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# Trustees Meeting

Monday, August 25, 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 July 28, 2025.

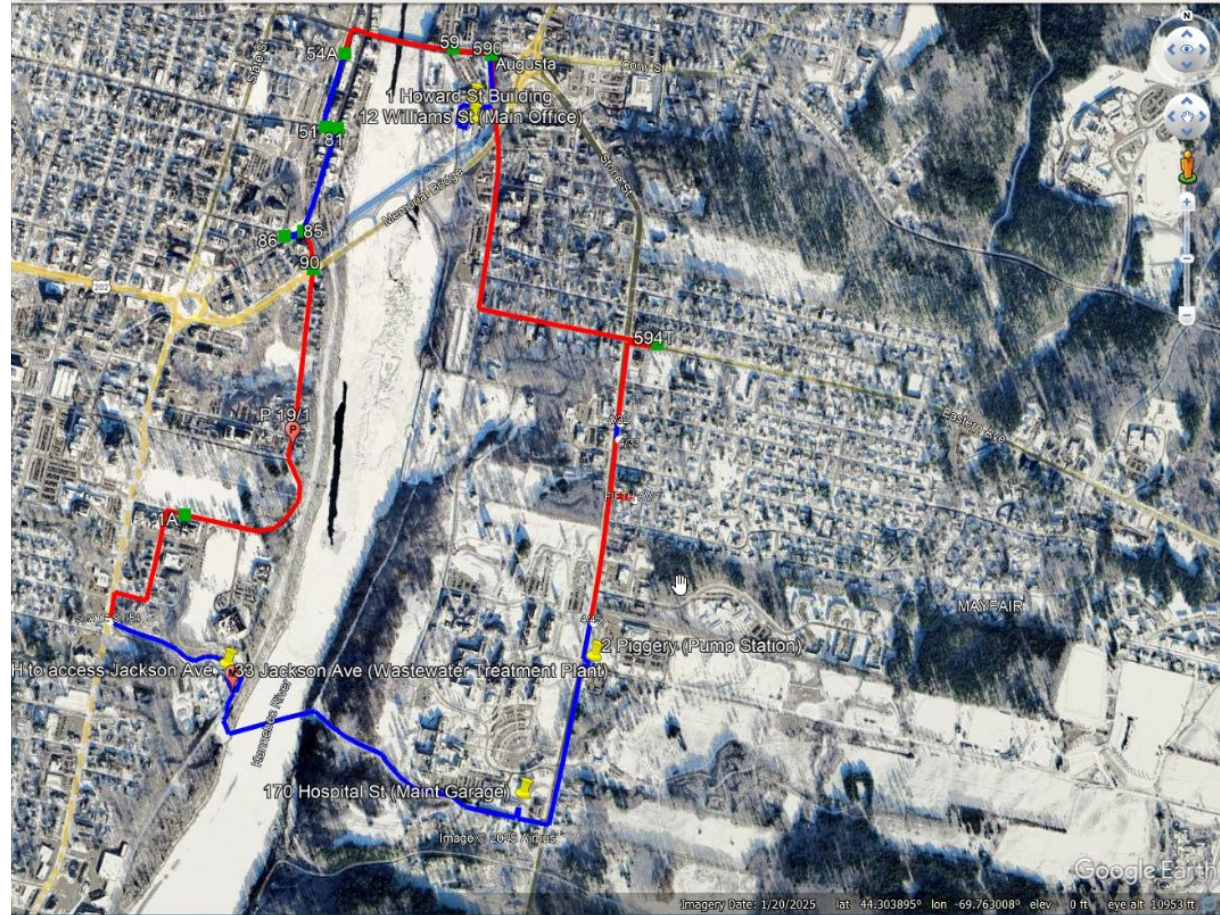


# Old business - rate committee update

The rate committee met on August 21.

# Kennebec River Utility Crossing

- Contracts 1-5 Done.  
Releasing final retainage this week.
- Closing out remaining funding packages.
- Fiber ongoing.
  - Consolidated Communications - Vetted Draft Contract.
  - GoNetSpeed - Reviewing a draft contract.





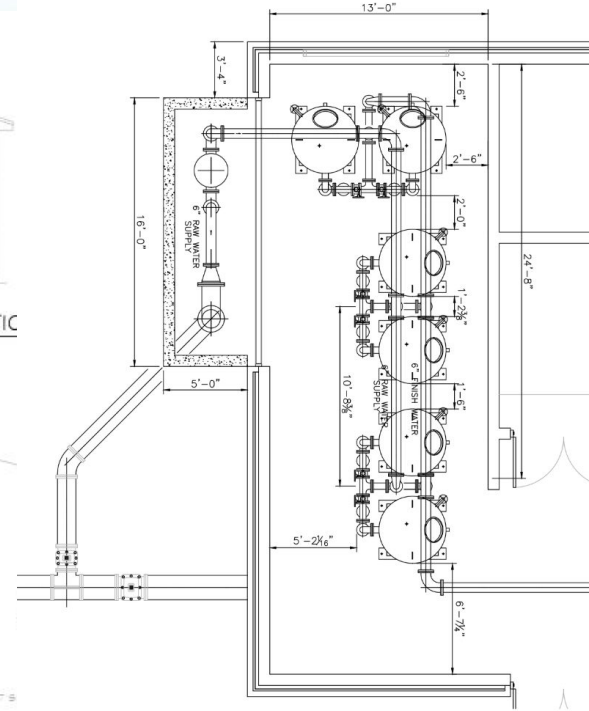
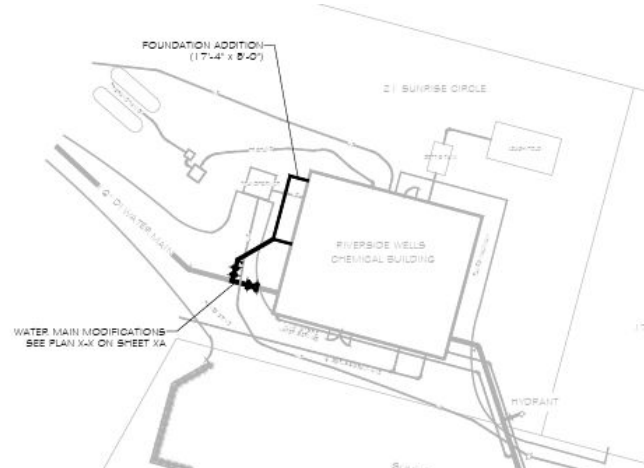
# Front Street Sewer Pump Station



