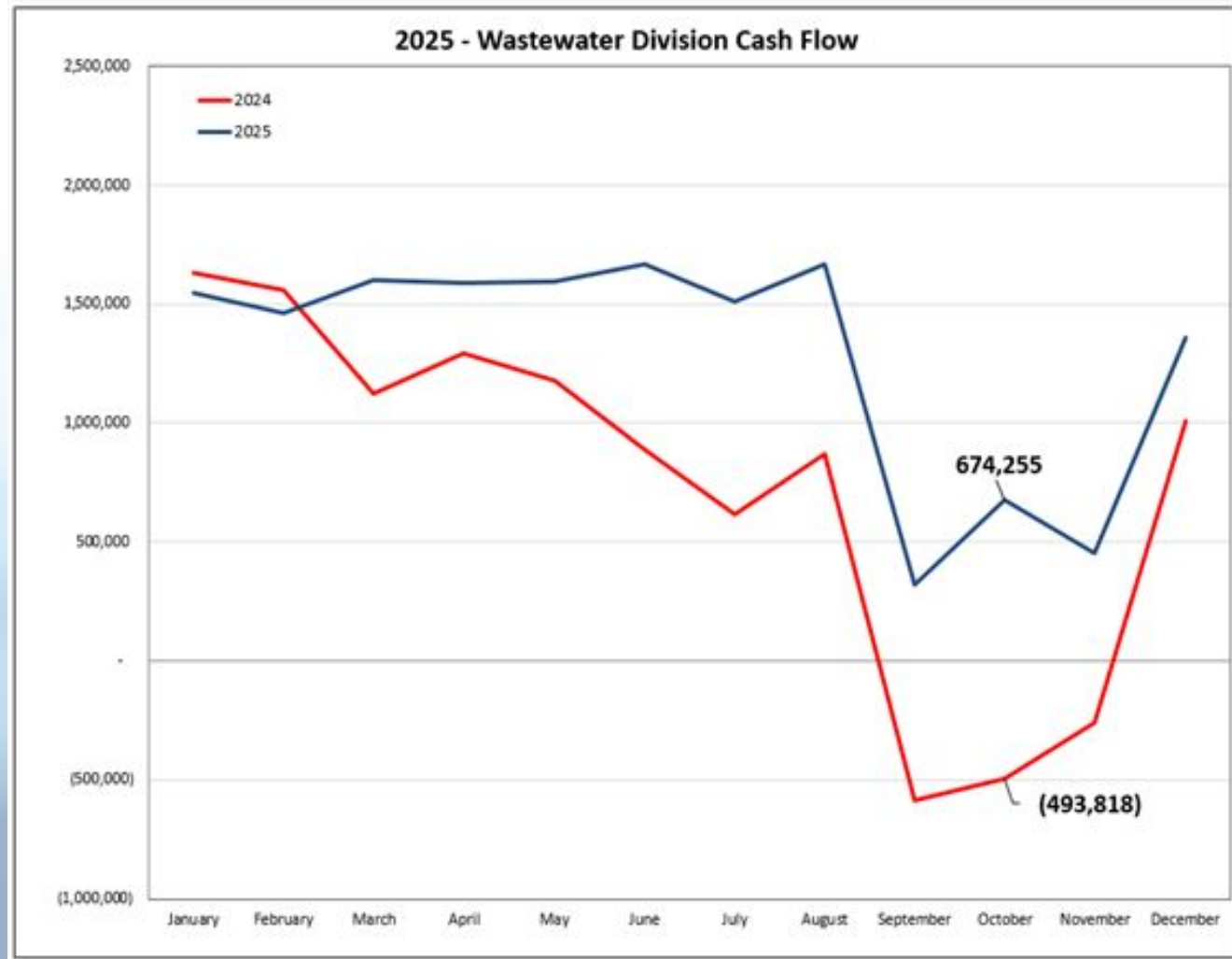
### Revenue

- \$713K Operating

### Expenses

- \$272K O&M
- \$91K CIP

Ending cash: \$674K





# October, 2025 Stormwater income statement summary

- Revenue was **\$3.7M** which is **7% over budget** and approximately **\$79K above** the same period last year.
- Expenses were **\$2.4M** which is **10% under budget** and approximately **\$254K above** the same period last year.

**Storm Revenue**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Stormwater	4,062,397	3,436,624	85%
Investment income	5,000	45,129	903%
Other Income/Grants	-	185,301	0%
Sum:	4,067,397	3,667,055	90%

**Storm Expenses**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Labor and fringe	1,411,326	936,440	66%
Power	176,400	138,965	79%
Supplies	259,573	186,262	72%
Debt interest	96,974	54,326	56%
Depreciation	931,552	752,327	81%
Other	417,343	340,482	82%
	3,293,167	2,408,803	73%
Revenue - expense	774,230	1,258,252	

