



Greater Augusta Utility District Board Agenda

Monday, April 28, 2025, 6:00 PM

22 Arsenal Street District Meeting Room, Augusta, Maine

1. Welcome - Knight
 2. Introduce Board members
 3. Introduce GAUD employees, consultants and guests
 4. Agenda additions
 5. Old Business
 - a. Approve meeting minutes - **Motion** - pages 10-12
 - b. Rate committee update - **Motion** - pages 3 & 13-15
 - c. Project updates – pages 6-8
 - d. General Manager's report – page 9
 - e. PFAS “forever chemicals” - page 9
 - f. Street opening permit policy discussion pages 16-17
 6. New business
 - a. Review financial statements - pages 18-20
 - b. Review liens -
 - c. Discuss septage receiving and grit management - page 21
 - d. Communications update -
 - e. HR update - pages
 - f. Presentation of 2023 audited financial statements from RKO
 - g. Executive session - Motion
 - h. Public comment
 7. Adjourn - **Motion**
- Attachments:**
- Minutes
 - Financial statements

Attendees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Knight – Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tudman Walker	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sawyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Begin
<input type="checkbox"/>	Paradis – Clerk	<input type="checkbox"/>	Munson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Payne
<input type="checkbox"/>	Corey – Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Tarbuck

A quorum consists of 4 voting Trustees. The table below reflects my best understanding of current terms.

Name	Role	Term expiration	Original	Years served
Ken Knight	Chair	9/19/2025	11/5/2003	21.5
Bob Corey	Treasurer	11/5/2026	3/17/2016	9.1
Pat Paradis	Clerk	1/5/2026	1/5/2017	8.3
Tim Dennett	Augusta	11/5/2026	4/17/2025	0.0
Keth Luke	Augusta - non voting	12/31/2025	6/1/2016	8.9
Cecil Munson	Augusta	1/5/2026	1/5/2017	8.3
Brad Sawyer	Augusta	2/4/2028	11/15/2016	8.4
Keith Taylor	Hallowell		9/2/2024	0.6
Kara Tudman Walker	Hallowell - non-voting		9/2/2024	0.6

Guests:





Executive sessions are described in [MRS Title 1 Section 405](#). Executive sessions may only be called by a public recorded vote of 3/5 of the members, present and voting.

Upcoming meetings and holidays:

Monday, May 19, 2025	Regular meeting	22 Arsenal
Monday, May 26, 2025	Memorial Day	Holiday
Monday, June 16, 2025	Regular meeting	22 Arsenal
Thursday, June 19, 2025	Juneteenth	Holiday
Friday, July 4, 2025	Independence Day	Holiday
Monday, July 21, 2025	Regular meeting	22 Arsenal
Monday, August 18, 2025	Regular meeting	22 Arsenal

Training opportunities

- May 11-14 [NEWEA spring conference](#), Holiday Inn Portland-by-the-Bay, Portland, ME (wastewater focus)
- May 13 [MWUA Terms and Conditions](#) (MPUC drinking water) training in Gardiner; Randi from GAUD is one of the trainers

1. Welcome
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5. Old business

a. Approve meeting minutes - **Motion**

Motion: I move to accept the Board meeting minutes for March 17, 2025.			
M	2nd	For	Against

b. Rate committee update - **Motion**

The rate hearing was on March 17, just before the regular GAUD Trustees' meeting. The calendar below lays out the remaining dates significant to the rate implementation process.

Monday, April 28, 2025	April Board meeting		<i>vote to approve final rates with MPUC</i>
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When will customers see impacts to their bills?

Monthly accounts:

- The bill date of 8/8/2025 will include water, sewer and stormwater charges from the meter read date of 6/18/2025 through 7/18/2025

Quarterly Hallowell and flat accounts:

- The bill date is 10/2025 and encompasses the quarter starting on 6/30/2025 and ending on 9/30/2025

What's the impact of the proposed rates on a 'typical' customer?

An Augusta customer with a 5/8" meter and 5 HCF consumption will see an increase of about \$3.24 per month.

Individual water, sewer and stormwater impacts are listed below.

Results	Current monthly	Proposed monthly	Δ
Water	\$ 36.20	\$ 37.36	\$ 1.16
Sewer	\$ 52.53	\$ 54.21	\$ 1.68
Storm	\$ 12.56	\$ 12.96	\$ 0.40
Sum	\$ 101.29	\$ 104.53	\$ 3.24

The motion below is the vote to make the final approval to the rates that have been proposed and reviewed by the public and the Board.

Motion 2: I move that we certify and approve the revised schedule of rates for drinking water service, fire protection service, sewer service and stormwater service, which has been presented to this meeting and recorded with the minutes, to go into effect on or about June 1, 2025, and continuing until such time as the schedule of rates is modified by vote of the Trustees. I further move that the Assistant Treasurer, in addition to the Treasurer, be authorized and directed to apply the schedule of rates, along with all fees and charges otherwise authorized by the District or by State statute, to all persons, entities and property receiving services from the District, and to thereafter collect the sums due from said persons and entities and to take all appropriate action related to the collection of said sums, including the preparation and filing of notices and liens and allowed by the District's Charter and State law.			
M	2nd	For	Against

c. Project updates - Begin

Andy will provide updates regarding the District's capital improvement projects.

d. General Manager's report - Tarbuck

Brian will provide updates not otherwise covered in this report.

e. PFAS "forever chemicals" update

f. Street opening permit policy discussion

This is a carry-over from the March meeting in which there was a brief discussion about street opening permits and how best to assign costs and responsibilities when the work is not done for or by GAUD.