- Startup complete
- Finishing influent Manhole and Paving

# Riverside Drive PFAS/PFOA Design

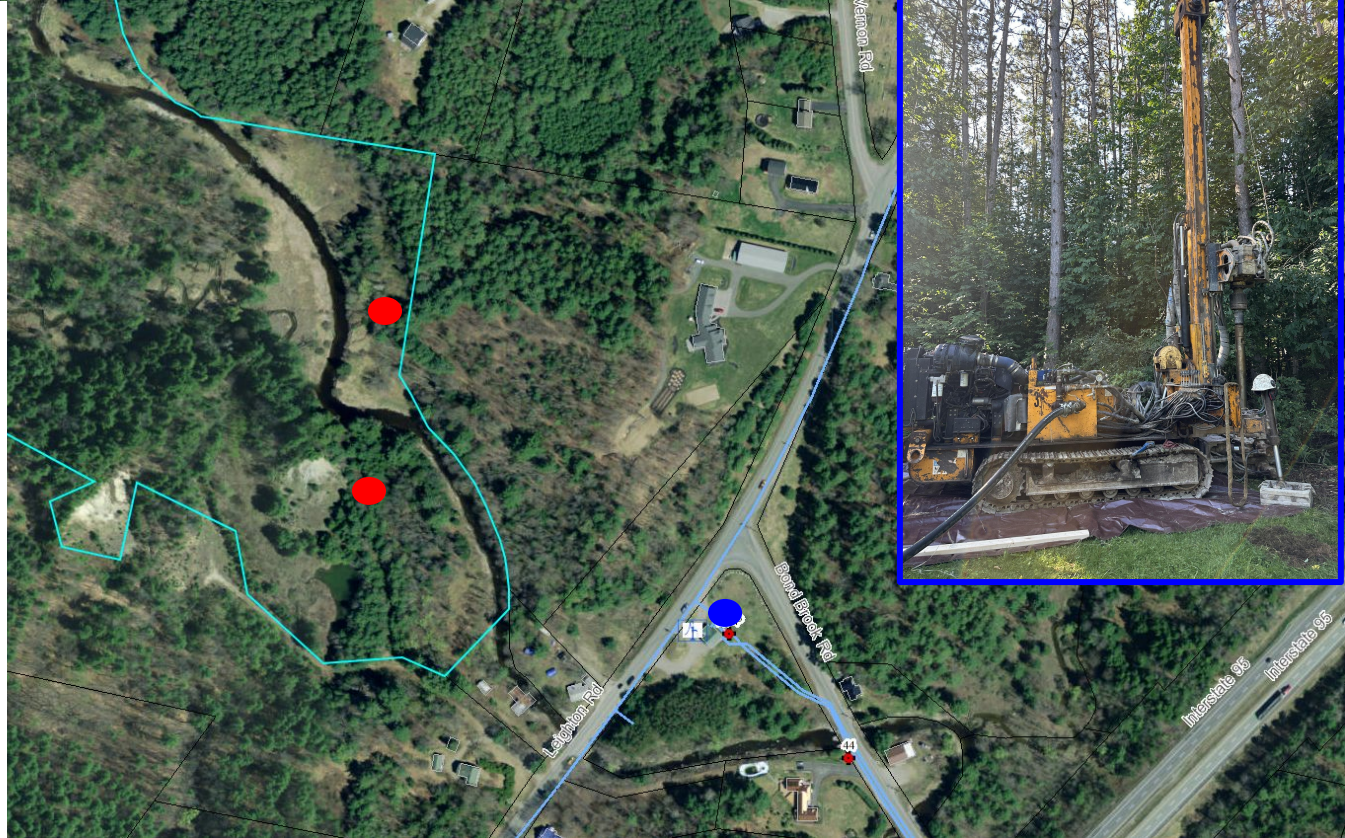
- Equipment Bids due on September 9th.
- Building modifications will be bidding next week.
- Generator will likely be posted on Gov Deals





