

5/19/2025

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# Trustees Meeting

Monday, June 16, 2025

22 Arsenal Street, Augusta, ME

6:00 PM



Greater Augusta  
Utility District

Water | Wastewater | Stormwater

**01:15**

# 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

Old business - approve meeting minutes

**Motion 1:** I move to accept the Board meeting minutes for May 19, 2025.



# Old business - rate committee update

The rate committee met on June 11th at 0700.

There are a lot of projects in play right now so there are no recommendations from the committee at this time.

# Recent water main breaks

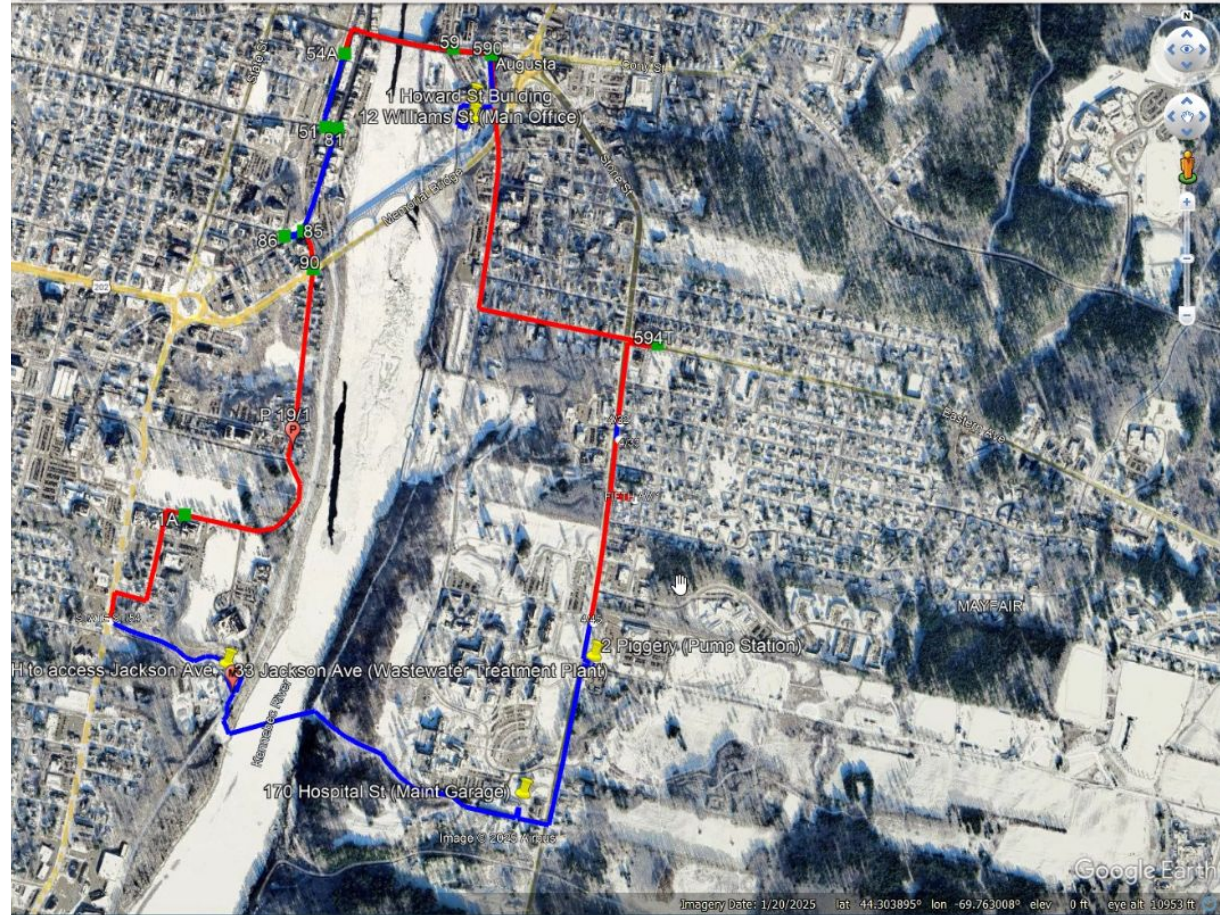
- Eastern Avenue (2) recent leaks in the same week.
- State Street/Oak Street





# Kennebec River Utility Crossing

- Contracts 1-5 Done.  
Pending retainage and billing on contracts 4&5.
- Fiber ongoing.
  - Consolidated Communications
  - GoNetSpeed
- Almost ready to close out DWSRF loan and NBRC loan after release of retainage.





