

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Committee Meetings Agenda

8:15 a.m.

May 1, 2024

1. Safety Briefing
2. Roll Call
3. Open Meetings Act Notice

Public Hearing

1. Proposed Updates to the Billing Price Book [Stephanie Lemonds – Manager, Financial Planning & Analysis] – **Tab 5**
2. Invitation for Public to Comment

Construction & Operations – Friend, Sidzyik, Cavanaugh

1. Capital Expenditures [Kendall Minor – SVP & Chief Operations Officer] – **Tab 6**
2. Change Order No. 1 – Operations Center Remodel; MCL Construction Co [John Velehradsky – Director, Facilities Management] – **Tab 7**
3. Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates [Adam Gartner – Interim Director, Plant Engineering] – **Tab 8**
4. Bids on Materials and Contracts [Jon Zellars – VP, Procurement & Enterprise Services] – **Tab 9**

Services & Extensions – Friend, Begley, Howard

1. Main Extensions [Masa Niiya – VP, Engineering] – **Tab 10**

Personnel – Begley, Sidzyik, Friend

1. Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratification [Bonnie Savine – VP, Human Resources] – **Tab 11**

Judicial & Legislative – Cavanaugh, Cook, Howard

1. Final Legislative Report for 2024 [Rick Kubat – Governmental Relations Attorney] – **Tab 12**
2. Nebraska Medicine Claim Settlement – [Mark Mendenhall – SVP & General Counsel] – **Tab 13**
3. Water Rules Update – [Mark Mendenhall – SVP & General Counsel] – **Tab 14**

Committee of the Whole

1. State of the District [Mark Doyle - President] – **Tab A**

Public Comment

(Turn over for regular Board Meeting agenda)

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

9:00 a.m.

May 1, 2024

1. Roll Call
2. Open Meetings Act Notice
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes – Committee Meetings and Regular Board Meeting for April 3, 2024
- ACCOUNTS,
EXPENDITURES,
FINANCE &
RATES** 5. Proposed Updates to the Billing Price Book (RESOLUTION)
- CONSTRUCTION
& OPERATIONS** 6. Capital Expenditures
7. Change Order No. 1 – Operations Center Remodel; MCL Construction
8. Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates
9. Bids on Materials and Contracts
- SERVICES
& EXTENSIONS** 10. Main Extensions
- PERSONNEL** 11. Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications
- JUDICIAL &
LEGISLATIVE** 12. Final Legislative Report for 2024
13. Nebraska Medicine Claim Settlement
14. Water Rules Update
- BOARD** 15. Other Matters of District Business for Discussion
16. Public Comment
17. CLOSED SESSION – Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate

Adjourn Regular Monthly Board Meeting

(Turn over for Committee Meetings agenda)

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

April 3, 2024

Chairperson Jim Begley called to order the Committee meetings of the Metropolitan Utilities District Board of Directors at 8:15 a.m. at its headquarters building located at 7350 World Communications Drive.

Advance notice of the meeting was published in the print version of *The Omaha World-Herald* on Sunday, March 24, 2024. Notice was also provided on the MUD website at www.mudomaha.com and other social media platforms. Agendas and all pertinent Board materials to be presented at the meeting were emailed to Directors and posted on the MUD website on March 29, 2024.

Chairperson Begley announced that the meeting was being livestreamed and a recording of the meeting would be uploaded to the MUD website after the meeting's conclusion.

Safety Briefing

Vice-President of Safety, Security & Business Continuity Shane Hunter provided a safety briefing for all individuals attending the meeting in-person regarding protocol at the headquarters building in the event of an emergency.

Roll Call

On a roll call vote, the following Directors acknowledged their attendance: Jim Begley, Tanya Cook, Dave Friend, Bob Sidzyik, Mike McGowan, and Gwen Howard. Tim Cavanaugh was absent.

Open Meetings Act Notice

Chairperson Begley announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the wall in the back of the Board Room.

Judicial & Legislative - Cavanaugh, Cook, Howard

Governmental Relations Attorney Rick Kubat presented the Third Legislative Report dated March 26, 2024, summarizing all legislative bills that have been identified as being of interest to the District. There was Board discussion over a number of matters including Director Friend's questions regarding LB1069, Of particular note was LB636 which states that local communities cannot enacts ordinances limiting fuel choices, which was amended into LB867 which is on final reading.

Construction and Operations – Friend, Sidzyik, Cavanaugh

Senior Vice-President and Chief Operations Officer Kendall Minor presented the proposed capital expenditures as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 26, 2024.

Interim Senior Plant Engineer Matthew Pelton reviewed the Acceptance of Contracts and Payment of Final Estimates as outlined in the Committee from Interim Director of Plant Engineering, Adam Gartner dated March 19, 2024.

Vice-President of Procurement & Enterprise Services Jon Zellars presented the bids on materials and contracts as outlined in the letter to the Committee from Director of Procurement Sherri Lightfoot dated March 20, 2024.

Vice-President of Engineering Masa Niiya presented the proposed main extensions as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 25, 2024.

Mr. Niiya continued, presenting Amendment No. 2 for Southeast Bellevue water Main Extensions project.

Personnel - Begley, Sidzyik, Friend

Vice-President of Human Resources Bonnie Savine reviewed the wage and/or salary increases and ratifications as outlined in her letter to the Committee dated March 26, 2024.

Insurance & Pension – Howard, McGowan, Cook

Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer Mark Myers introduced the Actuarial Valuation Report on the Retirement Plan as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 27, 2024. He stated that this report contains two key pieces of information. The first item highlighted was the actuarial funded ratio which is 92.9%. This is slightly down from last year's ratio of 93.9%. Mr. Myers explained the reasons that ratio reduced. The second item is the District's Actuarially Determined Contribution to the Pension Plan for 2024 which has been calculated to be \$11.4 million. However, management is recommending a contribution of \$12.9 million consistent with the amount assumed in the 2024 Budget. This is approximately \$1,500,000 above the required contribution level and is consistent with the District's historical practice of contributing more than the actuarially determined amount. This additional amount will contribute toward the unfunded actuarial liability and serve to offset the impact of any unfavorable results that may occur in 2024 compared to actuarial assumptions.

Mr. Myers discussed the GASB Statements No. 67 & 68 Report which provides detail for the net pension liability and expense for the audited financial statements. The pension expense for 2023 is \$7.4 million which is a significantly lower expense than was recognized in 2022 which was \$16.5 million. The primary cause of this different is the change in investment returns. In 2023 we experienced positive returns of 16.2% on the

investments in the pension trust whereas in 2022 we experienced a net loss of approximately 17%.

Myers introduced Pat Beckham, Principal and Consulting Actuary for Cavanaugh Macdonald, to review in greater detail the Retirement Plan for Employees of M.U.D. Director McGowan asked if the District was unique for funding above the recommended level. Mr. Beckham noted that while a small percentage of other organizations do contribute more than the recommended amount, not many contribute more than the Actuarial contribution.

Audit – McGowan, Howard, Begley

Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer Mark Myers introduced the 2023 Audited Financial Statement prepared by RSM, the District's external auditors, as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 29, 2024. He noted that the District received an unmodified or "clean" audit opinion, meaning that the financial statements present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of both the Gas and Water divisions as of December 31, 2023. Robert Kreiser, RSM Senior Assurance Manager, reported that the results of the audit were reviewed with the MUD Board's Audit Committee on March 18, 2024. He elaborated on the external audit findings and report and offered to answer any questions from the Board.

Accounts, Expenditures, Finance & Rates – McGowan, Begley, Cook

Vice President, Accounting Steve Dickas provided an overview of the District's financial highlights in his 2023 Financial Review presentation. These results were shared with the Audit Committee on March 18, 2024 and included in the December Report on Income and Finance which was distributed to the Board on March 25, 2024. He noted that the District performed very well for the year with revenue exceeding budget and prior year in the Water company and slightly down from both budget and prior year for the Gas companies. Mr. Dickas reported Net Operating Revenue was \$2 million higher than budget driven by higher volume sold. Operating Expenses and Other was \$54 million dollars lower than budget. There were four main contributing factors to this; year-end adjustments related to Pension and OPEB expense, a higher than budgeted cash earnings on invested cash balances, lower depreciation expenses, and lower water purification operating expenses. The combined net income was \$98.6 million, \$56 million higher than the budget amount. A significant portion of the favorable variance was driven by non-cash items. Another metric pointed out by Mr. Dickas is the District's favorable credit rating given by the three primary rating agencies which is a positive indicator of the District's financial strength.

Committee of the Whole

Director of Infrastructure Integrity Jared Svagera and Senior Infrastructure Engineer Evan Martin presented the Infrastructure Replacement (IR) Program Update.

Mr. Svagera presented a 2008 map of the gas distribution system when the IR Program was first launched, showing in stark contrast the 560 miles of low pressure and cast-iron gas mains in need of replacement versus a 2023 map of just over 100 miles that have yet to be replaced. The remaining miles include the most difficult in the District and the focus will be to get to zero miles in the safest and most cost-effective manner in 2024.

Mr. Svagera discussed “Gas IR 2.0”; a name coined to describe what is next in the gas IR program which will run concurrently to the previously discussed gas main replacements. This work targets inside meter sets throughout the high-pressure system. Service lines will also need to be replaced with this phase in many cases.

Mr. Svagera also discussed the water IR program. 2023 resulted in a record number of water main breaks, 641 throughout the distribution system. Crews take data collected from each main break which is used to update water main risk scores. These risk scores are the main driver for our project selections and replacement decisions. The risk model employs multiple factors and assigns weighted importance to each variable which is used to calculate a total relative risk of failure. Many projects in 2024 are planned to utilize HDPE pipe material as well as using pipe bursting to decrease costs and increase efficiency. Over 18.5 miles of water mains were replaced in 2023 due to opportunistic pipe replacement and experience with alternate pipe materials and alternate methods such as pipe bursting.

Mr. Martin reviewed the District’s Condition Assessment Program. He discussed technologies the District has utilized such as the Pipediver for concrete water main inspections, the SeeSnake for cast iron main inspections, and the pCAT for residential cast iron main inspections. He also highlighted a few MUD firsts; an insertion valve on a live water main to be used on condition assessment projects without interruption to service for customers. Another first for the District was the inspection of a 16-inch cast iron main on Blondo Street, the largest cast iron inspection in the District to date.

Mr. Martin discussed construction methods and materials, including the benefits of High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) and pipe-bursting installation. PVC and ductile iron are still used when appropriate for the project.

In 2023, the GIS system was upgraded to Esri GIS ArcPro. In addition, a new data model, the Utility Network, which is geared toward gas and water utilities. The Risk Model software was also upgraded to Aquatwin, which more efficiently performs analysis and utilizes the data to make replacement decisions.

Public Comment

Chairperson Begley asked if there were any further comments from the Board or if any member of the public would like to address the Board.