In some cases, a commercial developer hires an engineering firm to create plans and specifications, gets approval from the City to do the work and then hires a site contractor to do the work. Some of this work may need to be done in the public way. GAUD is responsible for work in the public way but in these cases, it is usually a minor part of a large project that is done using large contractors with lots of experience.

In other cases, a private homeowner makes an arrangement with a contractor to replace a sewer pipe that is in the public way. Often there is no written contract, no engineering, no significant approval steps and the contractors performing the work are often not accustomed to working in a busy public way.

In both examples, the local permitting authority ultimately holds GAUD responsible for the condition of the work. This policy provides a mechanism to control the work and retain funds if the work is done poorly.

6. New business

a. Review financial statements - Payne

Mike will review the March, 2025 financial statements.

b. Review liens - Payne

There are no liens to review.

c. Discuss septage receiving and grit management

John Cummons from the wastewater treatment plant provided a brief memo regarding options to increase plant revenue by accepting septage. We will have a fuller conversation about this at the May meeting after we've acquired additional information.

d. Communications update - Meredith Strang-Burgess

Meredith will provide updates for the board.

e. HR update - Alan Burton -

Alan will provide updates for the board.

f. Presentation of 2023 audited financial statements from RKO

Tim Gill from Ruyon, Kersteen and Ouelette will present the 2023 audited financial statements. Though this is technically new business, the presentation will be moved to the top of the agenda for convenience.

g. Executive session

Motion: I move to enter executive session to discuss negotiations relating to the collective bargaining agreement between GAUD and Teamsters Local 340 pursuant to MRS §405 6 D.

M	2nd	For	Against
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h. Public comment

7. Adjourn

Motion: I move that this body stand adjourned.

M Sawyer

2nd

For

Against

Summary of Capital Improvement Projects

17001 - Eastside Sewer Siphon - \$4,779,493 & 19047 Redundant River Crossing - \$4,297,369 spent to date

Status: Construction Complete. Pending final release of retainage in Q3. Working with fiber companies to improve communication redundancy for our area, along with improving GAUD comms pathways.

22015 - Front Street Pump Station 3 Replacement - \$1,117,396 spent to date

Status: The contractor is waiting on some electrical gear to finish the wiring and some 8" check valves to finish the force main piping. This will allow us to get the influent manhole installed to redirect flow to the new station. We are still on schedule and the contractor is paving the rail trail back in.

Scope: Replace an aging 1962 sewer pump station with a new flood proof submersible station.

Purpose: Station subject to flooding and failure and beyond its useful life.

Budget: \$2.1M (\$2M grant)

Schedule: Start on Q4 2024, substantial completion by June 2025.

23015 - Riverside Drive PFAS/PFOA pilot study - \$188,457 spent to date

Status: Finalizing piping and filtration layout drawings for Station, and advancing new source exploration on the west side of the River.

Scope: Run a pilot unit to reduce hardness and forever chemicals at our Riverside Drive well field.

Purpose: Apply the piloting results to develop a design for a full scale treatment system and cost projections.

Budget: Received a planning grant for \$200,000, and a \$4M Forgiveness Loan. A second \$4M forgiveness loan has been awarded pending federal funding support of the capitalization grant to the Drinking Water Program. We are projecting \$14M in construction, but getting creative to reduce these costs.

Schedule: Planned for Q3 2023 to Q2 2024

CIP# 24003 - Hummingbird Lane - \$19,171 spent to date

Status: Construction has started. The contractor is installing temporary water main. The work is anticipated to occur through May.

Scope: Pipe burst 1,700 feet of aging 6" cast iron water main with new 4-inch HDPE.

Purpose: Replacement of leak prone water mains.

Budget: \$467,500

CIP# 24024 - Brooks and St. Catherine Street - \$32,462 spent to date

Status: Bids received. Three bidders with a cost range of \$411k to \$722k for the utility work. The low bid is CH Stevenson.

Scope: Replace approximately 600 feet of 6" unlined cast iron water main, 350 feet of 8" VCP sewer main and 700 feet of storm upgrades.

Purpose: Mutual road reconstruction project with COA, updating aging infrastructure.

Budget: Water (\$248k), Sewer/Storm (\$198k).

Schedule: Planned for Q2 & Q3 2025

CIP# 23009/24019 - TL2 & TL4 - Station Consolidation - \$87,350 spent to date

- Haley Ward has completed the survey and produced a draft plan for review.

CIP#25016 - Lead Service Line - Paradigm Vacuum Truck - \$419,512

- Delivered March 14, 2025.
- Maia is developing a priority list for lead line replacements this year. There is some disagreement between state agencies about how to pay for private services that we continue to monitor in the hopes that someone apart from GAUD will get it sorted.

CIP# 24011 - Secondary clarifier #3 WWTF - \$161,754 spent to date

Status: The work is complete, however, we are having an issue with defective manufacturer equipment. They are sending out technicians to evaluate.

Scope: New gearbox, drive assembly and bridge.

Purpose: Replacement of failing equipment.

Budget: \$449,900. (Equipment: \$160k, labor \$158k), tracking a surplus of \$132k

Schedule: Complete Q2 2025

CIP# 25011 - Davenport Street Storm Drain - \$3,344 spent to date

Status: 80% design on the storm main and we are adding about 1,000 feet of water main as the Pleasant Hill Road project got cancelled. The water main is 1911 cast iron and replacing it will aid in the necessary storm main upgrades.