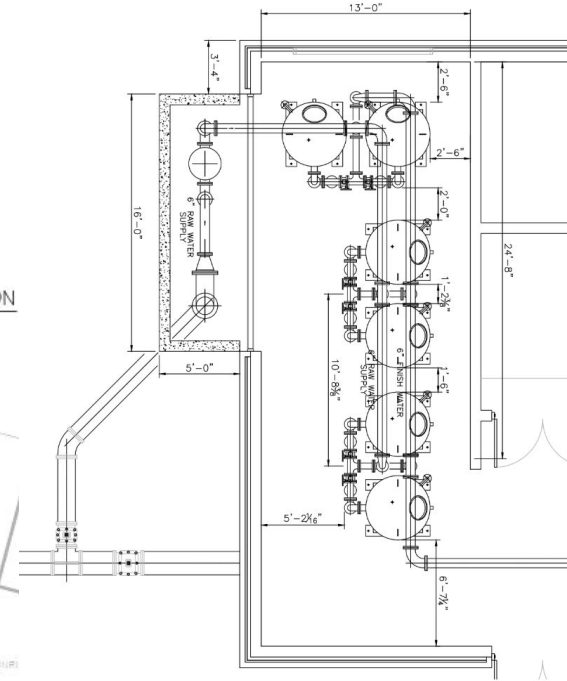
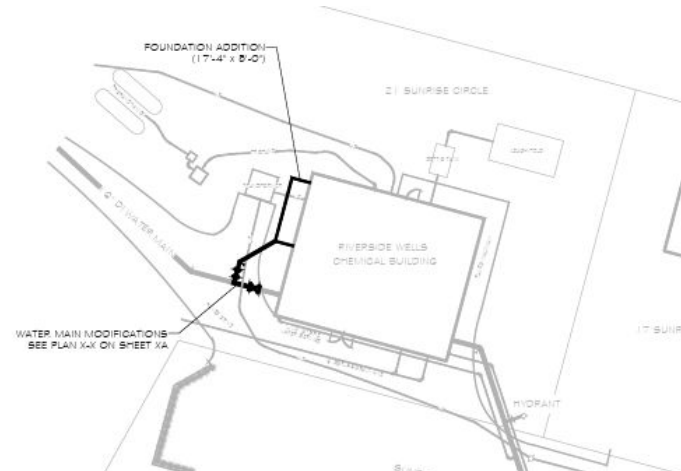
# Front Street Sewer Pump Station

- Generator installed.
- Pending Electrical Transfer Switch.
- One influent MH left to tie in the new station and the lower parking lot restoration.
- Integration work 90%
- Startup in early July.



# Riverside Drive PFAS/PFOA Design

- In final design.
- Meeting with contractors to discuss scope/constructability.
- Funding package will be authorized with the first phase of bidding documents.





# North Augusta Well Exploration (mitigate PFAS)

- Exploring Leighton Road.
- Siting a replacement well for Triangle Station.
- Inquiring about opening up a wetland compensation permit.
- Working on resistivity testing to site potential sources.