At 9:41 a.m., Chairperson Begley announced the Committee Meetings had concluded and the Board would reconvene in ten minutes for the regular monthly Board Meeting.



Mark Doyle
President & Secretary to the Board

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting
April 3, 2024

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AGENDA NO. 1

ROLL CALL

On a roll call vote, the following Directors acknowledged their attendance: Jim Begley, Tanya Cook, Dave Friend, Bob Sidzyik, Mike McGowan, and Gwen Howard. Tim Cavanaugh was absent.

AGENDA NO. 2

OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

Chairperson Begley announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the wall in the back of the Board Room.

AGENDA NO. 3

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Begley invited all who wished to participate to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA NO. 4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 6, 2024.

Director Friend moved to approve the minutes for the Committee Meetings and regular monthly Board Meeting for March 6, 2024, which was seconded by Director McGowan and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard

Committee Meetings & Regular Board Meeting

April 3, 2024

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Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 5
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Director Friend moved to approve the proposed capital expenditures as presented in the Committee Meetings by Senior Vice-President and Chief Operations Officer Kendall Minor as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 26, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard
Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 6
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF FINAL ESTIMATES

Director Friend moved to approve the acceptance of contracts and payment of final estimates as presented by Senior Plant Engineer Matthew Pelton and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 19, 2024 from Interim Director, Plant Engineering Adam Gartner. The motion was seconded by Director Cook and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard
Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 7
BIDS ON MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS

Director Friend moved to approve the bids on materials and contracts as presented by Vice-President of Procurement and Enterprise Services Jon Zellars and as outlined in the letter to the Committee dated March 20, 2024 from Director of Procurement Sherri Lightfoot. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard
Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 8
MAIN EXTENSIONS

Director Friend moved to approve the proposed main extensions as presented by Vice-President of Engineering Masa Niiya and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 25, 2024, which was seconded by Director McGowan and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard
Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 9

AMENDMENT NO. 2 – SOUTHEAST BELLEVUE WATER MAIN EXTENSION

Director Friend moved to approve the Amendment No. 2 – Southeast Bellevue Water Main Extension Project as presented by Vice-President of Engineering Masa Niiya and as outlined in the letter to the Committee dated March 11, 2024, from Director of Engineering Design James Bartels which was seconded by Director McGowan and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard

Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 10

WAGE AND/OR SALARY INCREASES AND RATIFICATIONS

Director Begley moved to approve the Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications as presented by Vice-President of Human Resources Bonnie Savine and as outlined in her letter dated March 26, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Howard and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard

Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 11

THIRD LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR 2024

Director Cook requested have the Third Legislative Report for 2024 as presented by Government Relations Attorney Rick Kubat in the Committee Meetings and as outlined in her letter dated March 26, 2024, placed on file. No vote necessary.

AGENDA NO. 12

ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT ON THE RETIREMENT PLAN

Director Howard requested that the Actuarial Valuation Report on the Retirement Plan and the GASB 67 & 68 Report be placed on file. No vote necessary.

Director Howard moved to approve the contribution to the pension plan consistent with Management’s recommendations as presented by Mr. Myers in the Committee meetings and as outlined in his letter to the Committee dated March 27, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Cook and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard

Voting No: None

AGENDA NO. 13

2023 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Director McGowan requested have the 2023 Audited Financial Statement placed on file. No vote necessary.

AGENDA NO. 14
OTHER MATTERS OF DISTRICT BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Chairperson Begley asked whether any Board Members had any comments they wished to share.

AGENDA NO. 15
PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Begley asked whether any members of the public were present who wished to address the Board. There were none.

AGENDA NO. 16
CLOSED SESSION – LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL

At 10:01 a.m., Director Cook moved to go into Closed Session to discuss litigation and personnel. The motion was seconded by Director Friend and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, McGowan, Howard
Voting No: None

Director McGowan departed the meeting during the Closed Session.

At 10:49 a.m., Director Cook moved to return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Director Friend and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, Howard
Voting No: None

Director Friend moved to adjourn the regular Board Meeting which was seconded by Director Cook and carried on a roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Begley, Cook, Friend, Sidzyik, Howard
Voting No: None

The regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



Mark Doyle
Mark Doyle
President & Secretary to the Board

MD/sec

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Departmental Communication

April 25, 2024

Subject: REVISION OF PRICES FOR SERVICE WORK AND MATERIALS-BILLING PRICE BOOK

To: Committee on Accounts, Expenditures, Finance and Rates
cc: All Board Members; Doyle, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Ausdemore, Minor, Myers and all Vice Presidents

From: Stephanie Lemonds, Manager, Financial Planning and Analysis

A detailed review of the costs to perform various types of service work has recently been completed, the outcome of which is detailed on the attached schedules. These schedules, once approved, are assembled, and become our Billing Price Book. To facilitate review, the detailed schedules are accompanied by two summary schedules, as follows:

- Schedule #1 - Frequently Billed Services;
- Schedule #2 - Most Significant Proposed Price Increases and New Billing Items

To provide some perspective, the revenue resulting from items contained in the Billing Price Book generated approximately 1.0% of the District's consolidated revenue in 2023. Despite this, we approach this process with considerable diligence to ensure we employ the best methodologies to derive the cost associated with these services, as it has been our practice to employ a "cost recovery" philosophy when deriving prices. Additionally, there are a few items that are not cost based, but rather serve as penalty fees to dissuade undesirable behavior (e.g. penalty fee for turning on service that has been disconnected).

These proposed prices will be reviewed at a Public Hearing as part of the May 1, 2024 Committee Meeting and will be on the agenda of the May 1, 2024 Board Meeting. It is recommended that the proposed updated prices for service work and materials be approved with an effective date of June 1, 2024. The proposed effective date should allow sufficient time to provide notice to local building contractors.

Stephanie A. Lemonds

Stephanie A. Lemonds
Manager, Financial Planning and Analysis

Approved:



Mark F. Myers
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer



Mark E. Doyle
President

Attachments

Metropolitan Utilities District
Billing Price Book
Summary of Frequently Billed Services-Proposed Changes
Public Hearing - May 1, 2024

Schedule #1

Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Change	
			\$	%
1) Field Services Labor				
Rate for 30 minutes (including travel)	\$ 121.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 1.00	0.8%
Hourly rate after 1/2 hour	\$ 176.00	\$ 178.00	\$ 2.00	1.1%
2) Turn on Gas and/or Water Service				
a) Regular turn-on, M.U.D. reads meter	\$ 100.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 2.00	2.0%
b) Regular turn-on, PRIORITY SERVICE, M.U.D. reads meter	\$ 126.00	\$ 129.00	\$ 3.00	2.4%
c) Turn-on gas and/or water service after turn-off for nonpayment of bills or violation of District rules - next day	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	n/a
3) Water Meter Installation				
3/4" with ERT	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -	n/a
4) Water Main Tap and Inspection				
1" Corporation	\$ 439.00	\$ 439.00	\$ -	n/a

Metropolitan Utilities District
 Billing Price Book
 Summary of Most Significant Proposed Price Increases
 Public Hearing - May 1, 2024

Schedule #2

Absolute Dollar Increases >\$200

Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Change	
			\$	%
1) Large Water Taps (By Size)				
4 x 4	\$ 4,022.00	\$ 4,266.00	\$ 244.00	6.07%
6 x 6	\$ 4,933.00	\$ 5,457.00	\$ 524.00	10.62%
8 x 6	\$ 3,275.00	\$ 3,622.00	\$ 347.00	10.60%
8 x 8	\$ 5,676.00	\$ 6,074.00	\$ 398.00	7.01%
10 x 6	\$ 3,111.00	\$ 3,401.00	\$ 290.00	9.32%
10 x 8	\$ 4,146.00	\$ 4,506.00	\$ 360.00	8.68%
12 x 4	\$ 2,971.00	\$ 3,176.00	\$ 205.00	6.90%
12 x 6	\$ 3,302.00	\$ 3,676.00	\$ 374.00	11.33%
12 x 8	\$ 4,029.00	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 346.00	8.59%
12 x 12	\$ 7,833.00	\$ 8,149.00	\$ 316.00	4.03%
16 x 6	\$ 3,565.00	\$ 3,938.00	\$ 373.00	10.46%
16 x 8	\$ 4,381.00	\$ 4,869.00	\$ 488.00	11.14%
16 x 12	\$ 5,586.00	\$ 6,255.00	\$ 669.00	11.98%

% Increase > 15% Not Addressed Above

Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Change	
			\$	%
1) Gas Meter Replacement Residential only	\$ 421.00	\$ 507.00	\$ 126.00	24.56%

New Billing Items

None

Metropolitan Utilities District
PROPOSED REVISIONS OF DISTRICT BILLING PRICES

It is recommended that the following hourly rates and fixed prices be adjusted as proposed effective June 1, 2024.

<u>Current Billing Price Book Page</u>		<u>Present Price</u>	<u>Proposed Price</u>
1	Field Services Labor:		
	<u>Rate for 30 minutes - on premises</u>		
	One employee - straight time	\$ 121.00	\$ 122.00
	One employee - overtime	143.00	144.00
	Two employees - straight time	235.00	236.00
	Two employees - overtime	280.00	281.00
	<u>Hourly rate - after 1/2 hour on premises</u>		
	One employee - straight time	176.00	178.00
	One employee - overtime	209.00	211.00
	Two employees - straight time	344.00	345.00
	Two employees - overtime	410.00	411.00
1	Repeat CGI charge - second trip if CGI and subsequent trips if CGI	65.00	65.00
3	Measurement labor performed in the field:		
	<u>Minimum charge - up to 1/2 hour on premises</u>		
	One employee - straight time	116.00	117.00
	One employee - overtime	135.00	136.00
	Two employees - straight time	210.00	211.00
	Two employees - overtime	244.00	246.00
3	Measurement labor performed in the field		
	<u>Hourly rate - after 1/2 hour on premises</u>		
	One employee - straight time	170.00	172.00
	One employee - overtime	197.00	199.00
	Two employees - straight time	307.00	309.00
	Two employees - overtime	358.00	359.00
3	Measurement labor performed in the shop		
	Straight time rate per hour	134.00	134.00