Scope: Separate 1,000 feet of storm main from the combined sewer and remove 3 catch basins.

Purpose: CSO abatement and storm separation.

Budget: \$480,000 (storm main), \$450,000 (water main)

Schedule: Complete Q3 2025

CIP# 25007 - Cony Road Water Main Replacement - \$5,390 spent to date

Status: Bidding. Bids are due on April 29, 2025

Scope: Replace 1,300 feet of 6" cast iron main with new 12" ductile iron.

Purpose: Replace leak prone water main and aging infrastructure, from 1930.

Budget: \$580,000.

Schedule: Complete Q3 2025

CIP# 250?? - Eastern Avenue Tank Painting - \$0 spent to date

Status: The cost to repaint the tank is \$674,000, to be performed by Marcel Payeur. They are expecting to start this work towards the end of June.

Scope: Recoat our 1988 twin 400,000 gallon steel water tanks.

Purpose: Replace leak prone water main and aging infrastructure, from 1930.

Budget: \$660,000. (increase to \$680,000)

Schedule: Complete Q3 2025 - start work at end of June, 2025

CIP# 25017 - Amherst Street Water Main & Storm Drain - \$731 spent to date

Status: 80% design on the storm main and we are adding about 1,000 feet of water main as the Pleasant Hill Road project got cancelled. The water main is 1911 cast iron and replacing it will aid in the necessary storm main upgrades.

Scope: Replace 640 feet of 6-inch cast iron water main with 8" ductile iron, and Separate 400 feet of storm main from the combined sewer and remove 4 catch basins.

Purpose: The water main is over 100 yrs old and has been identified as deficient in fire flow capacity. The storm work seems like a good fit on this street to remove 4 catch basins from the sewer.

Budget: \$357,500 (water main), \$120,000 (storm main)

Schedule: Complete Q3 2025

CIP# 250?? - Replace two utility trucks

Status RFPs for two (2) 1 ton trucks - due Thursday, May 1, 2025, 10:00 AM EST

Scope: Replace two ¾ ton 2009 utility trucks that are expensive to maintain.

Purpose: Maintain safe vehicles in the fleet that further our operational goals.

Budget: \$171,000 (\$94,000 and \$77,000 split equally between water, sewer and stormwater divisions). Budget includes buying the trucks and then kitting them out as needed.

Note: This is the second time this spring that these trucks have gone out to bid. There were no respondents on the first bid. One respondent has submitted a sealed proposal for this second round.

Schedule: Complete Q4 2025

General Manager’s Report

We have two employees with an April hire date:

Name	Years
Andrew Ludwig	5.9
Brandon Main	0.9

Camper dump station

The guys at the wastewater treatment plant have decided to reactivate the camper dump station for the summer. As you’ll recall from the fall, operating the dump station is a pain for us but there’s recognition that it's a service people have become accustomed to and that terminating that service creates hardship too.

We are looking at ways to redesign this dump station to make it more user friendly.

Replacing lead service lines:

There is a little bit of conflict between EPA, the state’s Drinking Water Program and Maine Public Utilities Commission re how to approach lead service line replacement.

I had wanted to review some options with you at this meeting but as there are other upcoming meetings at the state level about this I’m going to wait until May to see if there’s improved guidance.

We’re fine for now.

PFAS grants?

We have received assurances from the Drinking Water Program that the \$8M in **grants for PFAS treatment** are locked in and should be safe from potential cuts.

Consumer Confidence Report

The 2024 CCR is done and posted online. Bill inserts including a link to direct customers to the website for the CCR will be mailed out in May. Use the QR code to see the CCR.



Monday, March 17, 2025

Greater Augusta Utility District Board Minutes

Location: Greater Augusta Utility District shop conference room at 22 Arsenal Street

Trustees present: Ken Knight, Patrick Paradis, Cecil Munson, Bob Corey, Keith Luke, Keith Taylor, Bradley Sawyer, Kara Tudman Walker

Trustees absent: none

Attendees: Brian Tarbuck, Andy Begin, Mike Payne

Guests: Meredith Strang-Burgess , Alan Burton

At 18:00 Knight called the meeting to order and introduced board members, employees and consultants.

At 18:01 began the public hearing relating to rate increases of 3.2% for the drinking water division, sewer division and stormwater division.

Knight described the rate increase impacts summarized by the table below.

Results	Current monthly	Proposed monthly	Δ
Water	\$ 36.20	\$ 37.36	\$ 1.16
Sewer	\$ 52.53	\$ 54.21	\$ 1.68
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The reasons for the higher rates include replacing aging equipment, paying for increasingly expensive services and hiring and retaining personnel.

Knight reviewed the rate setting timeline, process and rights available to persons aggrieved by the proposed modifications to rates.

Knight noted that the Board is discussing rates, not setting rates. The Board will set rates formally at its April 28, 2025 meeting pending receipt of petitions or other concerns.

If approved, the rates will go into effect on or about June 1, 2025.

At 18:10 Knight opened the public hearing. One individual from the public attended the meeting. No members of the public were on the remote call to discuss rates. There were no comments from the public either in-person, written or online. The Board reviewed the rate setting process and efforts to reach out to the public for comment.

At 18:17 the rate hearing was closed and the regular Board meeting resumed.

At 18:17 the Board voted on the prior month's meeting minutes.

Motion: I move to accept the Board meeting minutes for January 27, 2025.			
M Corey	2nd Munson	For Unanimous	Against None

At 18:18 Begin provided capital improvement project updates. The Kennebec River Utility Crossing project has been completed. Some accounting work remains for retainage and billing final contracts.