# North Augusta Well Exploration (mitigate PFAS)

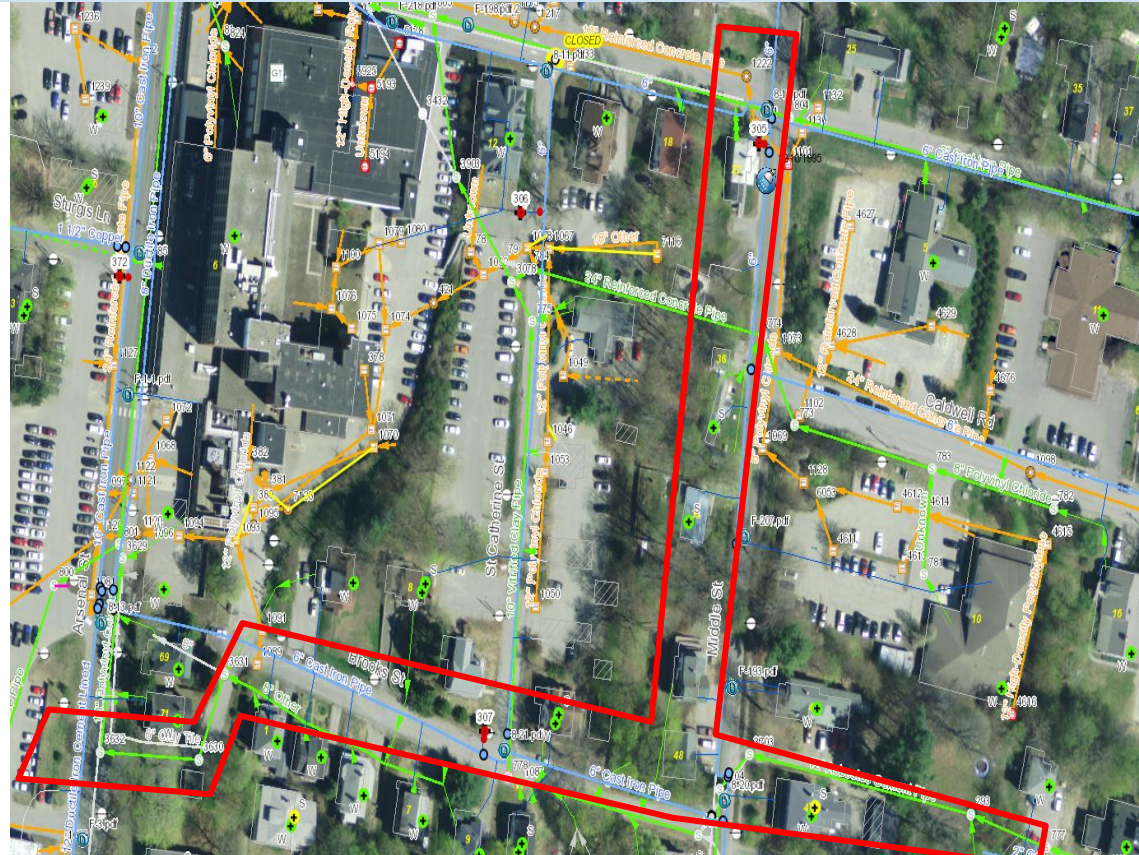
- Exploring Leighton Road.
- Exploring a replacement well for Triangle Station.
- DEP will allow exploration on COA property, contingent upon City authorization.





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

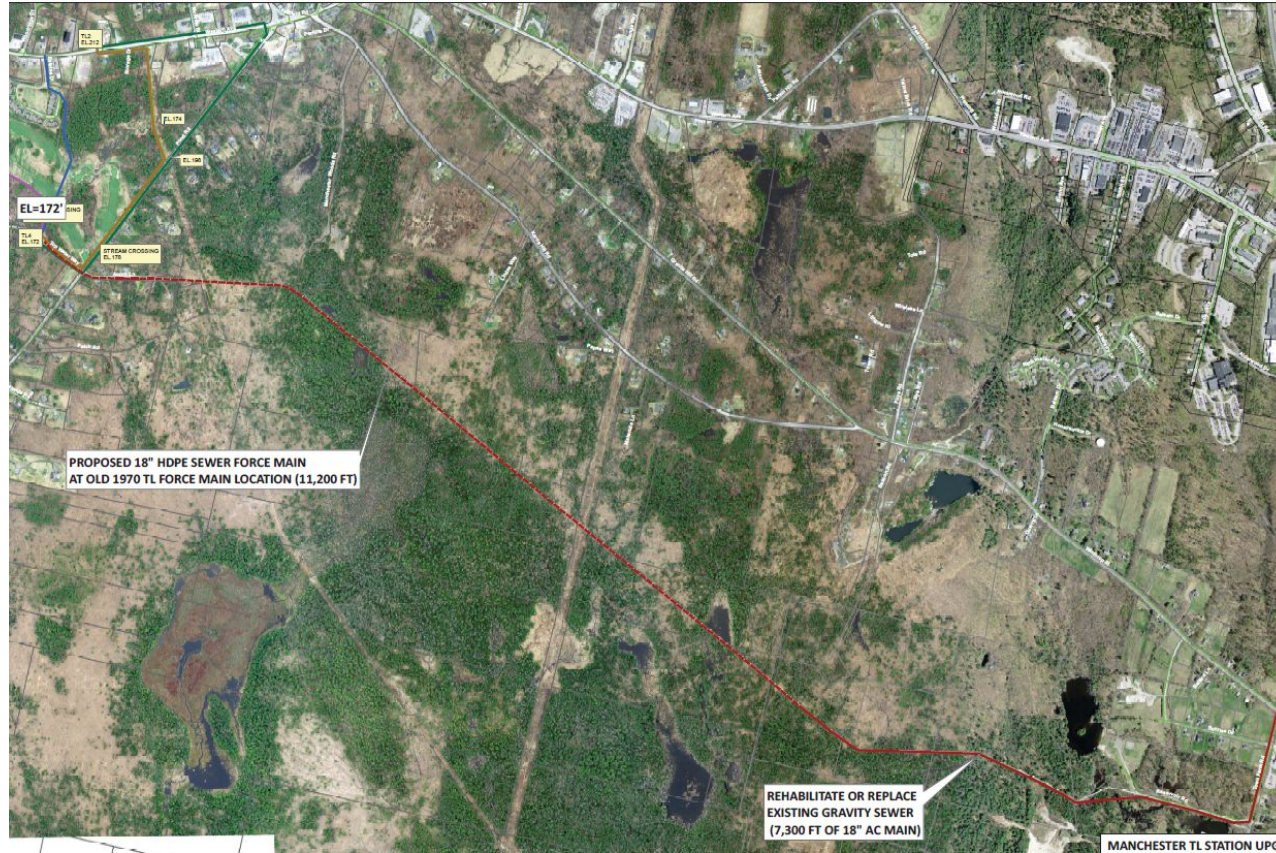
- CH Stevenson expected to mobilize this project in September. 2 year work window.