**Current
Billing Price
Book Page**

**Present
Price**

**Proposed
Price**

5	Water Distribution labor rates for operating hydrants which includes furnishing hose		
	<u>Minimum charge - up to 1/2 hour on premises</u>		
	One employee - straight time	\$ 82.00	\$ 84.00
	One employee - overtime	100.00	100.00
	Two employees - straight time	158.00	159.00
	Two employees - overtime	193.00	194.00
	<u>Hourly rate - after 1/2 hour on premises</u>		
	One employee - straight time	121.00	122.00
	One employee - overtime	146.00	147.00
	Two employees - straight time	231.00	233.00
	Two employees - overtime	282.00	283.00
8	Replace flexible connector - per trip (plus material)	61.00	61.00
8	Pilot lighting (furnace, water heater, etc.) (To include gas leak calls where there is none)	121.00	122.00
8	Repair and/ or Service Range or Dryer Connect / Disconnect Range or Dryer (Does not include fuel line installations)	T &M 61.00	T &M 61.00
9	<u>Inspection fee - requiring two men - per unit charge - commercial and industrial</u> * Each additional unit - same address - same application	150.00 75.00	150.00 75.00
9	<u>Inspection fee - gas fired appliances - residential, commercial and industrial, requiring one man</u> First unit each application * Each additional unit - same address - same application	98.00 48.00	98.00 48.00
9	<u>Failure to pass inspection for the third and each subsequent inspection</u> First unit - each application * Each additional unit - same address - same application * Defined as 3 or more units. Discount for multiple inspections would apply to buildings with one accessible address. Multiple bays, duplexes, condos, and townhomes would not receive this discount.	98.00 48.00	98.00 48.00
9	Air test gas fuel lines for commercial customers	124.00	134.00

**Current
Billing Price
Book Page**

**Present
Price**

**Proposed
Price**

11	<u>Turn-on gas and/or water service</u>		
	Regular turn-on, MUD reads meter	\$ 100.00	\$ 102.00
	Regular turn-on, priority service, MUD reads meter	126.00	129.00
	Move in; service is on	15.00	15.00
	Leave on for default	15.00	15.00
11	Turn-on gas and/or water service after turn-off for non-payment of bills or violation of District rules	75.00	75.00
11	Damage to special locking device (gas/water)	58.00	58.00
11	Apartment ownership changes - per turn-on	100.00	102.00
	Apartment ownership changes - max per apartment address	209.00	211.00
12	Finders Fee - Payable to Person Reporting		
	Unauthorized use of water and/or gas	35.00	35.00
	Unauthorized use of hydrant	35.00	35.00
	Party striking water hydrant	35.00	35.00
	Vandalism which causes unmetered use	35.00	35.00
12	<u>Service diversion charge</u>		
	Residential - Water or Gas Service Bypass	486.00	486.00
	Commercial - Water or Gas Service Bypass	486.00	486.00
	Unauthorized use of hydrant - Bypass	486.00	486.00
	(Includes improper use of backflow meter assembly)		
	Unauthorized Turn on Fee	31.00	32.00
12	Trip Charge for Residential & Commercial Shut-off	53.00	55.00
	- Fee for sending a Collector out to shut off gas or water service on a residential or commercial account		
12	Monthly Manual Read Fee	25.00	25.00
	- For customer's electing not to have ERT on their meters.		
12	Submeter - monthly charge to read		
	Monthly Charge to Read - Water	10.00	10.00
	Monthly Charge to Read - Gas	9.00	10.00
12	Insufficient fund check charge	43.00	43.00
12	Default Notification/Revert Letters		\$2 additional fee to leave on agreement price (Addition to the "default" prices above)
12	Preparing Customer Documents		
	Costs may be charged pursuant to the provisions of the Public Records Statute.		

**Current
Billing Price
Book Page**

**Present
Price** **Proposed
Price**

Water Meter Pricing

Prices with Couplings and Nipple

All New Construction Must Be 3/4" Meters Or Larger

1. MUD installs Meter (No sales tax)

	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Meter</u>			
13	5/8"	Meter with ERT	\$	320.00	\$ 324.00
	3/4"	Meter with ERT		350.00	350.00
	1"	Meter with ERT		386.00	386.00
	ERTs in meter vaults - add \$70.00 to the above prices				

13	2. Plumber installs meter (add sales tax) (Includes Flange)				
	1-1/2"	Disc w/ ERT		615.00	615.00
	2"	Disc w/ ERT		772.00	772.00
	2"	Turbo w/ Remote		1,008.00	1,008.00
	3"	Turbo w/ Remote		952.00	952.00
	3"	Compound w/ Remote		1,990.00	1,990.00
	4"	Turbo w/ Strainer and Remote		1,763.00	1,763.00
	4"	Compound w/ Remote		3,310.00	3,327.00
	6"	Turbo w/ Strainer and Remote		3,131.00	3,131.00
	ERTs in meter vaults - add \$70.00 to the above prices (plus sales tax)				

13	3. Install water remote - over 3" meters (when ERT installation is not compatible on compound/ large meters)			T &M	T &M
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14	Riser and Box Covers				
	5/8" X 9" riser			170.00	170.00
	24" Cover and ring for new service with outside meter box			267.00	267.00
	Vandal proof box for post-mounted remote index for water meter in pit			10.00	10.00

14	<u>Cash Allowances</u>				
				<u>Trade-in allowance</u>	
	5/8"	Disc		5.00	5.00
	3/4"	Disc		5.50	5.50
	1"	Disc		7.00	7.00

The above allowances are for meters originally purchased by the District and for meters purchased by water systems now operated by the District. Meters 1-1/2" and larger must be appraised by the Measurement Division to determine cash or trade-in allowance.

The full sales price for water meters will be collected at the time of sale unless prior appraisal for the trade-in has been received from the Measurement Division.

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14	<u>Testing Water Meters at Customer's Request</u> Meter determined to be 2% fast or less Meter more than 2% fast Water meter 1-1/2" or larger	\$ 113.00 No charge T &M	\$ 114.00 No charge T &M
15	<u>Hydrant Backflow Assembly</u> 1. Hydrant Use Agreement, Rental Fees & Deposits a) License requirement - all firms or persons requesting use of District fire hydrants must sign a hydrant equipment license agreement and adhere to the District's operating instructions for use of hydrants. b) All firms or persons using District fire hydrants must rent a hydrant backflow assembly from the District or purchase and install a meter in accordance with the District's Vehicle-Mounted Water Meter Agreement. c) All water used through meters installed in accordance with the District's Vehicle-Mounted Water Meter Agreement will be billed at regular Schedule W-2 water rates plus sales tax which is in addition to rental fees.		
15	2. Rental Fees - Hydrant Assembly Processing & testing charge Daily fee plus sales tax (March 1 - November 30) Daily fee plus sales tax (December 1 - February 28) Deposit* * Not required if applicant is a current customer residing in MUD service area with active business account with a good credit experience.	150.00 15.00 25.00 750.00	156.00 15.00 25.00 750.00
17	<u>Water Main Connection Charges</u> Connection charge rate for mains installed prior to 1989 Contact Builder & Contractor Services for rate Connection charge rate for mains installed in 1989 through 1993 (price per foot) Residential lots or parcel Commercial lots or parcel - 6" Main Commercial lots or parcel - 8" Main or larger Connection charge rate for mains installed after 1993 Charge is based on the actual cost of the main. Contact Accounting for rate.	 13.45 13.45 17.74 	 13.45 13.45 17.74

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17	<u>Private Water Line Fees</u> Residential Lot	\$ 4,985.00	\$ 5,180.00
	No additional charges will be made against the original applicant if and when a main is extended to abut their property.		
	Commercial Lot	6,230.00	6,425.00
	The flat charge will be credited towards future connection charges and if and when a main is extended to abut their property.		
18	<u>Hydrant Flow Test</u> Fee for performing a hydrant flow test at customer's request	351.00	373.00
18	<u>Florence Water Sales</u> (sales tax inc.)	0.25 110 gallons	0.25 100 gallons
18	<u>Operating Water Curb Stop Valves for Turn-off/on Requests</u> Emergency turn-off Turn-on following emergency Customers convenience water off request at stop-box	No charge 100.00 100.00	No charge 102.00 102.00
	<u>Locating Water Stop Boxes</u>		
18	Tracing out water lines - Commercial - Minimum Charge	T&M 121.00	T&M 122.00
19	<u>Tap and Inspection</u> 3/4" corporation 1" corporation - 6" to 18" main Inspection of service - pretapped mains	421.00 439.00 79.00	421.00 439.00 79.00
	Once approved, an additional water inspection fee will apply to any service connections made by a licensed master plumber on a master water service. Normal tapping fees will apply if the connection to the private water main is made by MUD.	79.00	79.00
	Inspection of existing service approved for reuse	79.00	79.00
	Taps not ready when called for	266.00	271.00
	Extra charge for special tap (taps not called for by 2:00 p.m. the previous day)	79.00	79.00
	4 x 1 taps	607.00	603.00

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19	Taps on PVC Mains (includes saddle)		
	4x3/4"	\$ 523.00	\$ 548.00
	4X1	561.00	576.00
	6x3/4"	519.00	544.00
	6X1	550.00	565.00
	8x3/4"	533.00	558.00
	8X1	587.00	602.00
	10x3/4"	576.00	600.00
	10X1	534.00	550.00
	12X1	639.00	653.00
20	Taps on HDPE Mains		
	6x3/4"	T&M	T&M
	6X1	T&M	T&M
	8x3/4"	T&M	T&M
	8X1	T&M	T&M
	12X1	T&M	T&M
	<u>Large Water Taps</u>		
	Taps on All Mains		
21	1-1/2" and 2" Water Taps (by size)		
	6 x 1-1/2	748.00	767.00
	6 x 2	1,003.00	1,012.00
	8 x 1-1/2	797.00	816.00
	8 x 2	1,004.00	1,013.00
	10 x 1-1/2	731.00	751.00
	10 x 2	973.00	982.00
	12 x 1-1/2	858.00	876.00
	12 x 2	1,141.00	1,148.00
	14 x 1-1/2	781.00	801.00
	14 x 2	1,368.00	1,371.00
	16 x 1-1/2	1,399.00	1,409.00
	16 x 2	1,876.00	1,871.00

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22	Large Water Taps *		
	4 x 4	\$ 4,022.00	\$ 4,266.00 **
	6 x 4	2,753.00	2,922.00
	6 x 6	4,933.00	5,457.00 **
	8 x 4	2,905.00	3,036.00
	8 x 6	3,275.00	3,622.00
	8 x 8	5,676.00	6,074.00 **
	10 x 4	2,916.00	3,073.00
	10 x 6	3,111.00	3,401.00
	10 x 8	4,146.00	4,506.00
	12 x 4	2,971.00	3,176.00
	12 x 6	3,302.00	3,676.00
	12 x 8	4,029.00	4,375.00
	12 x 12	7,833.00	8,149.00 **
	16 x 4	3,332.00	3,483.00
	16 x 6	3,565.00	3,938.00
	16 x 8	4,381.00	4,869.00
	16 x 12	5,586.00	6,255.00

* material for taps includes tapping sleeve, MJX flange gate valve, machine bolts and nuts for valve, full face gasket, MJ plug and/or equivalent material.

** price includes cutting in tee - instead of using tapping sleeve.

Note: The above prices are for tapping existing water mains, or for installation with a new main. Prices for sizes not listed are to be obtained from the Engineering Division on an individual basis.