The project to replace the 1963 Texvit sewer pump station on Front Street is coming along nicely. Buried utilities have been installed. Work continues on the control building roof, wiring and interior piping. The project should be complete by May/June 2025.

The PFAS pilot study is done. The PFAS preliminary design work is complete. The recommendation is to install six 4' diameter x 8' tall cylindrical filters to remove PFAS using an ion exchange resin. The existing generator will be removed and the filters will be installed in its place which reduces the need to construct new building space. Grant funding may

allow for treatment at Riverside and potentially a new source in the North Augusta area. North Augusta is an area that is likely to grow and is far enough away from the Kennebec River that PFAS won't be a contaminant of concern in that area.

Work on Summer Street will be underway by Aceto Construction in early April. This project removes sewer pipes from beneath the garage for Plummers Funeral Home. This work will be completed by June.

The Hummingbird Lane drinking water pipe replacement project includes abandoning 1,700 linear feet of 6" cast iron cross country water main in favor of installing new services to the existing water main on Riverside Drive. Three bids were opened on January 30. CH Stevenson was the low bidder at \$239k. The project will include work by plumbers to reroute interior plumbing as water will come from the street side of the property, not the back yard. This work should be done in the second quarter.

Brooks and St Catherine streets will be improved by the City of Augusta in 2025. GAUD work includes updating 350' of sewer, 600' of water and 700' of stormwater. The project will be put out to bid soon for summer construction in coordination with the City of Augusta.

Trunkline stations number 2 and 4 in Manchester remain under design consideration. The plan is to consolidate the two pump stations and reconnect an old force main that runs cross country from Manchester to Hallowell. Planning continues to consider easements required to convey wastewater from station 2 to station 4 and then all the way to Augusta over Granite Hill. RFPs for survey of the project were received on February 13. Haley Ward was the lone respondent to survey 3.5 miles of off road property for future easement discussions.

GAUD received a grant (55% grant / 45% GAUD match) which will be used to partially fund the acquisition of a small vacuum truck that will help us determine the types of service lines in the drinking water system to comply with the EPA's Lead Service Line Inventory program. To date we have identified 9 lead service lines, 89 galvanized service lines and 229 lines that require further investigation. The truck continues to be delayed. Delivery of the truck may be in March.

At the wastewater treatment plant, work will start on March 24th to replace the unsafe catwalk and drive unit located in the #3 secondary clarifier. The total cost for the equipment and the the installation is about \$320k.

The proposed Pleasant Hill drinking water pipe replacement project will be deferred until 2030 to comply with the City of Augusta's pavement moratorium project.

In lieu of the Pleasant Hill work, resources will be diverted to replace a 1911 water main located in Davenport Street. This will be in conjunction with stormwater and combined sewer separation work on Davenport Street which affords some cost sharing savings among the divisions.

Work proposed on Davenport Street will result in stormwater improvements that should help us meet long term combined sewer overflow reduction goals by separating the sewer from 3 to 5 combined sewer catch basins. Drainage is poor in this area so 1,000' of new stormwater pipe is proposed to improve drainage. This work builds off work we did last year to improve drainage along Fairview Avenue. This project has a \$480k budget and also includes a lot of work in ledge. The work should be completed in the third quarter of this year.

Cony Road has had a high number of leaks so we are planning to replace the existing 1,300' of 6" cast iron 1930's era drinking water pipe with 12" ductile iron pipe this summer. The changes will reduce the number of leaks and improve our fire flow capacity in this area. The approximate cost of this work is \$580k.

There are two 400,000 gallon welded steel drinking water storage tanks on Eastern Avenue installed in 1988 that each need to be repainted on both the inside and outside. The cost will be \$674k to repaint both tanks.

There was a fire last year on Amherst Street (near the existing KMart which will soon be demolished) that revealed poor fire flow in this area. The work proposed will replace 640' of 6" cast iron water main which is over 100 years old. 2 catch basins that discharge to the sewer will also be removed to increase available sewer capacity and reduce the risk of a combined sewer overflow. The budget includes about \$360k for drinking water and \$120k for stormwater.

At 18:40 Tarbuck noted that the space where meetings are now held is referred to as 22 Arsenal Street in the parlance of e911.

Tarbuck recognized Tucker Cummings for his first full year of service; Isreal Colpitt with 7 years, Randi Taylor with 27 years and Peter Kwiatkowski with 35 years.

Tar buck noted that there are ongoing cyber and physical threats to utility infrastructure. GAUD has updated its infrastructure accordingly to minimize the risk of damage and maximize resiliency to an incident.

At 18:47 Payne provided the financial updates.

Budget Summary 2025		Revenue			Expenses			
Month	Division	Budget	Actual	Act / budg	Budget	Actual	Act / budg	Ending cash
2	Sewer	7.1	1.06	15%	5.4	0.8	15%	1.42
2	Stormwater	4.1	0.70	17%	3.3	0.5	14%	2.27
2	Water	6.8	1.03	15%	4.7	0.8	16%	4.24

At 18:50 the Board discussed a policy regarding street opening permits. Tar buck introduced a draft policy to consider how to better manage street opening permits.

At 18:55 Meredith Strang-Burgess gave the Board an update regarding recent public awareness activities. Burgess Advertising and Marketing has been busy with billing inserts, a late spring / summer insert, the 2023 annual report, improving the website and updating the rate setting page on the website.

At 18:59 Alan Burton noted that a utility worker will soon be hired which leaves two open positions.