# TL 2&4 Upgrades

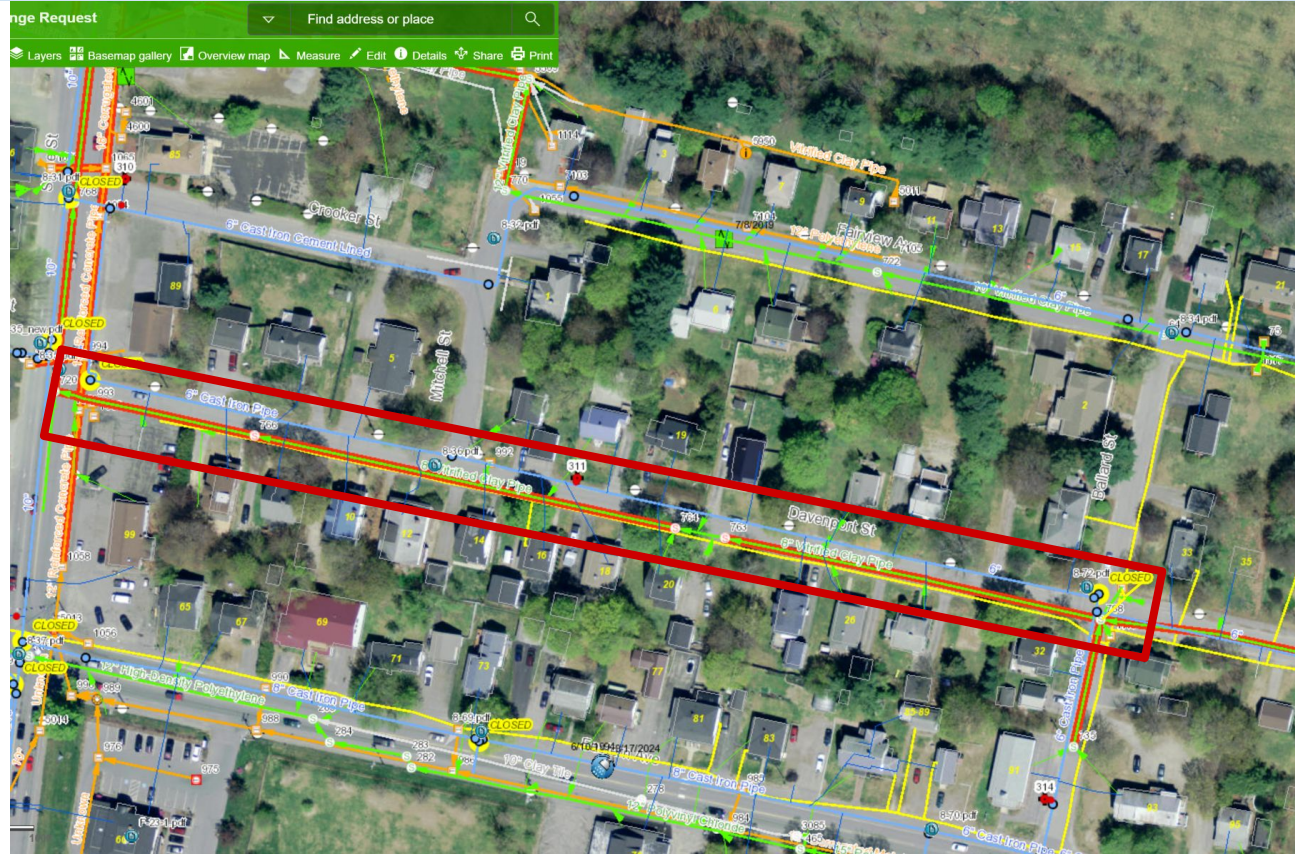
- We met with EPA who is performing the funding administration.
- Submit application for funding along with the environmental review.
- Survey work has been completed.
- 3.5 miles
- Planning & permitting
- Preparing for soil investigations.
- Rights of way negotiations.
- \$2M CDS grant funding for a \$10-\$12M project.
- More effort on this in August/September





# 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.
- Bid in September.
- Q2 2026 Construction.





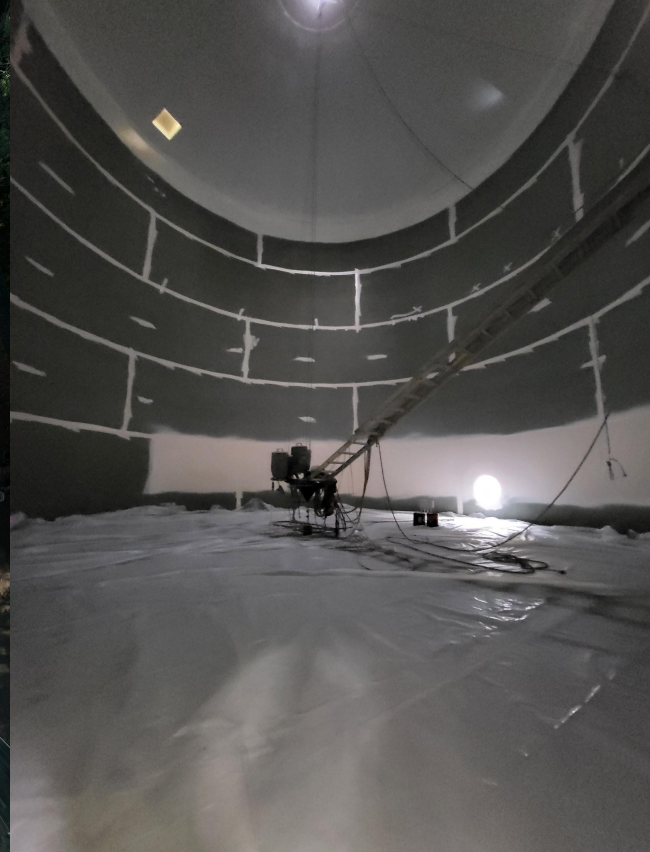
# Cony Road Water Main Replacement

- The water main has been installed and tested.
- The final connection at Piggery Road was completed today.
- Water service work should be happening this week
- Paving prep will happen next week.
- Should be complete by mid to late September.