Beginning cash: \$3.1M

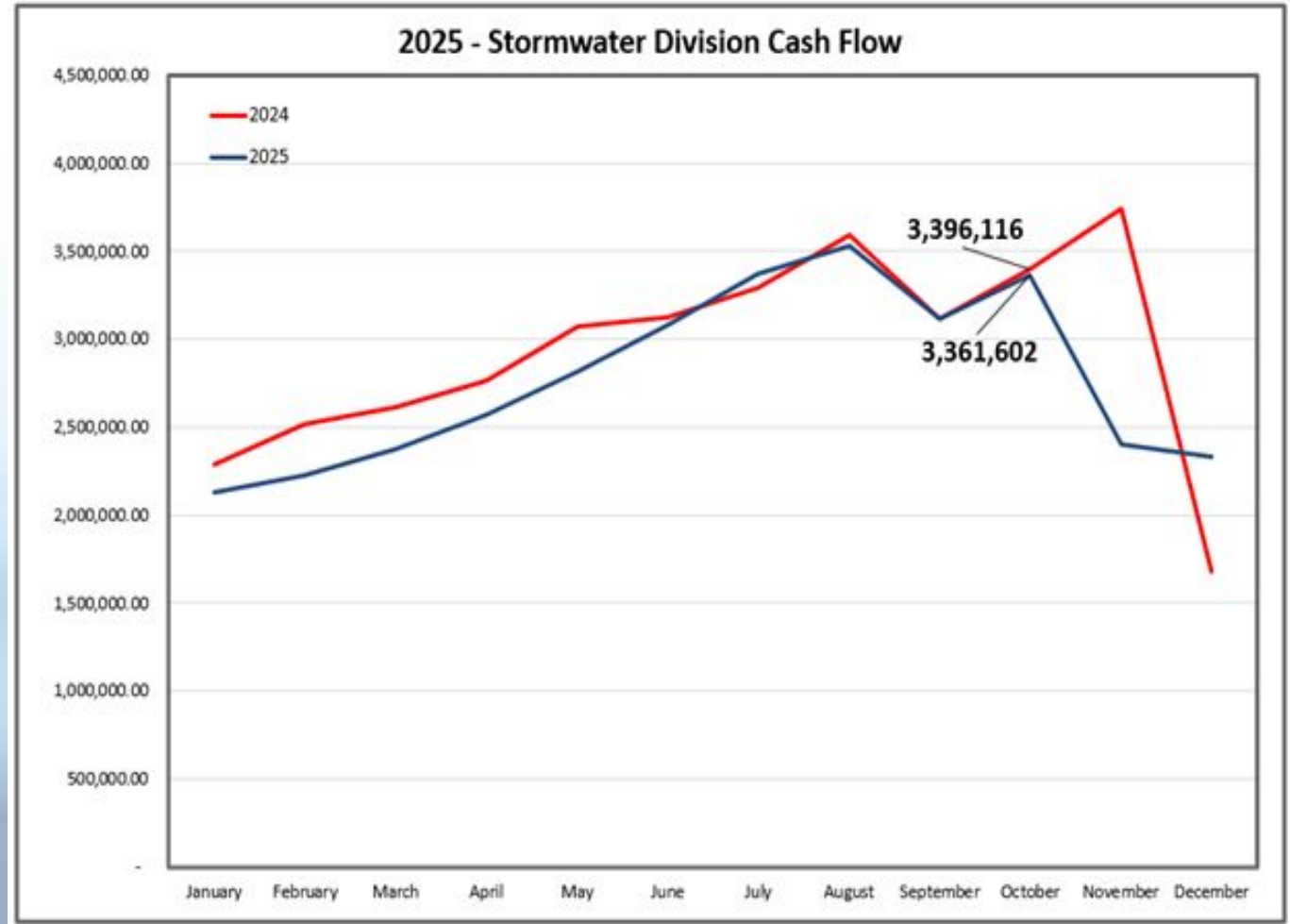
Revenue

- \$427K Operating

Expenses

- \$186K O&M

Ending cash: \$3.4M



# Review liens

- No liens this month

# Communications Update

Working on ...

- Fall Newsletter
- September Insert
- Emergency Response Plan

# **New business - HR Update with Alan Burton**

# Calendar

<b>Monday, December 22, 2025</b>	<b>Regular meeting</b>	<b>22 Arsenal</b>
Thursday, December 25, 2025	Christmas Day	Holiday
Thursday, January 1, 2026	New Year's Day	Holiday
Monday, January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Holiday
<b>Monday, January 26, 2026</b>	<b>Regular meeting</b>	<b>22 Arsenal</b>
Monday, February 16, 2026	Presidents' Day	Holiday
<b>Monday, February 23, 2026</b>	<b>Regular meeting</b>	<b>22 Arsenal</b>
<b>Monday, March 23, 2026</b>	<b>Regular meeting</b>	<b>22 Arsenal</b>

# Public Comment

Email [contact@gaud.ws](mailto:contact@gaud.ws)

Review any public comment received during the meeting.

## MEET OUR TRUSTEES

WE INVITE YOU TO OUR MEETINGS—IN PERSON, ONLINE, OR STREAMING LATER

### NEXT MEETING


Monday, August 19, 2024, 6:00 PM Regular Meeting

GAUD 1926 Garage, 15 Arsenal Street, Augusta, Maine

- Agenda and informational content

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# Adjourn - Motion

**Motion:** I move that this body stand adjourned.

# Happy Thanksgiving!



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