At 20:01 the Board adjourned.

Motion: I move that this body stand adjourned.			
M Sawyer	2nd Munson	For Unanimous	Against None

The rates proposed below will go into effect on or about June 1, 2025 if approved by the Board.

Proposed wastewater fees	Effective 6/1/2025
Wastewater Service Charge (Cost/Quarter)	\$57.84
Wastewater Service Charge (Cost/Month)	\$19.28
Wastewater User Charge, per 100 cubic feet	\$6.99
Wastewater Unmetered Customers (Cost/Quarter)	\$183.54
Proposed stormwater fees	Effective 6/1/2025
Stormwater, Catch Basins (Cost/Month)	\$41.89
Stormwater, ERU (Equivalent Rate Unit), Cost per Unit per Month	\$12.96

**GREATER AUGUSTA UTILITY DISTRICT
Proposed Water Rates**

<u>Rate per 100 cubic feet (HCF) of water:</u>		
Cost > 1 HCF	<u>Proposed</u>	\$4.28
<u>Service charge based on meter size:</u>		
<u>Meter size</u>	<u>Monthly/Seasonal *</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
5/8"	\$20.23	\$60.69
3/4"	\$23.53	\$70.59
1"	\$26.86	\$80.58
1 1/2"	\$39.27	\$117.81
2"	\$50.03	\$150.09
3"	\$64.10	\$192.30
4"	\$91.44	\$274.32
6"	\$151.87	\$455.61
8"	\$260.31	\$780.93
<u>Fire protection:</u>		
<u>Service diameter</u>		<u>Annual</u>
1"		\$452.52
1 1/2"		\$678.88
2"		\$904.84
3"		\$1,357.57
4"		\$1,810.09
6"		\$2,714.93
8"		\$3,619.97
10"		\$4,525.02
12"		\$5,430.06
<u>Public hydrants</u>		<u>Annual</u>
	\$	2,919.67
* Seasonal customers meters are read and billed monthly.		

Meter Rates (including seasonal customers)

Accounts billed quarterly:

For all usage in excess of 300 cubic feet per month a charge of \$4.28 per 100 cubic feet.

Accounts billed monthly:

For all usage in excess of 100 cubic feet per month a charge of \$4.28 per 100 cubic feet.

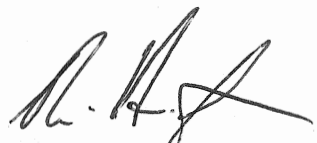
Minimum Charges

Size of Meter	Minimum charge		Water allowance	
	Quarterly	Monthly	Quarterly	Monthly
5/8"	\$60.69	\$20.23	300	100
3/4"	\$70.59	\$23.53	300	100
1"	\$80.58	\$26.86	300	100
1 1/2"	\$117.81	\$39.27	300	100
2"	\$150.09	\$50.03	300	100
3"	\$192.30	\$64.10	300	100
4"	\$274.32	\$91.44	300	100
6"	\$455.61	\$151.87	300	100
8"	\$780.93	\$260.31	300	100

For metered service, the Utility shall have the authority to prorate water bills to reflect the actual portion of the billing period in which the Customer had active service.

Proposed effective date: June 1, 2025

Effective date: _____

X 

General Manager

Fire Protection Charges**Municipal Fire Protection**

Charge per year for fire hydrants installed as of June 1, 2025.

Monthly charge per hydrant \$243.31. Annual charge per hydrant \$2,919.67

Community	Number of Hydrants	Annual Charges	Quarterly Charges	Monthly Charges
Augusta	461.5	1,347,427.71	336,856.93	112,285.64
Manchester	24.0	70,072.08	17,518.02	5,839.34
Winthrop	13.0	37,955.71	9,488.93	3,162.98
Chelsea	1.0	2,919.67	729.92	243.31
Vassalboro	0.5	1,459.84	364.96	121.65
Hallowell	5.0	14,598.35	3,649.59	1,216.53

Rates for hydrants installed after June 1, 2025, shall be determined in accordance with Public Utilities Commission Rules and Regulations Chapter 690 as amended.


Other Fire Protection Charges:

Charge per year for fire service connections to water mains.

Size of Connection	Annual	Quarterly	Monthly
1"	452.52	113.13	37.71
1 1/2"	678.88	169.72	56.57
2"	904.84	226.21	75.40
3"	1,357.57	339.39	113.13
4"	1,810.09	452.52	150.84
6"	2,714.93	678.73	226.24
8"	3,619.97	904.99	301.66
10"	4,525.02	1,131.26	377.09
12"	5,430.06	1,357.52	452.51

Proposed effective date: June 1, 2025

Effective date: _____

X 
General Manager

Street Opening Policy for Utility Installations and Repairs by Private Contractors within the Public
Right-Of-Way

DRAFT April 25, 2025

The City of Augusta (COA) and the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) require Greater Augusta Utility District (GAUD) to be the Permittee of all Street Opening and Highway Opening permits within their respective jurisdictions.

The following policy ensures that entities performing work under a GAUD permit satisfy the requirements of the permit.