# Eastern Avenue Tank Painting

- Complete and online.





# Amherst Street Water & Storm Main

- 95% Design.
- Expected to bid next week.
- 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 August.



# 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 filled with updated 2026 models.
- Arriving any day now.



# Tobey Street

- 250' Sewer Rehabilitation on Tobey Street.
- Complete.



# Old business - General Manager's report

## Employee anniversaries

Pete Kwiatkowski retires this week after 35 ½ years of service!

Bill Wilkinson retains the title of longest serving employee with a whopping 38 years! I was in high school in 1987!

Colton Miller	1
Pat Gilbert	3
Scott Hoyt	3
David Curtis	5
Ryan Bucknam	5
John Cummons	6
Jason Souzer	11
Carolyn Hunter	26
<b>Bill Wilkinson</b>	<b>38</b>

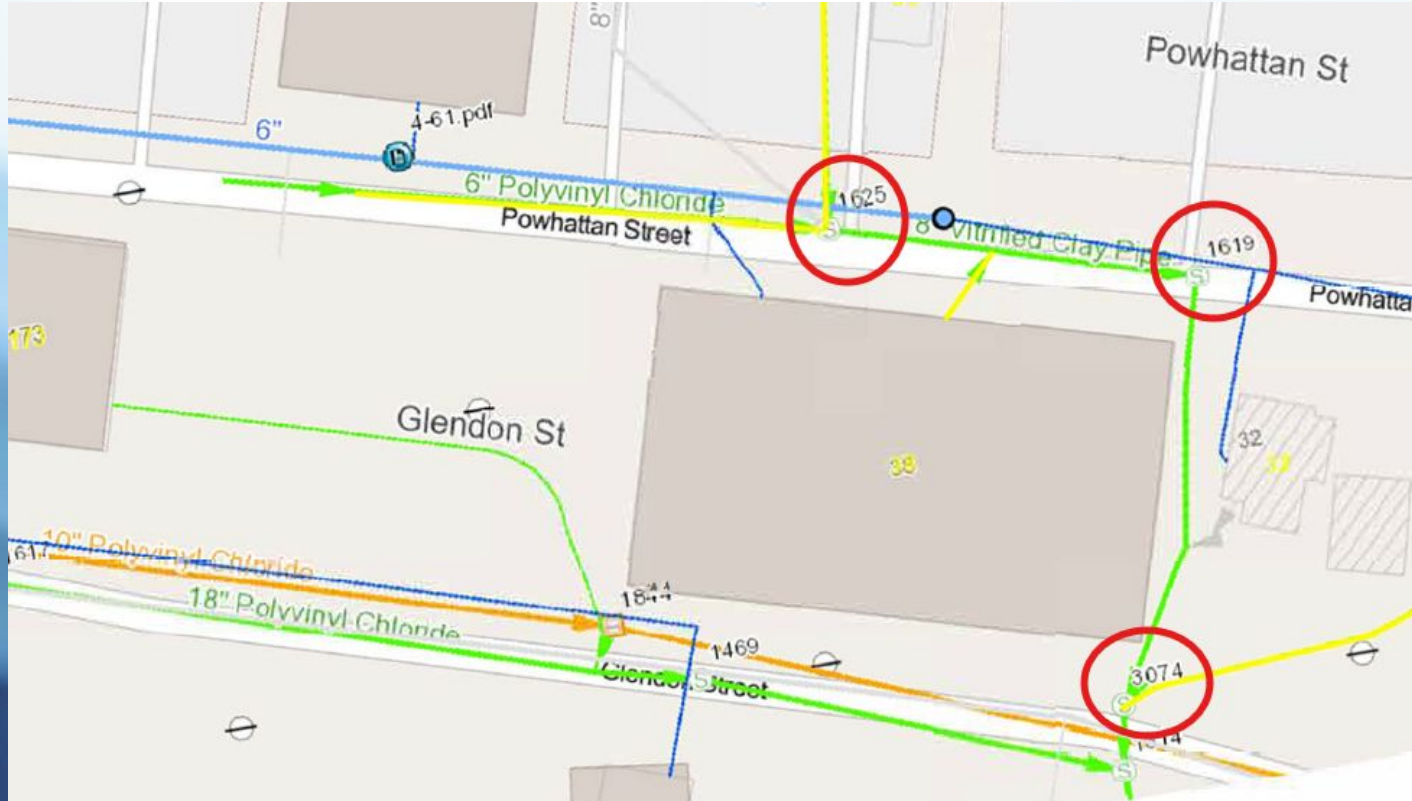
# Old business - General Manager's report

- Legal advisors
  - Mary Denison - Lake & Denison
  - Mike Hodgins - Verrill Law
  - Lee Bragg - Bernstein Shur
- Willette to repave the 12 Williams parking lot tomorrow
  - Will send permit application to pave parking lot by midweek
- 8/15 meeting w/ Chuck Mahaleris from Senator Collins' office
  - Lead service line replacement
  - Caddyshack pump station consolidation
- Discuss:
  - Moody's / Powhattan Street - release sewer pipe and SMHs
  - PFAS - lawsuit - directed at upstream mills - handout

# Old business - General Manager's report

## Moody's Collision

Release GAUD sewer assets to Moody's to facilitate building expansion





# Old business - General Manager's report

## Consideration of legal action for cost recovery from upstream PFAS polluters

- No financial cost to client – only contingency fee
- Proposed defendants are large corporations, some multinational
- Will NOT sue local “mom and pops”
- Our analysis shows the PFAS most likely came from upstream paper mills and the now defunct Augusta tissue mill
- Not a class action; lawsuit would be GAUD as plaintiff and PFAS polluters as defendants (current and former paper mills)
- GAUD will approve complaint and defendants before we file
- This is another approach to protect our ratepayers now and in the future.