23	<u>Large Water Service Cut Offs</u>		
	The following prices apply when a contractor excavates the main and MUD only does the cut off.		
	4"	5,130.00	5,325.00
	6"	5,198.00	5,393.00
	8"	5,280.00	5,475.00
	10"	5,979.00	6,174.00
	12"	6,072.00	6,267.00
	14"	6,993.00	7,188.00
	16"	7,596.00	7,791.00
25	Backflow prevention testing	102.00	102.00
	Testing multiple backflow devices under same ownership and same general vicinity	T & M	T & M
	- Minimum charge	102.00	102.00
26	Valves and valve boxes - repair or replacement of private valves and valve boxes	T & M	T & M
26	Test water for possible lead contamination	199.00	204.00

As new water demands are connected to the distribution system, additional capacity is needed to assure adequate flows and pressures from source of supply to general areas of consumption. Such capacity may be achieved through the building of reservoirs and/or pump stations in addition to looping, oversizing, enlarging, and reinforcing portions of the water distribution system. The purpose of the impact fee is to pay for a major portion of these growth related costs without placing additional undue burden on existing customers.

The impact fee is based on the added demand to the water system, as measured by the size of the water meter.

Effective June 1, 2024

METER		CONTINUOUS * FLOW RATING	CURRENT	
SIZE	TYPE		CURRENT	NEW
		Rate per gpm	\$ 100.58	\$ 109.10
5/8"	Disc	10 gpm	\$ 1,006.00	\$ 1,091.00
3/4"	Disc	15 gpm	\$ 1,509.00	\$ 1,637.00
1"	Disc	25 gpm	\$ 2,515.00	\$ 2,728.00
1 1/2"	Disc	50 gpm	\$ 5,029.00	\$ 5,455.00
2"	Disc	80 gpm	\$ 8,046.00	\$ 8,728.00
2"	Turbo	160 gpm	\$ 16,093.00	\$ 17,456.00
3"	Compound	160 gpm	\$ 16,093.00	\$ 17,456.00
3"	Turbo	350 gpm	\$ 35,203.00	\$ 38,185.00
4"	Compound	250 gpm	\$ 25,145.00	\$ 27,275.00
4"	Turbo	1000 gpm	\$ 100,580.00	\$ 109,100.00
6"	Compound	500 gpm	\$ 50,290.00	\$ 54,550.00
6"	Turbo	2000 gpm	\$ 201,160.00	\$ 218,200.00
8"	Turbo	2800 gpm	\$ 281,624.00	\$ 305,480.00
10"	Turbo	3200 gpm	\$ 321,856.00	\$ 349,120.00

* Manufacturer's rating

Impact Fees will be assessed on each water meter purchased from the District. The fees will be assessed on the size of the meter. When upgrading to any larger size meter, the applicant will pay the difference in impact fees, at the current rates, between the existing meter and the larger meter.

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29 Gas Service Installation, Service and Meter Enlargement

A. General Requirements

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|---|--|------|----------|----|----------|--|--|------|------|--|-------|--|-------|--|-------|--|-------|--|--------|--|--------|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fixed or firm prices and deposits for estimated T&M installations will be payable at the time application is made. 2. The first 100 feet of service from property line to the meter location will be provided at no charge to the customer providing the following requirements are met : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meter is installed and account activated within six months of the service installation date. If this requirement is not met, the cost of the service is \$1,485.00 (to be evaluated each year). • The meter is located on the side of the house. However, the District reserves the right to place the service and meter in the most economical location. If this requirement is not met (i.e.-the applicant requests the meter to be placed in a non-standard location which will cause increased costs for the District), the cost of the service will be based on a firm price provided by the District. 3. Single dwelling unit - all above requirements are met - No charge. 4. Duplex - per service - all above requirements met - No Charge. 5. Rehab houses - new application needed - all above requirements are met - No Charge. 6. All units - excess footage charge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer (March 16 - December 14) - \$15.30/ft (to be evaluated each year) • Winter (December 15 - March 15) - \$18.80/ft (to be evaluated each year) 7. A priority schedule fee of \$200.00 (to be evaluated each year) shall be billed only in those instances where the applicant requests priority scheduling.
Gas service shall be installed within 10 working days from receipt of application. | <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,485.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,515.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Firm</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Firm</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">15.30</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">15.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">18.80</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">18.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">200.00</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">200.00</td> </tr> </table> | \$ | 1,485.00 | \$ | 1,515.00 | | | Firm | Firm | | 15.30 | | 15.30 | | 18.80 | | 18.80 | | 200.00 | | 200.00 |
| \$ | 1,485.00 | \$ | 1,515.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Firm | Firm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 15.30 | | 15.30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 18.80 | | 18.80 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 200.00 | | 200.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

30 B. Residential - Detached Building/Separate Service

Gas service installation shall be provided in accordance with Section A, General Requirements, Part 2 (listed above). M.U.D. shall determine if a separate service or branch service off the house service line shall be installed to supply gas to the detached building.

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30	C. <u>Other Firm Service Billings</u>		
	1. All other firm service installations and enlargements - new installation		
	a) Where installation is to provide additional gas load includes underground service piping from main to the meter.		
30	2. <u>Service and/or meter relocation</u>		
	a) when no increase in load made	Firm	Firm
	b) when gas load and gas usage is increased	*	*
	c) Residential Only - Move service riser and meter to outside - same location	Firm	Firm
30	3. <u>Meter Enlargement, Meter Sets, Resets, Reconnections of Gas Load</u>	*	*
	a) where installation results in increased gas load and gas usage	Firm	Firm
	b) where installation results in increased gas load but no increase in gas usage	No Charge	No Charge
	c) Reset residential gas meters if removed for District's convenience	No Charge	No Charge
	d) Reset commercial gas meter if removed for District's convenience	No Charge	No Charge
	e) Reconnect residential gas service cut off less than one year ago	No Charge	No Charge
31	f) Meter sets for old buildings converted to apartments, condominiums, offices and shops	No Charge	No Charge
	g) Reconnect due to condemnation - same owner.	\$ 743.00	\$ 758.00
	h) Installation of meter sets to divide building load among tenants when gas service has been previously inactive.	No Charge	No Charge
	i) Where meter installation is for dividing building load among tenants or for any other customer convenience	Firm	Firm
	j) Installation of additional gas meter in existing duplexes	Firm	Firm
	k) Consolidate load (eliminate meter)	Firm	Firm
	* Evaluate on individual basis based on projected load		
31	4. Priority Gas Service Cut-off - Expedited Service: 7 working days	500.00	500.00
31	5. <u>Sub-meters</u>		
	a) Residential multiple housing units (includes ERT meter)	T &M	T &M
	b) Other	T &M	T &M
31	6. Excess Flow Valve - Installation of Excess Flow Valve at customer's request	800.00	816.00
32	D. <u>Commercial-Firm New Service Installation with Main Abutting Property, Service Enlargement, Conversions and Relocations</u>		

Marketing/Engineering will evaluate on an individual basis based on project load.

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32	E. <u>Interruptible Service Installations, Enlargements or Relocations with Main Abutting Property</u>		
	1. New installations and enlargements		
	a. Underground service piping from main to the meter	*	*
	b. Metering equipment and installation	No Charge	No Charge
	c. Meter Reading equipment (i.e. Metretek) - customer to provide phone line and power	T &M	T &M
	2. Service Relocation	T &M	T &M
	3. Meter Relocation	T &M	T &M

* Evaluate on individual basis based on projected load.

METER PRICES - GAS

33	A. <u>Testing Gas Meters at Customer's Request</u>		
	Meter determined to be 2% fast or less	\$ 113.00	\$ 114.00
	Meter more than 2% fast	No Charge	No Charge
	Gas meter over 750 cubic feet per hour	T &M	T &M
33	B. <u>ERT Reading Devices</u>		
	Install ERT reading device on existing gas meter	103.00	105.00
	- scheduled or unscheduled meter change		
	D. Gas Meter Replacement	421.00	507.00
	Replacement of broken or damaged residential gas meter		

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha that the revision of billing prices for service work and materials as recommended by Management in a letter dated April 25, 2024, signed by Stephanie A. Lemonds, Manager, Financial Planning and Analysis, together with the attachments thereto, be and are hereby adopted, and all rates for service work and materials shall be effective June 1, 2024.

Adopted:

Billing Price Book Update

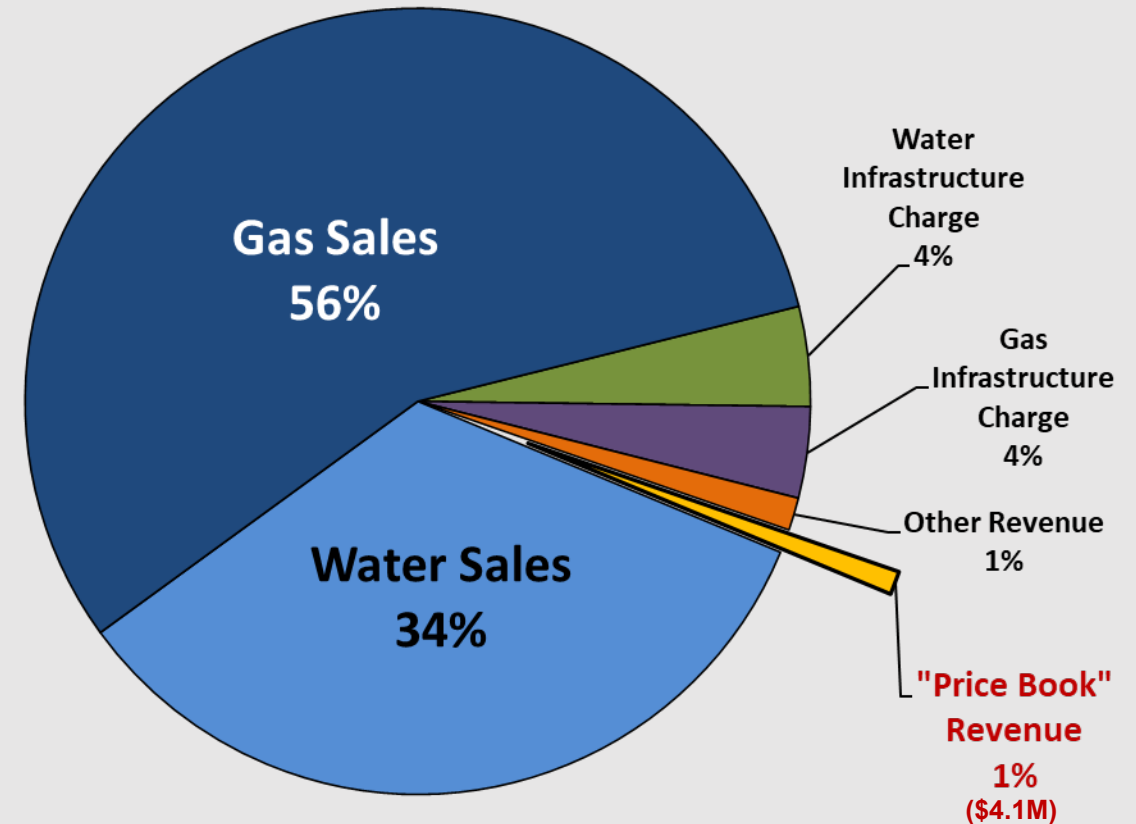
May 1, 2024

Background

- Establishes prices for services and materials provided to customers and contractors
- Typically updated annually with revised pricing effective on June 1st
- Generally structured to recover the District's costs with certain exceptions, such as:
 - **“Penalty” fees (i.e. Service Diversion charges)**
 - **Turn-on Charge for Collection Accounts**
- No new billing items proposed in 2024