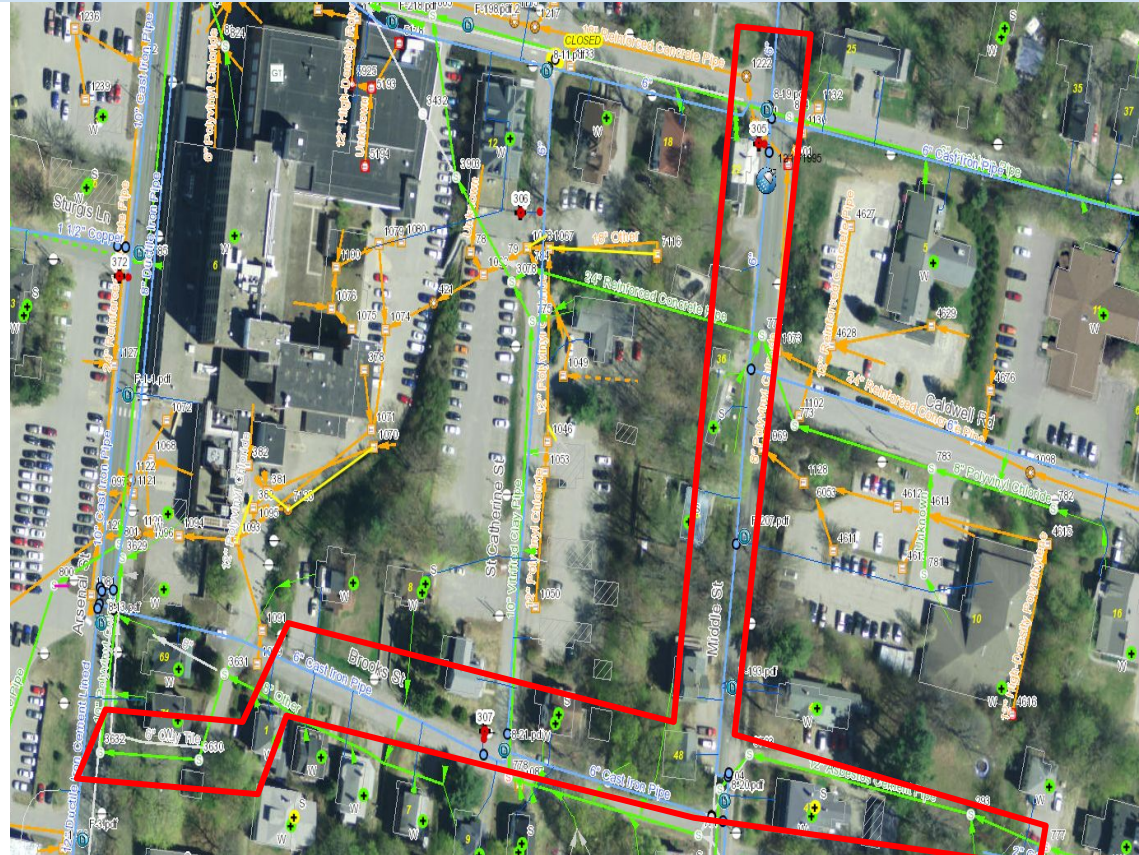
# Summer Street Sewer/Storm Upgrades

- **95% complete construction**
- All sewer mains and services are done.
- All storm mains and catch basins are in.
- The trench paving and curbing is complete.
- Working on sidewalks and final pavement overlay.



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

- City of Augusta on point
- Award to CH Stevenson
- Expected start date in August 2025 and continue into 2026.
- The contractor is waiting for CMP to move some poles.
- Securing utility easements on lower Brooks.





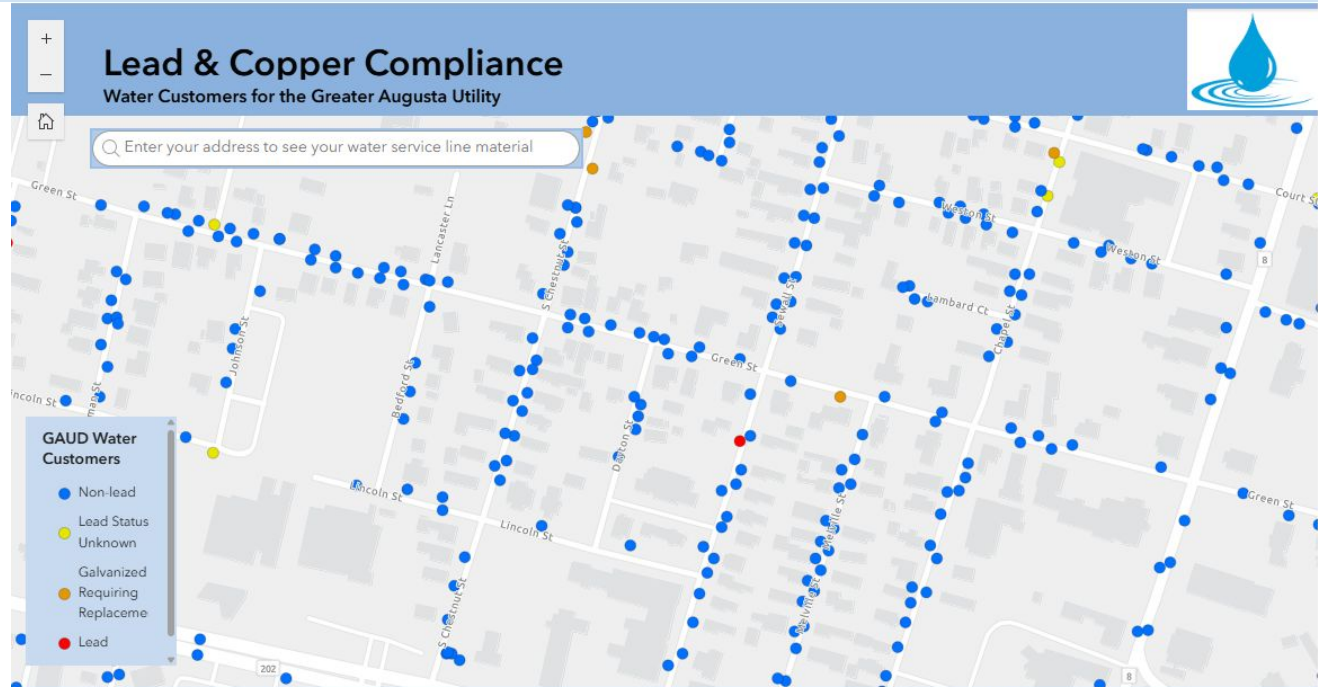
# TL 2&4 Upgrades

- Survey work has been completed.
- 3.5 miles
- Planning & permitting
- Preparing for soil investigations.
- Rights of way negotiations.
- \$2M CDS grant funding for a \$10-\$12M project.
- More effort on this in August/September



# Lead Service Line Inventory

- 9 lead service lines identified for replacement
- 89 galvanized
- 229 service lines to research
- Our focus is to resubmit our revised service line inventory to the Drinking Water Program before the end of the year.