Permit applicants must supply the information below to GAUD:

1. Provide all details of the proposed street opening, including:
 - a. Entity legal name
 - b. Entity contact information
 - c. EIN
 - d. GAUD customer who the entity will be working for
 - e. Purpose of the excavation.
 - f. Precise location of the excavation.
 - g. Size of the proposed opening.
 - h. Surface area of paved materials impacted.
 - i. Depth of pavement to be replaced.
 - j. Pavement restoration plan (to include lifts to be replaced to match existing, pavement types and depths, compaction and approach / departure taper details)
 - k. Start and finish dates.
 - l. Methods of compaction.
 - m. Dig-Safe number and proof of Non-Member utility contact.
2. Provide references of previous work to demonstrate that the Contractor has the knowledge, skill, experience, and equipment to perform the work and restore the work area back to the original condition prior to the excavation.
3. Provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance in the minimum below amounts, naming GAUD as Certificate Holder. Coverage must remain in force for the duration of the work until the right-of-way restoration has been accepted by the permitting authority.
 - a. General Liability \$1,000,000 each occurrence - need additional insured status for GAUD
 - b. Automobile Liability \$1,000,000 each occurrence
 - c. Umbrella Liability \$2,000,000 aggregate
 - d. Public Liability \$1,000,000 each occurrence
 - e. Pollution liability \$1,000,000 each occurrence
 - f. Professional liability \$1,000,000
4. Provide a copy of a Performance Bond or Surety between the Owner and Contractor for the full amount of the contract price to GAUD to be held until the right-of-way restoration has been accepted by the permitting authority.

5. Provide a written traffic control plan for work within the public right-of-way of all arterial and collector streets within the City of Augusta or highways controlled by the MDOT. This plan must be approved by the appropriate agency before work can commence.

By signing below, the entity agrees to the above terms. The entity acknowledges that they agree to fully comply with either the City of Augusta's Excavation and Street Opening Policy or the MDOT Highway Opening Policy.

Signed:

Signature

Contractor: _____

Printed: _____

Address: _____

GREATER AUGUSTA UTILITY DISTRICT

Financial Highlights for March 2025

Water Division

Income Statement: Water revenue for the month ending March 31, 2025 totaled **\$1.6M** which is **2% under budget** and approximately **\$377K above** the same period last year. Expenses for the same period totaled **\$1.1M** which is **1% under budget** and approximately **\$200K above** the same period last year.

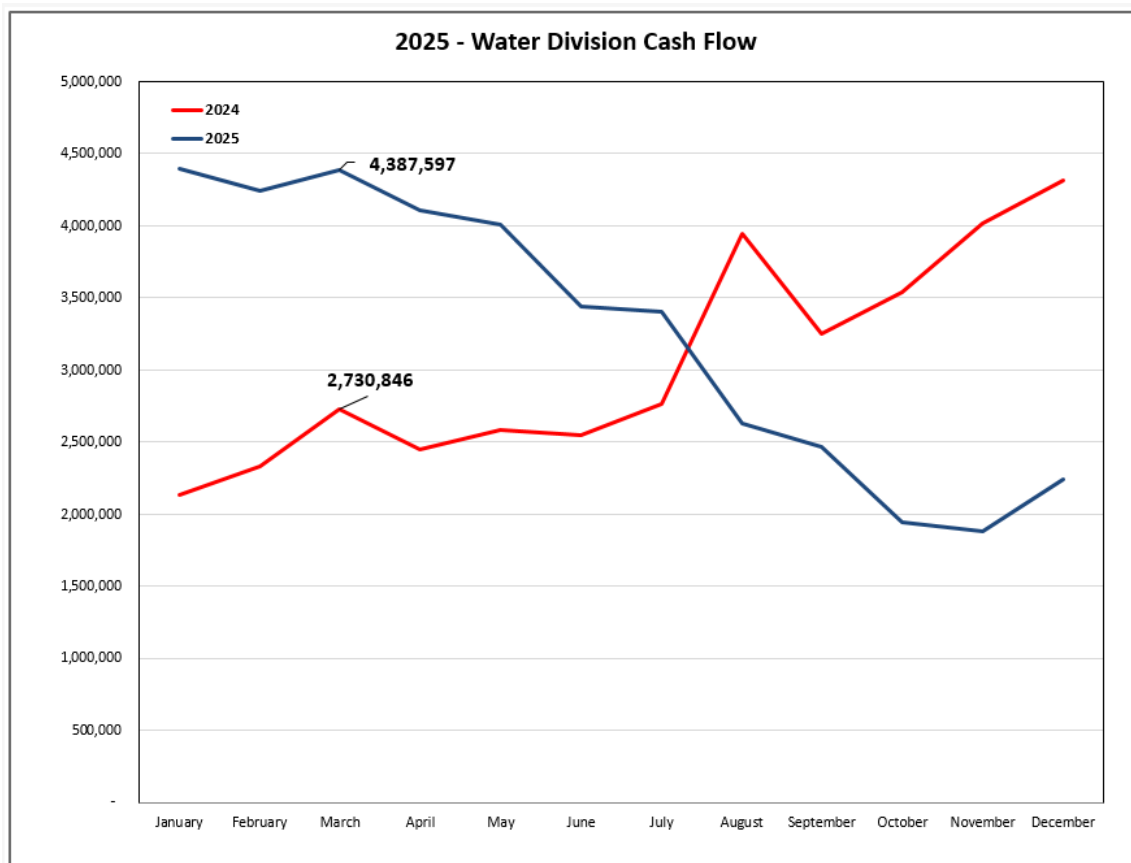
Water Revenue

	Budget	Actual YTD	% used
Metered	4,113,118	949,470	23%
Fire Protection	2,415,640	595,801	25%
Investment income	5,000	11,225	225%
Other Income/Grants	250,000	34,895	14%
Sum:	6,783,758	1,591,392	23%

Water Expenses

	Budget	Actual YTD	% used
Labor and fringe	2,318,465	520,047	22%
Power	286,144	70,022	24%
Supplies	500,392	151,894	30%
Debt interest	77,471	21,648	28%
Depreciation	993,002	246,706	25%
Other	566,626	115,767	20%
	4,742,100	1,126,084	24%
Revenue - expense	2,041,658	465,309	

Cash Flow: Cash at the beginning of the month was **\$4.2M**. Revenue of **\$892K** was collected. O&M expenses were **\$276K** and CIP expenses were **\$471K**. Cash at the end of the month was **\$4.4M**.