Components of Revenue

- Total Gas and Water revenue in 2023 was \$419.7 million
- “Price Book” revenue was \$4.1 million or 1% of total revenue



Frequently Billed Services

Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Change	
			\$	%
1) Field Services Labor				
Rate for 30 minutes (including travel)	\$ 121.00	\$ 122.00	\$ 1.00	0.8%
Hourly rate after 1/2 hour	\$ 176.00	\$ 178.00	\$ 2.00	1.1%
2) Turn on Gas and/or Water Service				
a) Regular turn-on, M.U.D. reads meter	\$ 100.00	\$ 102.00	\$ 2.00	2.0%
b) Regular turn-on, PRIORITY SERVICE, M.U.D. reads meter	\$ 126.00	\$ 129.00	\$ 3.00	2.4%
c) Turn-on gas and/or water service after turn-off for nonpayment of bills or violation of District rules - next day	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	n/a
3) Water Meter Installation				
3/4" with ERT	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -	n/a
4) Water Main Tap and Inspection				
1" Corporation	\$ 439.00	\$ 439.00	\$ -	n/a

Prices increasing > \$200

Rising cost of materials and labor are driving price increases

Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Change	
			\$	%
1) Large Water Taps (By Size)				
4 x 4	\$ 4,022.00	\$ 4,266.00	\$ 244.00	6.07%
6 x 6	\$ 4,933.00	\$ 5,457.00	\$ 524.00	10.62%
8 x 6	\$ 3,275.00	\$ 3,622.00	\$ 347.00	10.60%
8 x 8	\$ 5,676.00	\$ 6,074.00	\$ 398.00	7.01%
10 x 6	\$ 3,111.00	\$ 3,401.00	\$ 290.00	9.32%
10 x 8	\$ 4,146.00	\$ 4,506.00	\$ 360.00	8.68%
12 x 4	\$ 2,971.00	\$ 3,176.00	\$ 205.00	6.90%
12 x 6	\$ 3,302.00	\$ 3,676.00	\$ 374.00	11.33%
12 x 8	\$ 4,029.00	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 346.00	8.59%
12 x 12	\$ 7,833.00	\$ 8,149.00	\$ 316.00	4.03%
16 x 6	\$ 3,565.00	\$ 3,938.00	\$ 373.00	10.46%
16 x 8	\$ 4,381.00	\$ 4,869.00	\$ 488.00	11.14%
16 x 12	\$ 5,586.00	\$ 6,255.00	\$ 669.00	11.98%

Prices increasing > 15%

Rising cost of materials is driving price increase

Service	Current Price	Proposed Price	Change	
			\$	%
1) Gas Meter Replacement Residential only	\$ 421.00	\$ 507.00	\$ 126.00	24.56%

<u>New Billing Items</u>	None
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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

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Inter-Department Communication

April 24, 2024

Subject: CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

To: Committee on Construction and Operations
cc: all Board Members, Ausdemore, Doyle, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Myers,
and all Vice Presidents

From: Kendall Minor, SVP & Chief Operations Officer

The following items will be on the May 1, 2024, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval.

BUILDINGS, PLANTS & EQUIPMENT

1. JOB #: WP2038 (100091000060 - \$450,000)

TOTAL COST: \$450,000

LOCATION: Platte West Water Production Facility

PURPOSE: Install perimeter fence on East property line

DESCRIPTION: Since Platte West completed construction and began operations in mid-2008, the surrounding properties have rapidly changed from agricultural to single-family/multi-family residential properties along with mixed-use commercial developments. It is considering this neighborhood growth that delineating and securing our East property line is paramount for public awareness and safety. This project will install an aesthetic anti-cut anti-climb public facing fence to secure Platte West's East property and mitigate the potential for encroachment or trespass.

Previously a C&A for the perimeter fence (East) tree removal and clearing phase of this project was approved by the Board of Directors at the February 2024 Board meeting. This was necessary to prepare East property line grounds for installation of fence and storm sewer appurtenances as requested by this authorization.

The overall project is anticipated to be completed in the 3rd quarter of 2024.

2. JOB #: (100071000730 - \$300,000)

TOTAL COST: \$300,000

LOCATION: Platte West Water Production Facility

PURPOSE: Well re-development

DESCRIPTION: As part of the Platte West WPF Well Maintenance Program, 6 production wells are selected each year to provide consistent pump maintenance and well rehabilitation work throughout the Douglas and Saunders County Wellfields.

This C&A covers work for the period of 2024 using an outside Contractor, Downey Drilling, Inc.

Downey Drilling, Inc. was selected thru bidding process and approved at the January 5, 2022, Board meeting to perform maintenance and rehabilitation services on 12 wells covering 2022 and 2023. They completed all work in accordance with specifications and all parties agreed to a one-year extension for 2024 with no escalation of costs on the base bid.

Work is anticipated to be completed in the Summer/Fall of 2024.

3. JOB #: (PSJ100020000005 - \$58,500)

TOTAL COST: \$58,500

LOCATION: LNG Plant and 117th Propane Plant

PURPOSE: Arc flash risk assessment & incident energy analysis study

DESCRIPTION: As part of the upgrade to the District's liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility, CHI Engineering is providing an updated arc flash risk assessment and incident energy analysis study. This study evaluates the potential for an arc flash event and calculates energy that may be released. The results of the study assist in identifying hazards and determining appropriate safety measures to protect employees.

The original scope of the study was only for evaluation of new electrical infrastructure installed as part of the vaporization and liquefaction work and did not include any legacy electrical components that will remain at the LNG facility or any equipment located at the 117th Propane Plant.

This request is for a change in scope to the original study. Upon completion of the upgrade to the LNG facility, CHI will submit an all-inclusive power model combining all new and legacy electrical infrastructure. This model will be used to perform a comprehensive, plant-wide analysis of power distribution, protective device coordination optimization and the arc flash study.

It is estimated to take 8-10 weeks for delivery of the completed study once authorization is approved.

4. JOB #: (100090001455 - \$100,000)

TOTAL COST: \$100,000

LOCATION: Various

PURPOSE: Purchase remote gas leak detection equipment

DESCRIPTION: This request will purchase 3 replacement GasTrac, LZ-50 laser leak detectors for the Field Service Department. These units provide field personnel the ability to conduct gas leak investigations in areas unreachable by the Sensit CGI gas leak machines. The LZ-50 can detect gas at a distance of 150 feet. The current units are Heath, RMLD laser gas leak detectors which have reached their end of lifecycle and are no longer repairable.

5. JOB #: (100091000064 - \$154,000)

TOTAL COST: \$154,000

LOCATION: Platte West Water Production Facility

PURPOSE: Regulatory Compliance Design Services (Painting, Thrust Restraint, and Sealant Improvements)

DESCRIPTION: This request is for design services to prepare necessary construction documents to address painting, thrust restraint, and sealant improvements needed within both the Plant facility along with Douglas and Saunders County wellfields.

6. JOB #: (100091000065 - \$160,000)

TOTAL COST: \$160,000

LOCATION: Platte West Water Production Facility

PURPOSE: Regulatory Compliance (Plant Process Effluent Dechlorination)

DESCRIPTION: This request is for consultant design services to prepare necessary design and construction documents for the implementation of a remotely monitored and controlled automated feed system to safely and effectively apply dechlorination products throughout plant facilities to control total residual chlorine (TRC) within permit limits.

7. JOB #: (100090001473 - \$80,000)

TOTAL COST: \$80,000

LOCATION: Construction Department

PURPOSE: Purchase a fusion machine for plastic gas and water pipe/mains.

DESCRIPTION: This request is to purchase a McElroy 412 fusion machine for the Construction Division. This machine will be capable of joining large diameter plastic water and gas pipe up to 12". This fusion machine will give the District the ability to fuse large plastic fittings below ground in the hole, which is needed for us to continue to increase the amount of HDPE plastic water pipe that we are installing. This machine will improve equipment availability throughout the division and provide an additional machine needed to accommodate the increase in amount of large diameter plastic pipe that is being installed.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

1. JOB #: **GP2870** (100062000694 – \$35,000), (100062000695 - \$20,000), (100052001866 - \$87,200) & (100066002423 - \$12,300)

TOTAL COST: \$154,500

LOCATION: 49th Street and Hartman Avenue

PURPOSE: Replace below ground regulator station with an above ground regulator station

DESCRIPTION: The existing below ground regulator station is experiencing significant corrosion and its vaults are in very poor condition. The above ground regulator station will be installed to the east of the existing location to reduce the traffic risk associated with the intersection.

This is one of Gas Distribution's prioritized regulator station replacements budgeted for 2024.

2. JOB #: **WP2096** (100051001082 & 100071000726 – \$357,500)

JOB #: **WP2097** (100051001083 & 100071000727 - \$242,320)

TOTAL COST: \$599,820

LOCATION: 120th Street from Hell Creek to West Center Road and 16th Street from Read Street to John J. Pershing Boulevard

PURPOSE: Conduct Condition Assessment of 1.46 miles of 12" water mains

DESCRIPTION: It is requested to utilize the See Snake electromagnetic in-line inspection technology offered by Pipeline Inspection and Condition Analysis Corporation (PICA) to evaluate the condition of a 12" cast iron water main along 120th Street and a 12" ductile iron water main along N. 16th Street (described above). The information gathered from the inspection will be used for targeted rehabilitation activities vs. entire pipeline replacement if determined to be a cost-effective strategy based on the results of the inspection. The goal

will be to use the information from the inspection to take actions to reduce the risks of water main breaks on these mains and confirm the integrity of the pipeline. These mains are in higher traffic corridors and economic activity where the consequences of water main breaks would be high.

PICA's See Snake employs high-resolution Remote Field Testing (RFT) technology, which is designed to find localized areas of pipe wall loss and measure the depth and length of local pipe wall loss indications. PICA offers high granularity (up to 1" detail) allowing us to make surgical repairs to the water mains.

The condition assessment is tentatively scheduled for May 2024 pending Board approval.