## How Do I Determine My Water Service Line Material?

- 1st Option: Enter your address in the search window
- 2nd Option - Using the map, zoom and pan to your address and select the blue dot

## Disclaimer

For the non-lead classification this can include plastic, copper, brass, cast iron, ductile iron, and/or steel. The information contained within this interactive map is based on historical records and physical inspections. This map will be periodically updated to reflect new information obtained in the course of our work. If you believe that your service line material is not accurate, please



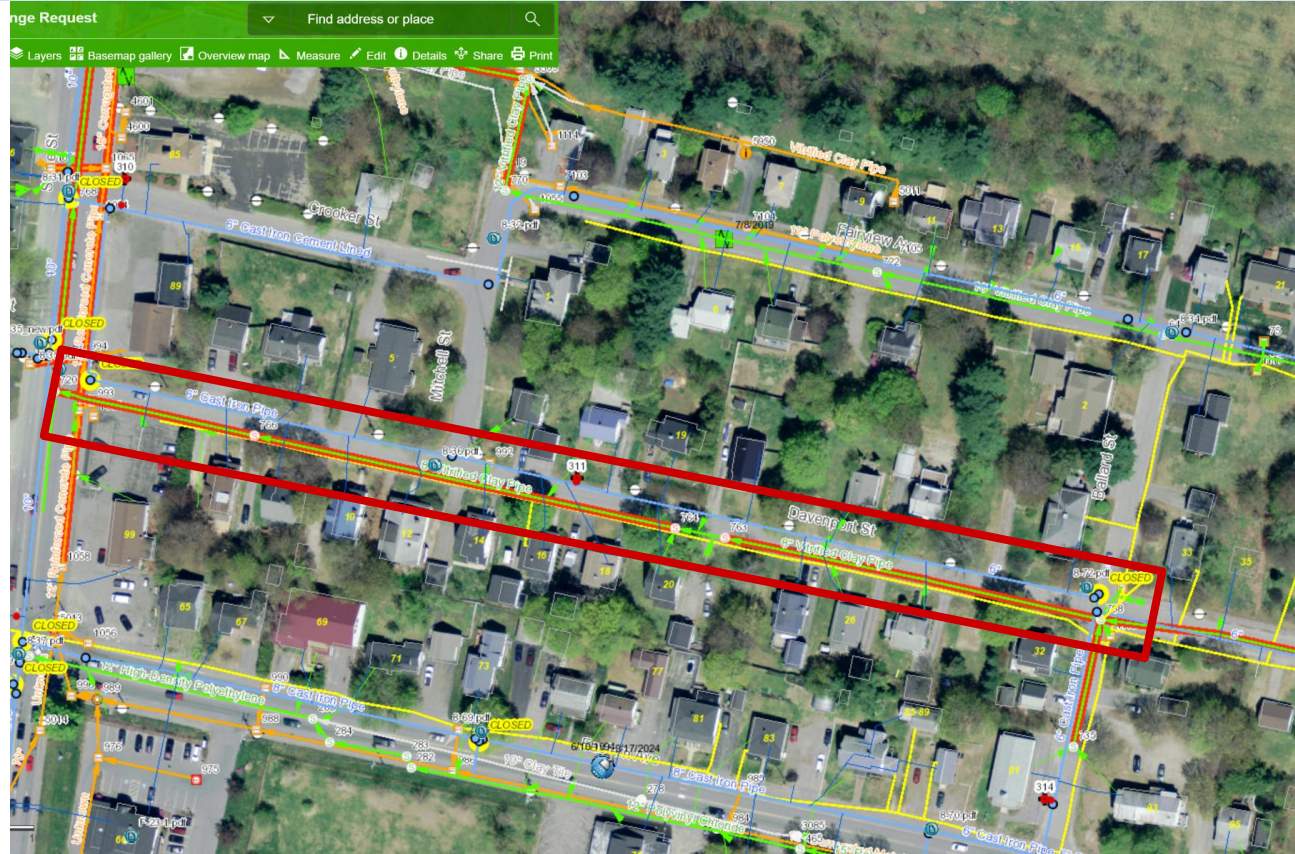
# Secondary Clarifier No. 3

- The manufacturer will have a new drive here this week and it will be replaced next week.
- The manufacturer identified a defect with the previous drive and is fixing the problem, including the re-installation cost.
- Evoqua Drive.