# Old business - General Manager's report

## Lead service line update

Pipe type	GAUD owned	Customer owned	Total
Unknown	128	161	289
Lead	0	9	9
Galvanized	15	65	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>378</b>

Duplicates have been removed from the lead column, but I have not removed duplicates from the unknown or galvanized column. Sometimes there is more than one service for a building, but other times a service is split into multiple sections leading to more than one entry.

# July, 2025 Water income statement summary

- Revenue was **\$4.0M** which is **1% over budget** and approximately **\$954K above** the same period last year.
- Expenses were **\$2.7M** which is **in line with budget** and approximately **\$349K above** the same period last year.

**Water Revenue**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Metered	4,113,118	2,317,672	56%
Fire Protection	2,415,640	1,390,261	58%
Investment income	5,000	29,394	588%
Other Income/Grants	250,000	233,531	93%
Sum:	6,783,758	3,970,858	59%

**Water Expenses**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Labor and fringe	2,318,465	1,231,419	53%
Power	286,144	153,038	53%
Supplies	500,392	338,165	68%
Debt interest	77,471	50,511	65%
Depreciation	993,002	575,790	58%
Other	566,626	395,606	70%
	4,742,100	2,744,529	58%
Revenue - expense	2,041,658	1,226,329	

Beginning cash: \$4.7M

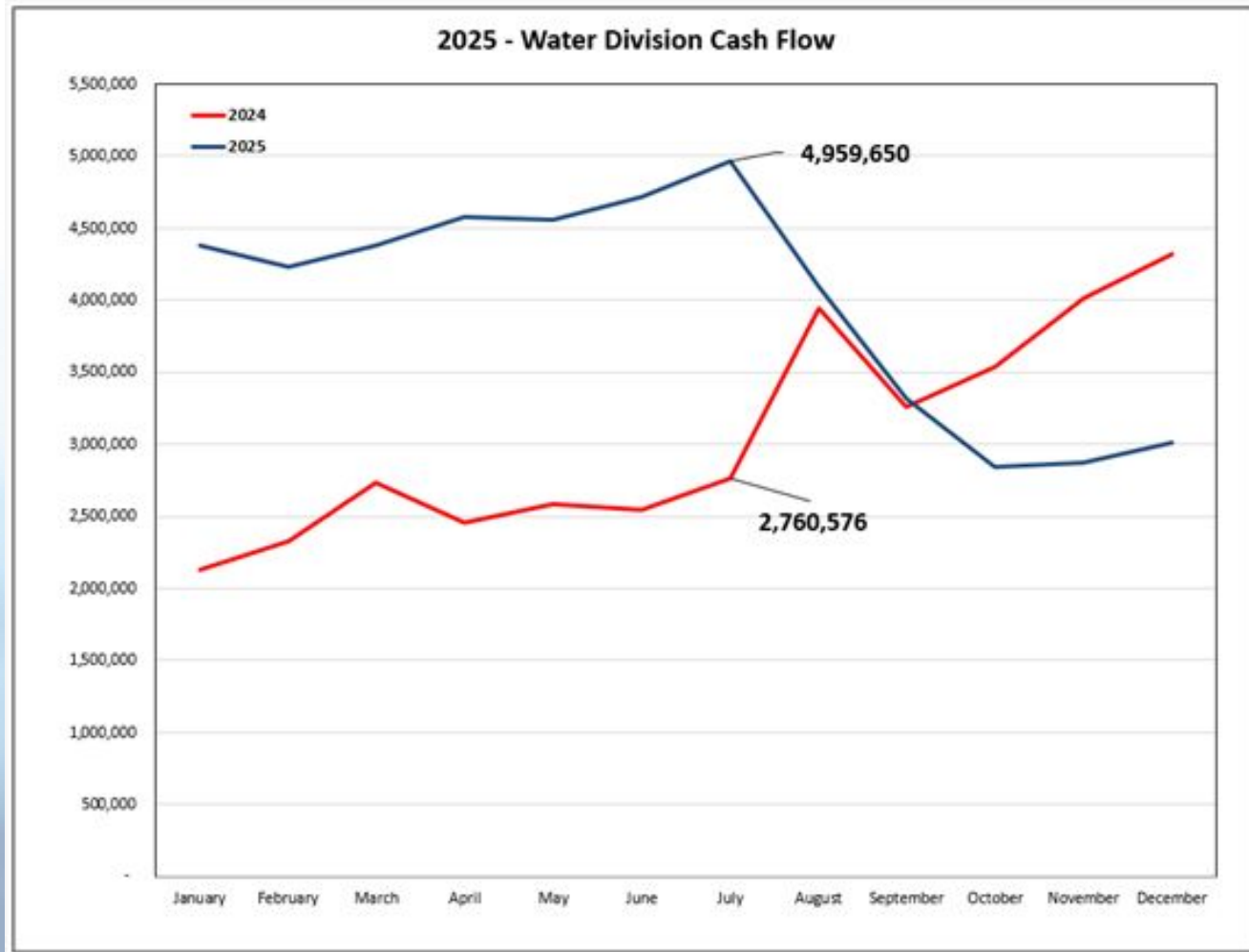
### Revenue

- \$1.3M Operating

### Expenses

- \$395K O&M
- \$635K CIP

Ending cash: \$5.0M



## July, 2025 Sewer income statement summary

- Revenue was **\$4.0M** which is **1% under budget** and approximately **\$687K above** the same period last year.
- Expenses were **\$2.9M** which is **5% under budget** and approximately **\$1K above** the same period last year.