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

April 16, 2024

Subject: CHANGE ORDER 1 – OPERATIONS CENTER REMODEL; MCL CONSTRUCTION, INC.; 100084001324

To: Committee on Construction & Operations – Dave Friend, Chairperson; Bob Sidzyik and Tim Cavanaugh
Cc: All Board Members and Messrs. Doyle, Ausdemore, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers, Ms. Lobsiger, and all Vice Presidents

From: John Velehradsky, Director, Facilities Management

On July 18, 2023, the District entered into a contract with MCL Construction Co. to remodel the Operations Center. The original contract price was \$293,275.00. Change Order No. 1 represents an increase of \$49,585.40 to the contract for a total cost of \$342,860.40 and consists of seven items.

Item No. 1 represents an increase of \$24,658.97 for additional fire protection devices and modifications to the lunchroom doorway required by the City of Omaha building permit approval process. The City of Omaha does not typically provide a detailed review of design drawings during the design process, waiting until drawings are submitted with the contractor's building permit application at the beginning of the construction process. The designer is required to interpret building codes, which can be complicated when making modifications to existing buildings. During the permit review process, the City of Omaha required the addition of fire protection devices and enlargement of the lunchroom doorway to allow for occupants in the new Training Room to exit safely during emergencies. This is due to the increased occupancy of the new Training Room over its prior use as an Engineering office area.

Item No. 2 represents an increase of \$9,814.75 for ADA access improvements not included in the original project scope. These improvements are part of an overall expanded effort to improve ADA access to areas in the facility that will continue in 2024. The improvements included adding electrical power for an automated ADA door opener for the first level lobby exterior entrance and installing electrical wiring and hardware for the new Training Room entrances while the walls were under construction.

Item No. 3 represents an increase of \$1,995.99 to install a new exit sign in the second level main lobby and provide protection for exposed piping for two relocated exit signs. The City of Omaha required the new exit sign as part of their final inspection for the main lobby remodeling work due to the lobby being isolated from the corridors.

Item No. 4 represents an increase of \$4,096.17 for upgrades to the door window glass for the lobby entrances and sensitive areas within the facility. This upgrade was a change in the project scope desired for additional protection against potential threats.


Item No. 5 represents an increase of \$4,514.18 for additional work required in the new Training Room. This work included: repairing a damaged wall section that was concealed behind cubicles along the window wall; installing a ceiling outlet for the new

wall projector; upgrading the electrical floor boxes; and providing additional vinyl wall base that had to be replaced.


Item No. 6 represents an increase of \$2,805.34 to install a 3-way light switch system for the former Builders and Contractors office. This area was divided with a new wall to provide space for the main lobby security desk and a remaining large office space to meet potential future needs. An additional doorway was installed to provide two points of access to the office space, and the 3-way light switch system was required to operate the lights from both access points.


Item No. 7 represents an increase of \$1,700.00 to perform portions of the concrete floor grinding work in evening hours to minimize disruptions to building operations during normal working hours.


Overall, project construction and renovation costs were completed within the approved C&A amount of \$799,130.00. This work has already been completed to prevent delays. **Approval of the Final Payment is contingent on the approval of Change Order No. 1.**


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**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT
Omaha, Nebraska**

CONTRACT: OPERATIONS CENTER REMODEL (100084001324)

CONTRACTOR: Myers-Carlisle-Leapley Construction Co.
14558 Portal Circle
LaVista, NE 68138

DATE OF AWARD: July 18, 2023 **CHANGE ORDER NO.** 1


It is hereby agreed to modify the contract referred to above as follows:

	<u>Price Change</u>
ITEM 1 City of Omaha building permit modifications	\$24,658.97
ITEM 2 ADA access improvements	\$9,814.75
ITEM 3 Exit sign addition and modifications	\$1,995.99
ITEM 4 Security upgrades to door window glass	\$4,096.17
ITEM 5 Additional Training Room improvements	\$4,514.18
ITEM 6 Add 3-way electrical switch in partitioned room	\$2,805.34
ITEM 7 Additional costs for concrete floor grinding	\$1,700.00
TOTAL COST CHANGE ADD	+ \$49,585.40

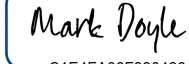
The changes included in this change order are to be accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original contract and specifications.

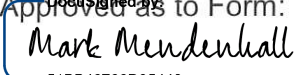
Original Contract Price	\$293,275.00
Change Order No. 1	+ \$49,585.40
Revised Contract Price	<u>\$ 342,860.40</u>

CONTRACTORS ACCEPTANCE

By 
Title Controller
Date 3-20-24

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

By 
Title President
Date 04/18/2024

Approved as to Form:

Sr. Vice President, General Counsel

To: Metropolitan Utilities District
Attention: MUD Facilities Management
7350 World Communications Dr.
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From: MCL Construction Co.
14558 Portal Circle
LaVista, NE 68138

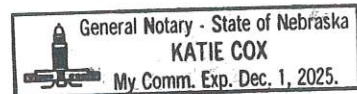
Contract: Operations Center Remodel; 100084001324

The undersigned, being duly sworn, says that all workers employed on the above named contract, all supplies and materials used therein, all charges for damage to utilities that may have been occurred in conjunction with the work, have been paid in full.

Joe Kulak Controller
(Name) (Title)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of March, 2024.

Katie Cox
NOTARY PUBLIC



METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT*Inter-Department Communication*

April 16, 2024

Subject: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT OF FINAL ESTIMATES**To:** Committee on Construction and Operations
cc: all Board Members, Doyle, Mendenhall, Myers, Ausdemore, Minor, Lobsiger, and all Vice Presidents**From:** Adam Gartner, Interim Director, Plant Engineering


The following items will be on the May 1, 2024, Committee Meeting for consideration and the Board Meeting Agenda for approval. Work has been satisfactorily completed on the following contracts and final payment is recommended:

Contract	Contract Approval Date	Amounts	
		Contract Bid	Actual
a. Neuvirth Construction, Inc., WP1701, 100051001063, 100065001690, Remove and Replace the Underground Cornhusker Booster Pump Station and Water Mains at Cornhusker Rd. and Fort Crook Road South	6/7/2023	\$492,186.66	\$499,834.14

Comments: There was an increase of \$7,647.48 for this project, due to one previously approved change order and a decrease in unit quantities required to complete the work. All work required by the contract has been completed by the Contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the Contract and Specifications.

Contract	Contract Approval Date	Amounts	
		Contract Bid	Actual
b. Meyers-Carlisle-Leapley (MCL) Const Co., 10008400132, Operations Center Remodel	7/18/2023	\$293,275.00	\$342,860.40

Comments: There was an increase of \$49,585.40 for this project due to Change Order No. 1. All work required by the contract has been completed by the Contractor and is acceptable and in compliance with the Contract and Specifications.

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT
Inter-Department Communication

April 17, 2024

Subject: BIDS ON MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL

To: Construction & Operations Committee
cc: All Board Members, Doyle, Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers and all Vice Presidents

From: Sherri A Lightfoot, Director, Procurement

The following items will be on the May 1, 2024 Committee Agenda for consideration and the May 1, 2024 Board Agenda for approval. The recommended bid is bolded and listed first. Nonlocal bidders have been indicated in italics.

WATER/GAS MAIN CONTRACTS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bids Sent / Rec'd</u>	<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Install Water Mains in Indian Creek Preserve Lots 1-16 SW of N 195 th Street and Fort Street 100055001459 WP2072 Engineering Estimate: \$223,740.00	22/7	<i>United Utilities Valley Corp.</i> Kersten Constr. <i>Pat Thomas Constr.</i> Becker Trenching Castle Contracting Cedar Constr.	<i>\$182,077.00</i> <i>185,457.02</i> 196,525.00 <i>202,710.00</i> 217,110.00 219,785.00 280,301.00

(A C&A in the amount of \$232,993.00 will be presented to the Board on May 1, 2024 for approval.)

Install Water Mains in Woodbrook West Lots 33-189 12" Pioneer Main, NW of N 180 th Street and Fort Street 100055001464 100057000543 WP2082 Engineering Estimate: \$924,100.00	22/5	<i>Valley Corp.</i> Kersten Constr. <i>Pat Thomas Constr.</i> Becker Trenching Cedar Constr.	<i>\$784,673.18</i> 798,522.50 801,520.00 905,270.00 1,002,505.00
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(A C&A in the amount of \$947,427.00 will be presented to the Board on May 1, 2024 for approval.)

Install Water Mains in Westbury Creek 3 Lots 1-33, E of S 216 th Street and K Street 100055001467 WP2089 Engineering Estimate: \$265,050.00	22/6	United Utilities <i>Valley Corp.</i> <i>Pat Thomas Constr.</i> Kersten Constr. Becker Trenching Cedar Constr.	\$187,111.00 187,260.76 215,080.00 217,864.50 220,000.00 280,691.00
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(A C&A in the amount of \$242,892.00 will be presented to the Board on May 1, 2024 for approval.)

RATIFICATION

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bids Sent / Rec'd</u>	<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Platte West Water Production Facility Data Center UPS Replacement 100091000055	4/2	Miller Electric Electrical Service Group	\$29,475.00 34,050.00
(C&A for 100091000055 approved April 14, 2024 in the amount of \$36,775.00.)			

5000' of 6" High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Gas Pipe 100060001500 GP 2856	3/2	PolyPipe <i>Performance Pipe</i>	\$38,977.80 44,261.36
(A C&A in the amount of \$249,393.00 will be presented to the Board on May 1, 2024 for approval.)			

OTHER

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bids Sent / Rec'd</u>	<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Platte West Water Production Facility Perimeter Fence (East) 100091000060 WP2038	7/5	Empire Netting & Fence Acreage Fences American Fence Co. <i>K&K Fence</i> <i>Mauer Co.</i>	\$314,465.75 322,604.64 329,805.30 424,608.83 434,707.00

(A C&A in the amount of \$450,000.00 will be presented to the Board on May 1, 2024 for approval.)