# Davenport Street Storm & Water Main

- In design(90%)
- 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.
- Completion, Q3 2025.





# Cony Road Water Main Replacement

- Replace 1,300 feet of 6" cast iron pipe with new 12" ductile iron
- Leak prone, 1930 vintage
- Budget: \$580,000
- Bid: \$493,553 CH Stevenson
- Complete Q3 2025
- Contract awarded on April 29th.
- Anticipating about 1 month of work.
- Starting in early to mid July.



# Eastern Avenue Tank Painting

- Recoat inside and outside of twin 1988, 400,000 gallon steel tanks
- Revised budget: \$674,000
- Mobilizing May 21, 2025.
- It will take 4-5 weeks / tank.  
Should be wrapping up mid to late July.





# Amherst Street Water & Storm Main

- 95% Design.
- Replace 640 feet of 6-inch cast iron water main, over 100 yrs old and deficient available fire flow.
- Separating 2 combined catch basins near Western Avenue.
- Budget \$357,500 (Water), \$120,000 (storm)
- Bidding in July.



# Replace 2 Utility Trucks

- Bids on (2) 1 ton utility trucks received May 1, 2025.
- Replaces (2) 2009  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton trucks that have been costly to maintain.
- Budget \$171,000
- 1 ton flatbed: \$55,210 Quirk
- 1 ton utility: \$75,970 Quirk
- Total: \$131,180
- Orders for 2025 have been canceled





# Other Projects

- Sewer Rehabilitation on Bond Street involving a point repair and short liner segment.
- Working with COA to turn over a culvert crossing on Prescott Rd, we are removing 2 catch basins and rehabilitating a storm main with their participation.



# Old business - General Manager's report

## Employee anniversaries

Name	Years
Michael Saharic	25
Richard Anair	20
David Williams	15
Michael Charest	15
Andrew Begin	15
Dana Demos	13
Michael Payne	4

- Willette to repave the 12 Williams parking lot
- EPA Drinking Water Inspection 6/24 & 6/25
- Service Line Inventory

Lead / Copper Rule pipe lengths			
Pipe type	GAUD owned	Customer owned	Total
Unknown	108	137	245
Lead	0	9	9
Galvanized	14	57	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>325</b>

# **Old business - PFAS update**

# May, 2025 Water income statement summary

- Revenue was **\$2.8M** which is **1% under budget** and approximately **\$660K above** the same period last year.
- Expenses were **\$2.0M** which is **1% under budget** and approximately **\$304K above** the same period last year.

**Water Revenue**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Metered	4,113,118	1,671,228	41%
Fire Protection	2,415,640	993,049	41%
Investment income	5,000	19,602	392%
Other Income/Grants	250,000	110,823	44%
Sum:	6,783,758	2,794,702	41%

**Water Expenses**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Labor and fringe	2,318,465	885,510	38%
Power	286,144	104,540	37%
Supplies	500,392	250,268	50%
Debt interest	77,471	36,080	47%
Depreciation	993,002	411,756	41%
Other	566,626	277,768	49%
	4,742,100	1,965,921	41%
Revenue - expense	2,041,658	828,782	