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Sewer Division

Income Statement: Sewer revenue for the month ending March 31, 2025 totaled **\$1.6M** which is **2% under budget** and approximately **\$259K above** the same period last year. Expenses for the same period totaled **\$1.2M** which is **3% under budget** and approximately **\$2K above** the same period last year.

Sewer Revenue

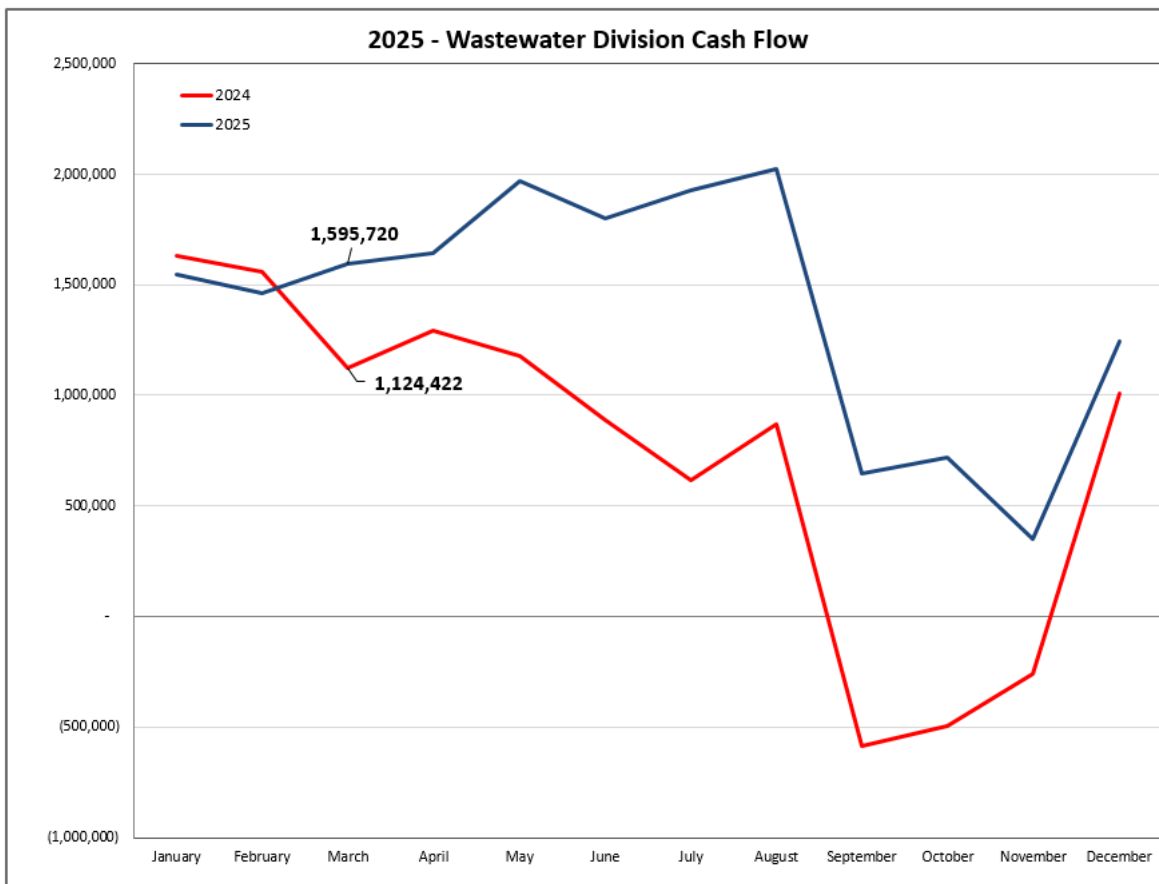
	Budget	Actual YTD	% used
Flat rate	37,031	7,469	20%
Metered	5,719,943	1,297,530	23%
Trunkline	945,000	228,273	24%
Investment income	5,000	11,225	225%
Other Income/Grants	365,692	94,632	26%
Sum:	7,072,666	1,639,129	23%

Sewer Expenses

	Budget	Actual YTD	% used
Labor and fringe	1,816,519	408,361	22%
Power	415,804	84,204	20%
Supplies	322,803	75,592	23%
Debt interest	265,016	63,869	24%
Depreciation	1,533,662	365,921	24%
Other	1,055,595	206,775	20%
	5,409,398	1,204,722	22%

Revenue - expense	1,663,268	434,408
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Cash Flow: Cash at the beginning of the month was **\$1.4M**. Revenue of **\$578K** was collected. O&M expenses totaled **\$373K** and CIP expenses were **\$69K**. Cash at the end of the month was **\$1.6M**.



GREATER AUGUSTA UTILITY DISTRICT

Financial Highlights for March 2025

Storm Division

Income Statement: Storm revenue for the month ending March 31, 2025 totaled **\$701K** which is **in line with budget** and approximately **\$3K above** the same period last year. Expenses for the same period totaled **\$461K** which is **3% under budget** and approximately **\$42K above** the same period last year.