Lead Service Line Replacement 100097000018 WP2081 Engineering Estimate: \$300,000.00	9/7	Plumbrite Backlund Plumbing <i>A. Raymond Plumbing</i> Southside Plumbing <i>Valley Corp</i> <i>Vaskerna Plumbing & Excav.</i> Harrison Plumbing	\$250,637.00 373,877.00 385,246.00 395,396.00 424,265.77 487,655.20 553,991.98
(An Annual C&A for Water Services approved January 3, 2024 in the amount of \$13,017,490.00)			
Platte West Water Production Facility Six (6) Well Re-Development 2024 100071000730 *Extension 1 (A C&A in the amount of \$300,000.00 will be presented to the Board on May 1, 2024 for approval.)	1/1	Downey Drilling	\$155,700.00*
One (1) McElroy 412 Fusion Machine for Construction 100090001473 (A C&A in the amount of \$80,000.00 will be presented to the Board on May 1, 2024 for approval.)	2/2	ISCO <i>Groebner</i>	\$59,522.84 59,522.84
Three (3) 30,000 LB Dual Wheel Tandem Axle Trailer 100087000687 (C&A for Annual Construction Machines, Equipment, Vehicles and Upfitting approved January 3, 2024 in the amount of \$18,794,100.00.)	5/3	Midwest Underground <i>Northern Truck Equip.</i> <i>Holden Industries</i>	\$119,940.00 122,256.00 171,471.00
Three (3) 80,000 LB Flatbed Tandem Axle Trailer 100087000688 (C&A for Annual Construction Machines, Equipment, Vehicles and Upfitting approved January 3, 2024 in the amount of \$18,794,100.00.)	6/2	Truck Center Co. <i>Holden Industries</i>	\$135,585.00 158,679.00
One (1) Heavy Duty One Ton Regular Cab and Chassis 100088000812 (C&A for Annual Construction Machines, Equipment, Vehicles and Upfitting approved January 3, 2024 in the amount of \$18,794,100.00.)	6/1	Husker Auto Group	\$48,990.00
Five (5) Medium Duty ¾ Ton 4x4 Regular Cab Pickups 100088000835 (C&A for Annual Construction Machines, Equipment, Vehicles and Upfitting approved January 3, 2024 in the amount of \$18,794,100.00.)	6/3	Gene Steffy Auto <i>Stivers Ford</i> <i>Husker Auto Group</i>	\$226,630.00 241,345.00 249,995.00

Twenty (25) Heavy Duty Commercial Shelving Unit Upfits 100088000822	6/2	Trucks Plus <i>Protech</i>	\$317,680.00 331,382.00
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(C&A for Annual Construction Machines, Equipment, Vehicles and Upfitting approved January 3, 2024 in the amount of \$18,794,100.00.)

ANNUALS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bids Sent / Rec'd</u>	<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Cast Iron and Malleable Iron Pipe, Fittings, Pipe Nipples, Weld Fittings and Flanges (June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025)	7/2	Central States <i>Irby Utilities</i>	\$252,463.95 501,835.26

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

April 24, 2024

Subject: MAIN EXTENSIONS

To: Services and Extensions Committee
cc: All Board Members, Ausdemore, Doyle, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, Myers, and all Vice Presidents

From: Masa Niiya, Vice President, Engineering

The following main extensions will be on the May 1, 2024, Committee Agenda for consideration and the Board Agenda for approval:

1. JOB #: WP2072 (100055001459 - \$232,993)

PROJECT COST: \$232,993

DISTRICT COST: \$0

LOCATION: North 195th Street and Fort Street

DISTRICT SUBDIVISION: Begley

PURPOSE: Install water mains in Indian Creek Preserve Subdivision

DESCRIPTION: Work to be done will provide domestic water service and fire protection to 16 single family residential lots and 3 outlots in Indian Creek Preserve Subdivision.

2. JOB #: WP2082 (100055001464 - \$690,426) & (100057000543 - \$257,001)

PROJECT COST: \$947,427

DISTRICT COST: \$0

LOCATION: North 183rd Street and Kansas Avenue

DISTRICT SUBDIVISION: Begley

PURPOSE: Install water mains in Woodbrook West Subdivision

DESCRIPTION: Work to be done will provide domestic water service and fire protection to 157 single family residential lots and 3 outlots in Woodbrook West Subdivision.

3. JOB #: WP2089 (100055001467 - \$242,892)

PROJECT COST: \$242,892

DISTRICT COST: \$0

LOCATION: South 216th Street and "K" Street

DISTRICT SUBDIVISION: Cavanaugh

PURPOSE: Install water mains in Westbury Creek 3 Subdivision

DESCRIPTION: Work to be done will provide domestic water service and fire protection to 33 single family residential lots and 1 outlot in Westbury Creek 3 Subdivision.

4. JOB #: GP2848 (100060001494 - \$204,666)

PROJECT COST: \$204,666

DISTRICT COST: \$0

LOCATION: South 216th Street and Harrison Street

DISTRICT SUBDIVISION: Cavanaugh

PURPOSE: Install gas mains in Coventry Wood Subdivision

DESCRIPTION: Work to be done will provide gas service to 174 single family residential lots in Coventry Wood Subdivision.

5. JOB #: GP2849 (100060001495 - \$120,833) & (100052001861 - \$79,536)

PROJECT COST: \$200,369

DISTRICT COST: \$103,376

LOCATION: North 168th Street and Rainwood Road

DISTRICT SUBDIVISION: Friend

PURPOSE: Install gas mains in Hagen Hills Subdivision

DESCRIPTION: Work to be done will provide gas service to 46 single family residential lots in Hagen Hills Subdivision.

6. JOB #: GP2856 (100060001500 - \$249,393) & (100052001867 - \$2,000)

PROJECT COST: \$251,393

DISTRICT COST: \$2,000

LOCATION: South 68th Street and Mercy Road to South 67th Street and Spring Street to serve 6506 Grover Street

DISTRICT SUBDIVISION: McGowan

PURPOSE: Renovation of Omni Asphalt Plant

DESCRIPTION: Work to be done will provide updated gas service to Omni Asphalt Plant.

7. JOB #: GP2864 (100060001504 - \$205,005)

PROJECT COST: \$205,005

DISTRICT COST: \$0

LOCATION: North 114th Street and State Street

DISTRICT SUBDIVISION: Friend

PURPOSE: Install gas mains in Deer Crest North Subdivision

DESCRIPTION: Work to be done will provide gas service to 146 single family residential lots in Deer Crest North Subdivision.

8. JOB #: GP2783 (100060001475 - \$287,062)

PROJECT COST: \$287,062

DISTRICT COST: \$62,636

LOCATION: North 156th Street and Kempten Creek Drive

DISTRICT SUBDIVISION: Friend

PURPOSE: Install gas mains in Morgan Ridge Subdivision

DESCRIPTION: Work to be done will provide gas service to 4 commercial lots and 234 single family residential lots in Morgan Ridge Subdivision.

9. JOB #: GP2855 (100060001499 - \$205,729)

PROJECT COST: \$205,729

DISTRICT COST: \$25,072

LOCATION: North 171th Street and Military Road

DISTRICT SUBDIVISION: Friend

PURPOSE: Install gas mains in Stratford West Subdivision

DESCRIPTION: Work to be done will provide gas service to 235 single family residential lots, 1 park lot, and 11 outlots in Stratford West Subdivision.

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT
Inter-Department Communication

April 22, 2024

Subject: Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications, May 2024 Board Meeting

To: Personnel Committee members Begley, Friend, and Sidzyik

cc: Board Members Cavanaugh, Cook, Howard, and McGowan

President Doyle, and Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Mendenhall, Minor, and Myers

From: Bonnie Savine, Vice President, Human Resources

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve the wage or salary increases outlined below. All positions involve District employees earning more than \$10,000 per year and therefore require your approval.

1. Operating and Clerical (OAC) Wage Increases Due To Promotion

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve wage increases for the following Employees within the OAC classification. These wage increases are based on a job selection process, are in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and are made following the posting and application process for a job opening in the District. The effective date for these increases will be the beginning of the next OAC pay period following Board approval.

Employee: Kasey Corum
Current position (department): General Maintenance Mechanic (Water Distribution)
New position (department): Valve Maintenance Mechanic (Water Distribution)
Current rate; step/grade: \$40.39; Step 4
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$42.26; Step 4
Percent of increase: 4.63%
District hire date: August 28, 2017

Employee: Andrew Elvig Cossette
Current position (department): General Maintenance Mechanic (Water Distribution)
New position (department): Valve Maintenance Mechanic (Water Distribution)
Current rate; step/grade: \$40.39; Step 4
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$42.26; Step 4
Percent of increase: 4.63%
District hire date: January 12, 2015

Employee: Jayden Fletcher
Current position (department): Pipe Layer Trainee (Construction)
New position (department): Machine Operator I (Construction)
Current rate; step/grade: \$28.60; Step 2
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$32.26; EN
Percent of increase: 12.80%
District hire date: November 7, 2022

Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications

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Employee: **Jacob Granay**
Current position (department): Pipe Layer Trainee (Construction)
New position (department): Machine Operator I (Construction)
Current rate; step/grade: \$30.19; Step 3
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$32.26; EN
Percent of increase: 6.86%
District hire date: May 31, 2022

Employee: **John Hubbard**
Current position (department): Pipe Layer (Construction)
New position (department): Machine Operator I (Construction)
Current rate; step/grade: \$34.15; Step 2
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$36.29; Step 2
Percent of increase: 6.27%
District hire date: September 13, 2021

Employee: **Cole Kizer**
Current position (department): Pipe Layer Trainee (Construction)
New position (department): Machine Operator I (Construction)
Current rate; step/grade: \$30.19; Step 3
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$32.26; EN
Percent of increase: 6.86%
District hire date: October 10, 2022

Employee: **Jesse Longcrier**
Current position (department): Pipe Layer (Construction)
New position (department): Gas Plant Operator (Gas Production)
Current rate; step/grade: \$34.15; Step 2
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$37.21; Step 1
Percent of increase: 8.96%
District hire date: November 15, 2021

Employee: **Neil Pane**
Current position (department): Pipe Layer Trainee (Construction)
New position (department): Machine Operator I (Construction)
Current rate; step/grade: \$28.60; Step 2
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$32.26; EN
Percent of increase: 12.80%
District hire date: November 7, 2022

Employee: **Bradley Replogle**
Current position (department): Pipe Layer Trainee (Construction)
New position (department): Pipe Layer Welder (Construction)
Current rate; step/grade: \$30.19; Step 3
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$32.26; EN
Percent of increase: 6.86%
District hire date: May 16, 2022

Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications

May 2024

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Employee: Zachary Rose
Current position (department): Mechanic I (Transportation)
New position (department): Gas Plant Operator (Gas Production)
Current rate; step/grade: \$33.18; Step 2
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$35.02; EN
Percent of increase: 5.55%
District hire date: January 9, 2023

2. Operating and Clerical (OAC) Wage Increases Due To Job Transfer

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve wage increases for the following Employees within the OAC classification. A transferring employee who is at less than Standard Wage will be moved to an equal rate in the new job classification or, if there is not an identical wage rate, to the nearest higher wage rate in the new job classification. These wage increases are based on a formal selection process, are in compliance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and are made following the posting and application process for a job opening in the District. The effective date for these increases will be the beginning of the next OAC pay period following Board approval.

There are no recommendations for approval this month

3. Operating and Clerical (OAC) Wage Increases Due To Job Progression

The Human Resources Department is recommending the Board of Directors approve the following wage increases for the OAC employees who have successfully completed required training and who have been recommended by their supervisor for promotion as they progress within their job family. All increases are based on the bargaining unit wage structure. The effective date for these increases will be the beginning of the next OAC pay period following board approval.

There are no recommendations for approval this month

4. Supervisory, Professional and Administrative (SPA) Salary Increases Due To Job Promotion

The following SPA employees are selected for promotion. It is recommended the President be authorized to increase the salary of these employees. These SPA positions have been evaluated, graded, appropriate job descriptions completed, and posting guidelines fulfilled. The effective date for these salaries will be the beginning of the next SPA pay period following board approval.