Beginning cash: \$4.6M

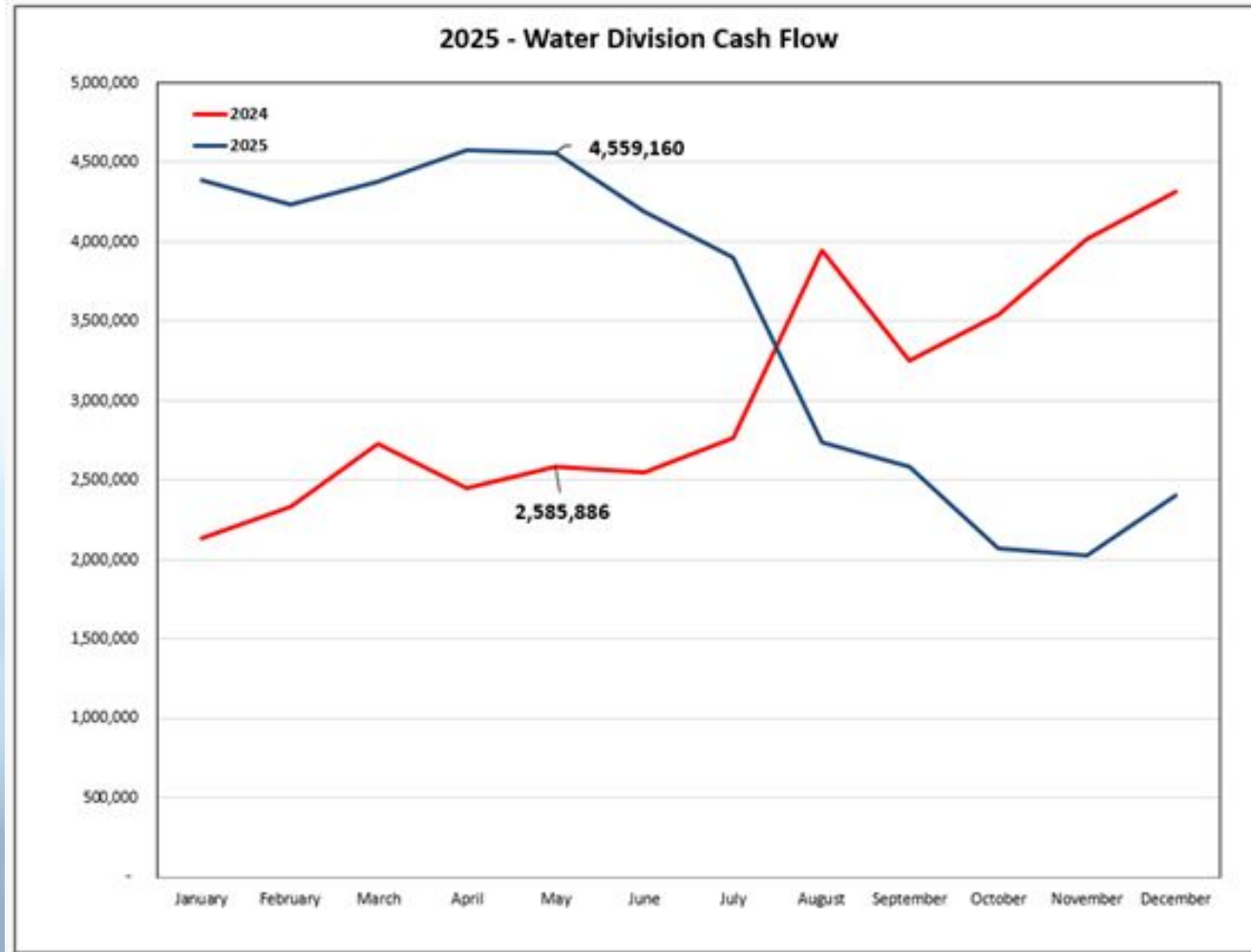
### Revenue

- \$611K Operating

### Expenses

- \$599K O&M
- \$37K CIP

Ending cash: \$4.6M



## May, 2025 Sewer income statement summary

- Revenue was **\$2.9M** which is **1% under budget** and approximately **\$527K above** the same period last year.
- Expenses were **\$2.0M** which is **5% under budget** and approximately **\$70K below** the same period last year.



**Sewer Revenue**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Flat rate	37,031	12,303	33%
Metered	5,719,943	2,302,541	40%
Trunkline	945,000	365,221	39%
Investment income	5,000	19,602	392%
Other Income/Grants	365,692	209,414	57%
Sum:	7,072,666	2,909,081	41%

**Sewer Expenses**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Labor and fringe	1,816,519	666,288	37%
Power	415,804	131,234	32%
Supplies	322,803	127,885	40%
Debt interest	265,016	106,448	40%
Depreciation	1,533,662	610,346	40%
Other	1,055,595	384,799	36%
	5,409,398	2,027,000	37%
Revenue - expense	1,663,268	882,081	