**Sewer Revenue**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Flat rate	37,031	17,412	47%
Metered	5,719,943	3,141,483	55%
Trunkline	945,000	501,377	53%
Investment income	5,000	29,394	588%
Other Income/Grants	365,692	340,310	93%
Sum:	7,072,666	4,029,976	57%

**Sewer Expenses**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Labor and fringe	1,816,519	909,563	50%
Power	415,804	210,727	51%
Supplies	322,803	174,317	54%
Debt interest	265,016	149,027	56%
Depreciation	1,533,662	853,764	56%
Other	1,055,595	579,641	55%
	5,409,398	2,877,039	53%
Revenue - expense	1,663,268	1,152,937	

Beginning cash: \$1.7M

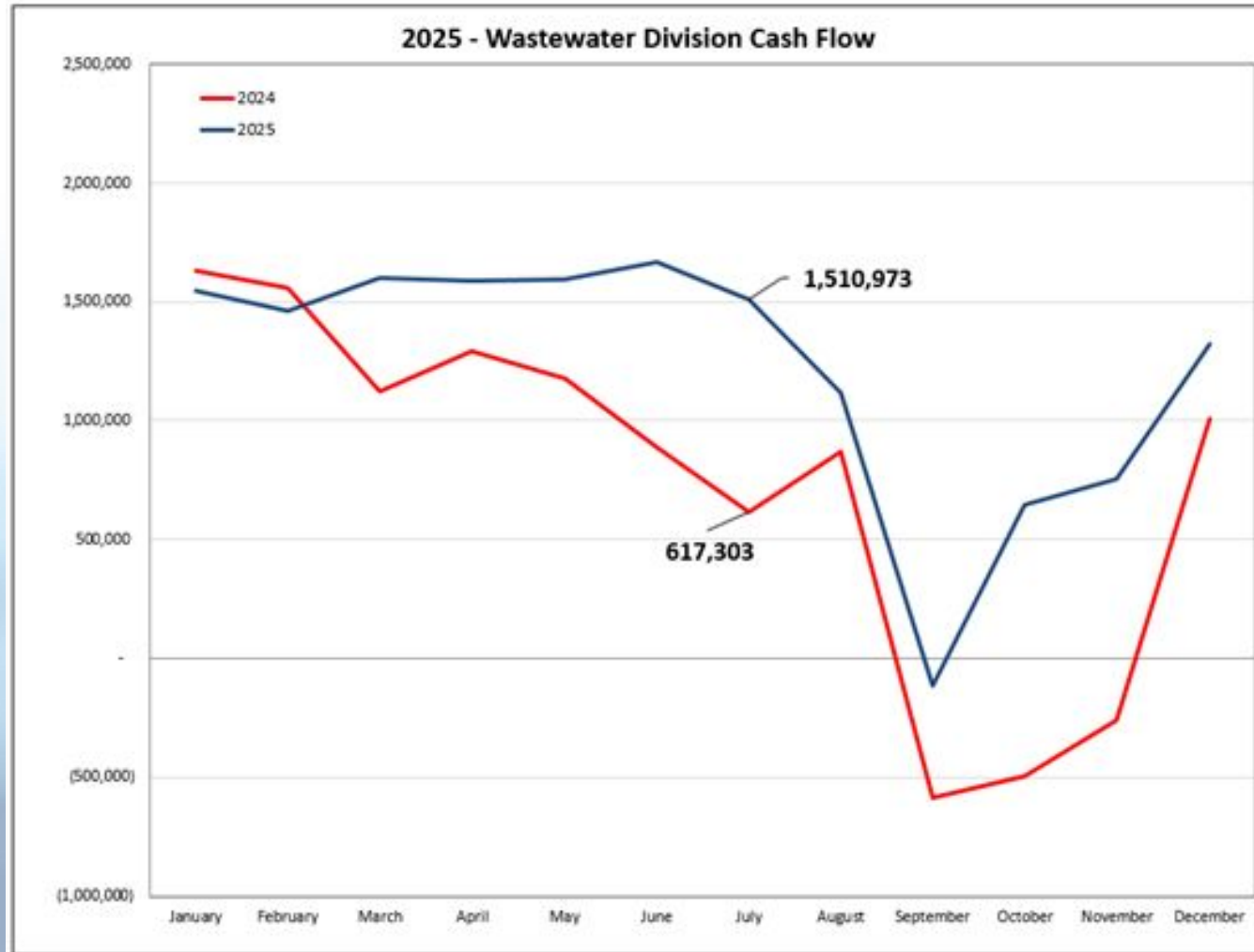
### Revenue

- \$656K Operating

### Expenses

- \$308K O&M
- \$499K CIP

Ending cash: \$1.5M





## July, 2025 Stormwater income statement summary

- Revenue was **\$2.5M** which is **3% over budget** and approximately **\$77K above** the same period last year.
- Expenses were **\$1.6M** which is **9% 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	2,391,046	59%
Investment income	5,000	29,394	588%
Other Income/Grants	-	54,101	0%
Sum:	4,067,397	2,474,541	61%

**Storm Expenses**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Labor and fringe	1,411,326	645,676	46%
Power	176,400	89,705	51%
Supplies	259,573	114,146	44%
Debt interest	96,974	38,028	39%
Depreciation	931,552	527,881	57%
Other	417,343	196,940	47%
	3,293,167	1,612,377	49%
Revenue - expense	774,230	862,164	