Employee: Cleve Albaugh
Current position (department): Water Plant Engineer (Platte West)
New position (department): System Controller (Systems Control)
Current rate; step/grade: \$42.18; Step 2
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$92,121; SPA – 03
Percent of increase: 5.00%
District hire date: October 11, 2021

Wage and/or Salary Increases and Ratifications

May 2024

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Employee: **Emily Hovda Walton**
Current position (department): Design Engineer (Engineering Design)
New position (department): Senior Design Engineer (Engineering Design)
Current rate; step/grade: \$102,157; SPA – 05
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$111,465; SPA – 07
Percent of increase: 9.11%
District hire date: March 21, 2022

Employee: **Justin Kiichler**
Current position (department): Sr. Geographic Information System Technician (Infrastructure Integrity)
New position (department): Supervisor, Geographic Information Systems (Infrastructure Integrity)
Current rate; step/grade: \$43.88; Step 4
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$95,835; SPA – 04
Percent of increase: 5.00%
District hire date: September 28, 2015

Employee: **Brent Paine**
Current position (department): Water Analyst I (Water Quality)
New position (department): Water Analyst II (Water Quality)
Current rate; step/grade: \$87,715; SPA – 01
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$92,101; SPA – 02
Percent of increase: 5.00%
District hire date: August 26, 2019

Employee: **Matthew Pelton**
Current position (department): Design Engineer (Plant Engineering)
New position (department): Senior Plant Engineer (Plant Engineering)
Current rate; step/grade: \$121,889; SPA – 05 (TX)
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$127,983; SPA – 07
Percent of increase: 5.00%
District hire date: January 27, 2020

Employee: **Jarod Ponticello**
Current position (department): Engineer II (Engineering Design)
New position (department): Senior Design Engineer (Engineering Design)
Current rate; step/grade: \$107,903; SPA – 04
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$126,806; SPA – 07
Percent of increase: 17.52%
District hire date: April 3, 2017

Employee: **Joseph Thiessen**
Current position (department): Field Engineer I (Construction)
New position (department): Field Engineer II (Construction)
Current rate; step/grade: \$87,715; SPA – 01
Proposed rate; step/grade: \$92,101; SPA – 02
Percent of increase: 5.00%
District hire date: May 17, 2004

5. Supervisory, Professional and Administrative (SPA) New Hire Ratification

Board of Director Ratification of salaries, for new SPA employees hired from outside the District, is required to confirm the salary within the grade established for the position. Authorization to ratify the annual salary of SPA employees hired from outside the District will be requested each month, if appropriate.

There are no recommendations for approval this month

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METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

April 24, 2024

Subject: FINAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT – 2024 SESSION

To: Judicial and Legislative Committee

cc: All Board Members; Doyle, Mendenhall, Ausdemore, Minor, Myers, Lobsiger; all Vice Presidents; Edwards

From: Rick Kubat, Government Relations Attorney

The Legislature adjourned on April 18, 2024, concluding the 60-day short session. Governor Pillen in his closing remarks to the state legislature indicated his intention to call a special session to address property taxes before the end of the year. In addition to the list of bills provided below, there are numerous other legislative proposals that will continue to be monitored on behalf of the District.

NEWLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION IN THE 2024 SESSION

LB 1018 (Holdcroft) – State agencies or political subdivisions may not require applicants for public employment to possess a postsecondary degree, provided the applicant has qualifying career and life skills. Exceptions are provided for positions where a postsecondary degree is mandated by federal or state law. LB 1018 had a pending amendment making the bill only applicable to state agencies, thus excluding the District.

Board Pos: Neutral
Status: Indefinitely Postponed

LB 1069 (Halloran) – Introduced on behalf of the State Fire Marshall’s Office (SFM) and makes numerous changes to SFM statutes. Aspects of the bill that impact the District are as follows:

1. Raised the potential fines for violations of the Nebraska Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act from \$10k per violation to \$200k and raised the potential of penalties for a series of violations arising out of the same event from \$500k to \$2 million.
2. Raised the SFM’s current statutory authority on meter set assessments paid by natural gas providers from 20 cents to 50 cents. The District has roughly 240,000 meter sets. The District pays roughly \$50,000 per year under current law at 20 cents. Under LB 1069, if the meter set assessment fee is set at the newly created statutory lid of 50 cents, it will be a \$75,000 increase to the District for a total of roughly \$125,000.

The District, Black Hills Energy, Northwestern Energy, and the Nebraska League of Municipalities worked with the State Fire Marshall to reach a compromise on the bill. The enhanced potential fines and the increase in the meter set assessment remain. However, LB 1069 was altered to afford natural gas providers with additional due process rights for alleged violations to the Nebraska Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act via access to the Administrative Procedures Act.

Board Pos: Neutral
Status: Signed into law by the Governor

LB 1186 (Sanders) – Removes strict liability for excavators when telecommunications or fiber are not buried at a depth of ten inches or more.

Board Pos: Neutral
Status: Indefinitely Postponed

LB 1234 (Wayne) – Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the general fund to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy for the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program for weatherization improvements and energy efficiency audits.

Board Pos: Support
Status: Indefinitely Postponed

LB 1245 (McDonnell) – In the 2023 session, the legislature appropriated \$10 million for the District to replace lead service lines via the Lead Service Line Cash Fund (LSLCF) to be administered by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE). LB 1245 clarified that up to \$2 million of the LSLCF may be used for expenditures necessary to establish a labor training program via grants to qualified labor training organizations. The bill further clarified that the District has the authority to utilize the LSLCF to pay loan provisions of NDEE's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. LB 1245 also provided the District with additional discretion for expenditures related to replacing lead service lines from the LSLCF.

Board Pos: Support
Status: Amended into LB 1413, a biennium budget bill and signed into law by the Governor

LB 1277 (Wayne) – Provides political subdivisions that supply electricity, natural gas, water, or sewer service with permissive authority to request an emergency proclamation from the Governor when the political subdivision operates in multiple counties. LB 1277 was introduced to address the requirement of requesting multiple counties to sign-off on an emergency declaration when utilities are operating in more than one county. The

utilities listed will have the authority under the bill to make a direct request to the Governor for such a declaration.

Board Pos: Support
Status: Indefinitely Postponed

LB 1300 (Bostar) – Enacts the Pacific Conflict Stress Test Act. The purpose of this Act is to make reasonable preparations for conflict in the Pacific theater that would disrupt the state and the nation’s supply chains. The Act requires the Governor to annually publish a state risk assessment that includes “all substantial risks to state or national security...occurring within and threatening the State of Nebraska.” It requires the Department of Administrative Services to conduct an audit of all state critical procurements and to identify all procurements and supply chains subject to disruption in the event of a conflict. The bill requires the State Treasurer to review and identify all state investments at risk in the event of a Pacific conflict and recommend alternative strategies and investments. The bill creates a Committee on Pacific Conflict to prepare a “comprehensive risk assessment” focused on critical infrastructure. For purposes of completing the assessment, owners and operators of critical infrastructure may be required to submit information related to procurement of technology related supplies. LB 1300 also created the Foreign Adversary Contracting Prohibition Act. Under the Act, public entities must require bidders to certify they are not a scrutinized company, nor will they subcontract with scrutinized companies. The bill was significantly altered to assure sensitive safety and security information is not subject to public disclosure nor subject to Open Meeting requirements.

Board Pos: Neutral
Status: Signed into law by the Governor

LB 1315 (Linehan) – Raises the state sales tax rate from 5.5% to 6.5%.

Board Pos: Oppose
Status: Indefinitely Postponed

LB 1342 (Wayne) – Provides a state sales tax exemption for residential electricity and natural gas.

Board Pos: Support
Status: Indefinitely Postponed

LB 1358 (McDonnell) – The bill provides permissive authority for the District’s Board of Directors, Mayors, and City Councils of specific classes of cities, and County Boards to adjust board member and mayoral compensation using a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) from their previously established compensation adjustment plus one percent. Any proposed compensation adjustment greater than COLA plus one percent would need to be placed on the ballot for a vote of the people. The bill also provides that the District’s Board, specified cities and counties shall not increase such compensation more than once every two fiscal years. LB 1358 further provides permissive authority for the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) and the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) to adjust

Board compensation at an amount not to exceed \$26,880 for Directors and \$30,240 for Board chairs. Future compensation adjustments beyond the permissible statutory thresholds for OPPD, NPPD and Rural Electric entities could only be adjusted via proposed future legislation.

Board Pos: Support
Status: Amended into LB 1300 and signed into law by the Governor

LB 1366 (Cavanaugh J.) – The bill proposed that a political subdivision of this state shall not take property through the use of eminent domain under sections outside of the boundaries of such political subdivision unless a majority vote of the governing body of the county, city, or village where the property is located approves such taking. The bill also proposed that a private entity shall not take property through the use of eminent domain for use of pipelines unless all pipeline routes are approved by the Public Service Commission; or unless a majority vote of the governing body of the county, city, or village where the property is located.

Board Pos: Oppose
Status: Indefinitely Postponed

LB 636 (Albrecht) – Prohibits municipal ordinances from limiting fuel choices. LB 636 would prohibit regulations or ordinances limiting fuel choices to include propane and natural gas.

Board Pos: Support
Status: Amended into LB 867 and signed into law by the Governor



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Approved:



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Mark E. Doyle
President

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

Inter-Department Communication

April 25, 2024

Subject: SETTLEMENT OF NEBRASKA MEDICINE AND FARMERS MUTUAL CLAIM RE WATER MAIN BREAK AUGUST 2023

TO: Judicial & Legislative Committee

cc: All Board Members; President Doyle, Senior Vice Presidents Ausdemore, Lobsiger, Minor and Myers and all Vice Presidents

From: Mark Mendenhall Senior Vice President, General Counsel

On August 7, 2023, a water main break occurred near 4239 Farnam Street. Water from that break inundated a basement and subbasement of the Clarkson Doctors Building South, owned and operated by the Nebraska Medical Center. That water caused significant damage to electrical and mechanical equipment within the building.

District staff responded to the scene and met with Nebraska Medical Center facilities representatives. Nebraska Medical Center representatives determined it best to refer repairs to its insurance carrier, Farmers Mutual (FM). FM and Nebraska Medicine then retained a general contractor and multiple subcontractors to complete repairs.

Repairs began immediately and took over 4 months. Nebraska Medical Center and FM submitted final invoices earlier this year. After negotiations into terms of the final release, I am recommending payment of \$647,654.70. The settlement amount includes Nebraska Medical Center's property insurance deductible and costs incurred by FM. The settlement amount is comprised primarily of mechanical and electrical costs to repair and restore the facility. This payment will resolve this claim in full.



Mark Mendenhall
Senior Vice President / General Counsel

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Mark Doyle
President