Beginning cash: \$1.6M

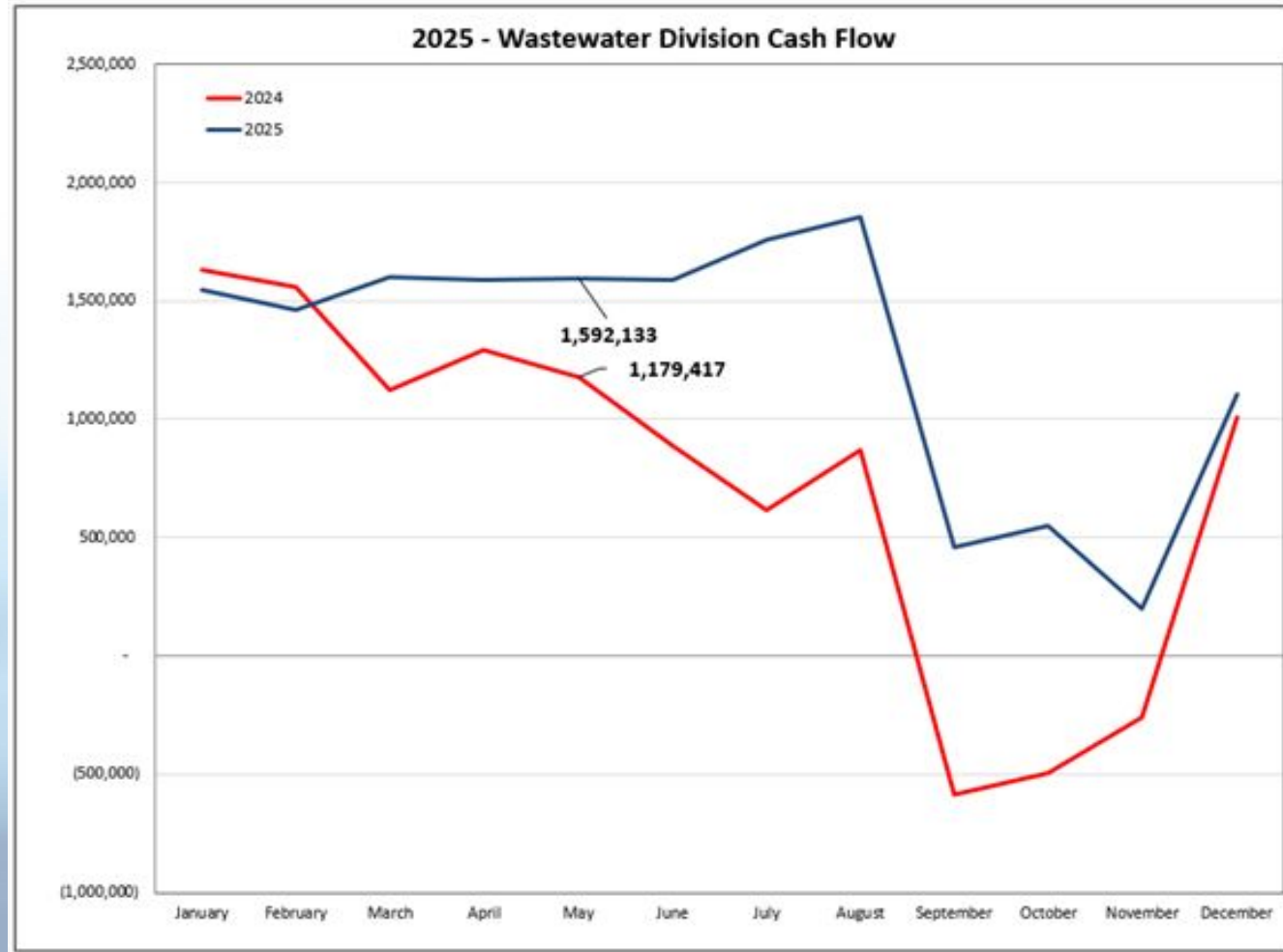
### Revenue

- \$730K Operating

### Expenses

- \$328K O&M
- \$404K CIP

Ending cash: \$1.6M



## May, 2025 Stormwater income statement summary

- Revenue was **\$1.8M** which is **1% over budget** and approximately **\$8K above** the same period last year.
- Expenses were **\$1.1M** which is **7% under budget** and approximately **\$32K above** the same period last year.

**Storm Revenue**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Stormwater	4,062,397	1,728,998	43%
Investment income	5,000	19,602	392%
Other Income/Grants	-	12,412	0%
Sum:	4,067,397	1,761,012	43%

**Storm Expenses**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Labor and fringe	1,411,326	470,189	33%
Power	176,400	53,205	30%
Supplies	259,573	85,503	33%
Debt interest	96,974	27,163	28%
Depreciation	931,552	377,510	41%
Other	417,343	133,239	32%
	3,293,167	1,146,810	35%
Revenue - expense	774,230	614,203	