Beginning cash: \$3.1M

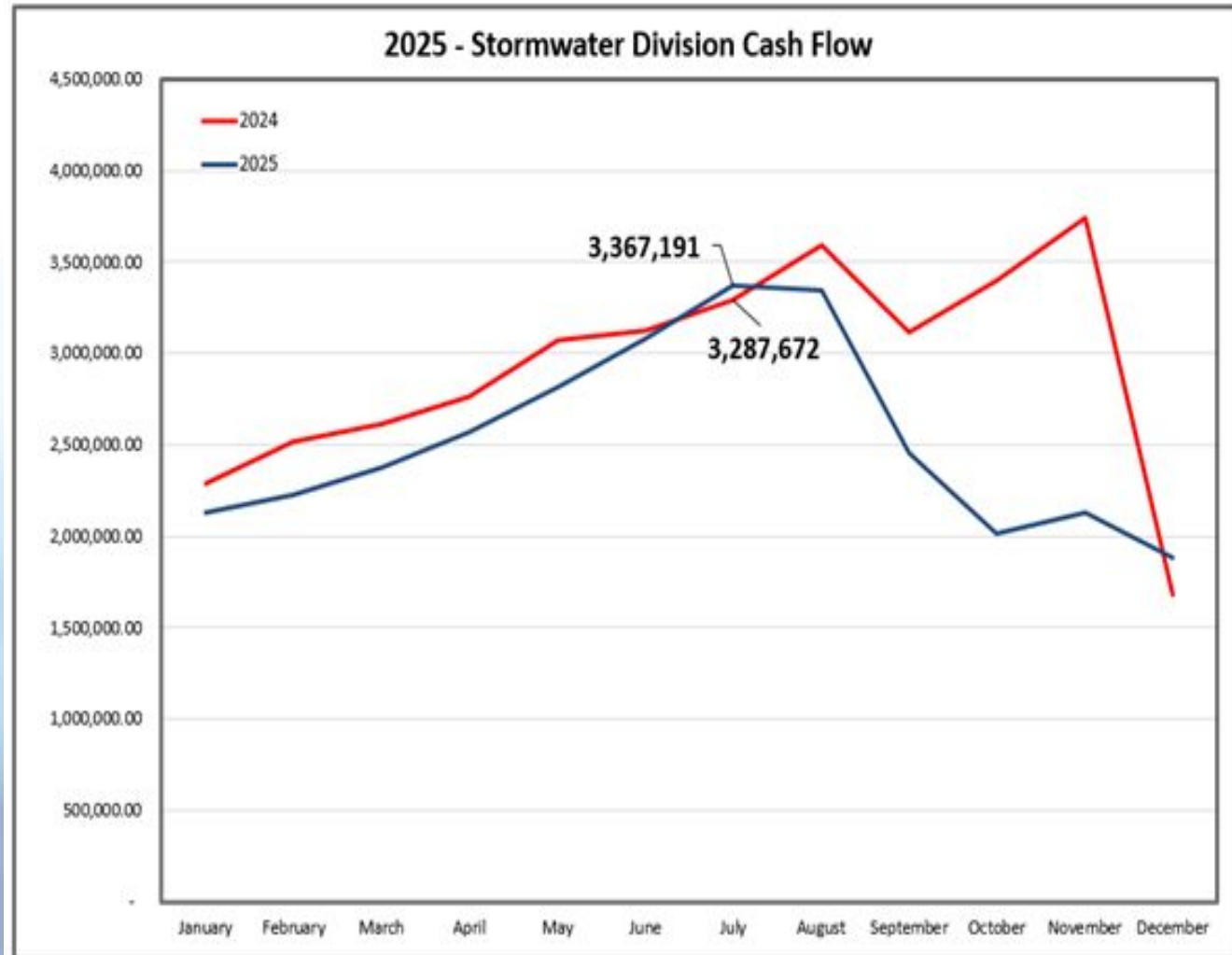
#### Revenue

- \$436K Operating

#### Expenses

- \$147K O&M

Ending cash: \$3.4M



# Motion - revise PFAS matching contribution

**Motion:** I move to clarify the vote that was unanimously approved by the Board on February 24, 2025 to execute the \$4,000,000 loan agreement between GAUD and the MMBB for the Riverside Drive PFAS project as presented to the Board **by clarifying that the matching contribution required by GAUD is \$444,444.44.**

The DWP set up the disbursement at 90% DWP and 10% GAUD. Though it is not really intuitive, the math works out as follows. To get 90% of 'some amount' equal to \$4.0M:

$$0.9 (X) = \$4,000,000$$

$$X = \$4,000,000 / 0.9 = \$4,444,444.44$$

$$\text{GAUD's 10\% matching commitment} = 0.1 \times \$4,444,444.44 = \underline{\underline{\$444,444.44}}$$

# Review liens

<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Notes</u>
267 Northern Avenue	\$525.84	4 liens; property taxes being paid
465 Leighton Road	\$331.14	foreclosed by the City
39 Patterson Street	\$489.14	foreclosed by the City
20 Florence Street	\$117.22	
33 Pike Street	\$353.42	3 liens; mortgage with Select Portfolio Servicing Inc (will be sending notices)
4 Campbell Street	\$314.78	2 liens; went through foreclosure with the bank, I will be reaching out
23 Hicks Rd	\$117.22	just received info concerning the PR, I will be reaching out
59 Maple Street Hallowell	\$227.48	called the owner (they usually pay)
177 Cony Street	\$117.22	LOTS of City liens
23 Winthrop Street Hallowell	\$205.91	
	\$2,799.37	

**Motion:** I move to waive automatic foreclosure at the properties listed in the table above.

# Communications Update

Working on ...

- Fall Newsletter
- September Insert
- Emergency Response Plan

# **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.



# Calendar

Monday, September 1, 2025	Labor Day	Holiday
Monday, September 22, 2025	Regular meeting	22 Arsenal
Monday, October 13, 2025	Indigenous Peoples Day	Holiday
<b>Tuesday, October 21, 2025</b>	<b>Regular and planning meeting</b>	<b>Civic Center</b>
Tuesday, November 11, 2025	Veterans Day	Holiday
Monday, November 24, 2025	Regular meeting	22 Arsenal
Thursday, November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving Day	Holiday
Friday, November 28, 2025	Thanksgiving Friday	Holiday

# Public Comment

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

Review any public comment received during the meeting.

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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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