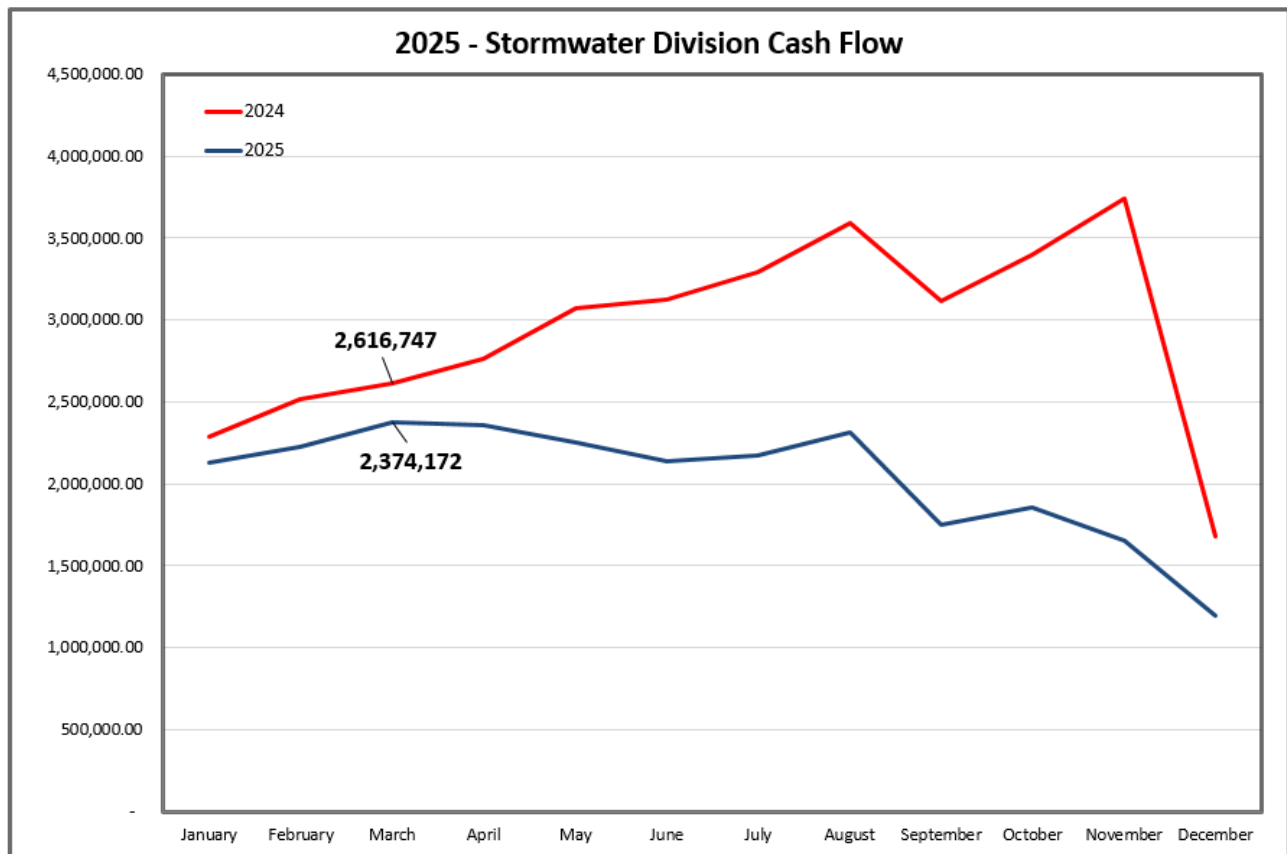
Storm Revenue

	Budget	Actual YTD	% used
Stormwater	4,062,397	983,365	24%
Investment income	5,000	11,225	225%
Other Income/Grants	-	11,111	0%
Sum:	4,067,397	1,005,701	25%

Storm Expenses

	Budget	Actual YTD	% used
Labor and fringe	1,411,326	284,280	20%
Power	176,400	38,815	22%
Supplies	259,573	48,276	19%
Debt interest	96,974	16,298	17%
Depreciation	931,552	226,347	24%
Other	417,343	71,216	17%
	3,293,167	685,232	21%
Revenue - expense	774,230	320,469	

Cash Flow: Cash at the beginning of the month was **\$2.3M**. Revenue of **\$389K** was collected. O&M expenses were **\$237K**. Cash at the end of the month was **\$2.4M**.



Septage receiving at the wastewater treatment plant

GAUD's WWTP can accept septage from companies that clean out septic tanks but historically we have not.

John Cummons provided the notes below while they evaluate the permitting and cost details.

- Pat Jackson is interested in disposing locally, they currently haul to AMSD to the tune of \$0.05/gallon. Their trucking/labor costs are much higher though with the added driving time, so I suspect they'd welcome the same pricing with us. I'm waiting on an email back from PJ for estimated daily/weekly quantities.
- We're currently permitted to receive 20,000 gallons/day transported waste, If we stick with just receiving PJ waste, I don't believe this will require a permit modification.
- Our nutrient data is limited, so Wes and I will be working to develop a nutrient profile and existing removal efficiency over the next month through outside lab testing. This will give me a better picture on projected removal efficiencies and compare that incoming nutrient limits from DEP (still waiting on that permit...)
- Septage is an excellent primary sludge, and I had a meeting with Ishigaki reps yesterday who said it would boost our % solids, especially in the summer months.

John will be at the May 19 board meeting to provide an update.