Beginning cash: \$2.6M

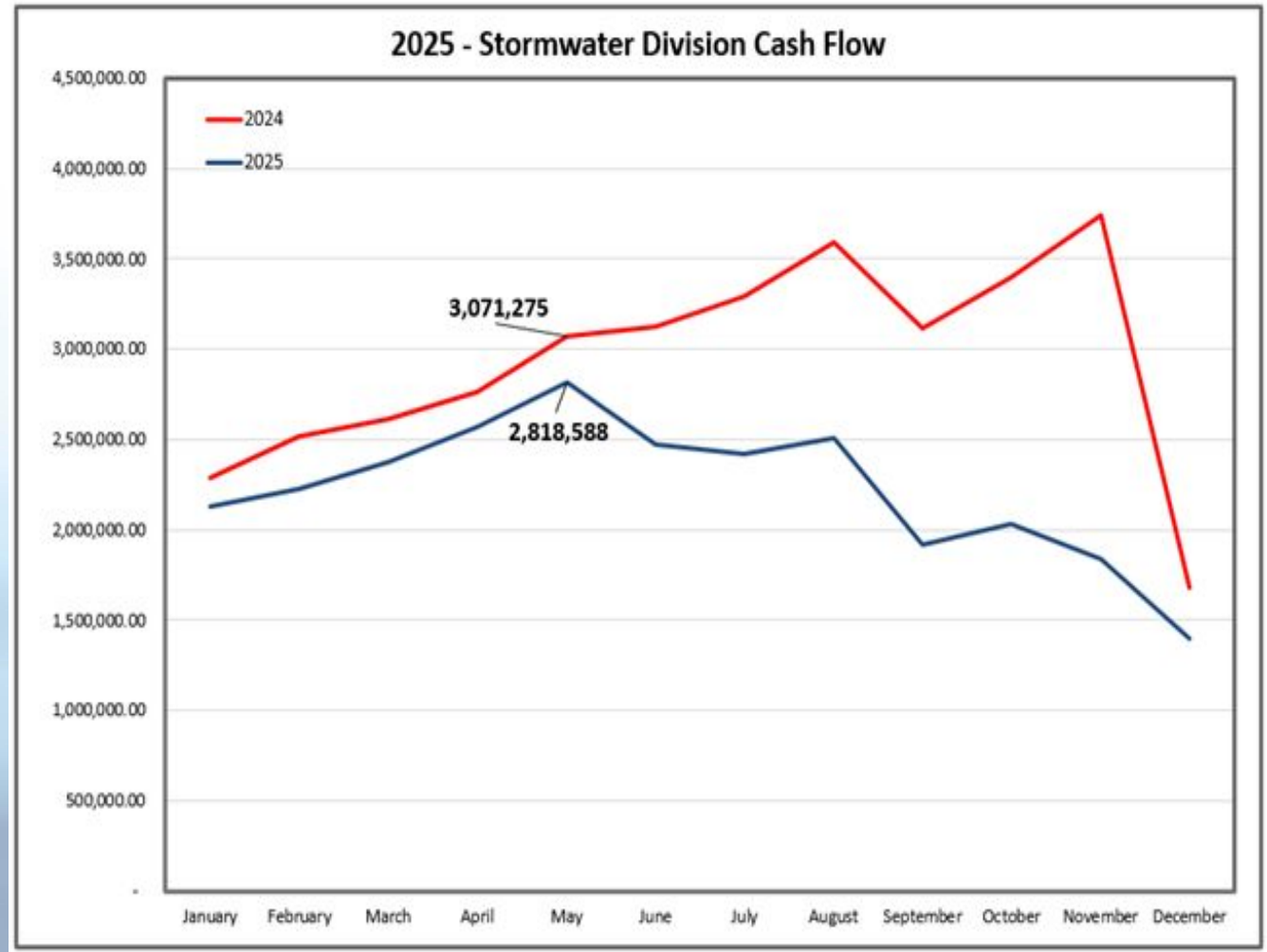
Revenue

- \$420K Operating

Expenses

- \$173K O&M

Ending cash: \$2.8M



# Audit Services

- RFPs due on July 7, 2025, 2PM

# Review liens

- 106 Eastern Ave - Management recommends waiving automatic foreclosure. The City of Augusta has foreclosed on the property. The owner of the property is deceased. We have 10 liens and have already waived 6. Stormwater liens will accumulate until the property is sold.

# New Business - Liens - Waiving Foreclosure

**Motion:** I move to waive automatic foreclosure at 106 Eastern Avenue.

M

2nd

For

Against

# Septage receiving at WWTF

- Exploring revenue options by accepting septage.
- John Cummons will be at the June board meeting.

GAUD's WWTP is permitted to accept up to 20,000 gallons of septage per day. We recently began accepting septage as a way to improve facility performance and generate a small amount of revenue. John Cummons will provide additional information at the meeting.

The motion below sets the rate for accepting septage.

**Motion:** I move to set the rate for accepting septage waste at the wastewater treatment plant at \$0.10 per gallon.

M	2nd	For	Against
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# Procurement and Purchasing

The changes recommended for approval are based on recommendations by the auditors. You'll recall that although we follow the federal procurement guidelines as codified in our contracts that are funded by federal funds the auditors suggested that this language is also included in our policy documents.

**Motion:** I move to approve the changes to the procurement and purchasing policy as presented to this meeting.

M	2nd	For	Against
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# Communications Update

MSB will update...

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

# New business - 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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# Calendar

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
Monday, September 1, 2025	Labor Day	Holiday
Monday, September 15, 2025	Regular meeting	22 Arsenal
Monday, October 13, 2025	Indigenous Peoples Day	Holiday

# Public Comment

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

Review any public comment received during the meeting.

## MEET OUR TRUSTEES


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**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.

# Good night!



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