

Western Townships Utilities Authority
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 27, 2026
WTUA MIDDLE ROUGE CONFERENCE ROOM
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187

The regular meeting of the Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 27, 2026 in the WTUA Middle Rouge Conference Room, 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chairperson, Anne Marie Graham-Hudak.

Present:

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Mark Abbo
Charles Curmi

Absent:

Also present were:

Aaron Sprague
Suzanne Balan
Alex Steffensky
Mark Houle

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The first order of business was the acceptance of the agenda: Following discussion and upon hearing no objections; it was

R-26-04-24 Resolved to accept the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was the minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 2025. Following discussion and upon motion by Curmi and supported by Abbo; it was

R-26-04-25 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 2025

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Approval of WTUA Bills. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo, supported by Curmi; it was

R-26-04-26 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for April 2026 of \$1,864,103.18 and pre-approved payroll for May 2026 of \$54,078.53.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of March 2026. Following discussion and upon motion by Curmi, supported by Abbo, it was

R-26-04-27 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of March 2026.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi
Nays: None
Absent: None

The next order of business was the Directors Report for the month of April 2026: Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo, supported by Curmi; it was

R-26-04-28 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of April 2026.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi
Nays: None
Absent: None

The next order of business was Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Audit Engagement Letter. WTUA is preparing for the annual audit for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. The audit will be conducted in December. Attached is the audit engagement letter from Plante & Moran, who have audited the Authority's financial statements since incorporation. The charge for the audit last fiscal year was \$23,850.00. This year Plante & Moran is asking for a fee in the amount of \$24,925.00. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Curmi, it was

R-26-04-29 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations that;

WHEREAS, Public Act II of 1968 requires an annual audit of the Authority's financial statements; and

WHEREAS, Plante & Moran has offered to provide such a service under generally accepted standards; and

WHEREAS, Plante & Moran has agreed to perform such work and send directly to the State of Michigan an electronic copy of the financial report along with Plante & Moran's official letter of comments, recommendations and their auditing procedures; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Plante & Moran is authorized to perform such work as outlined in their letter of April 3, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$24,925.00; and

FURTHER, that the Director of Operations sign the engagement letter on behalf of the Authority.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi
Nays: None
Absent: None

The next order of business was LRSPS Pump 3 Motor Rebuild. The motor for Pump 3 in the Lower Rouge South Pump Station has gone bad, and is in need of repair or replacement. We have requested pricing for either option from Core Electric, who has done good work for us in the past. The cost for a repair/rewind of the motor is \$27,965 (including \$4,800 for removal and reinstallation). The price for a new motor is \$41,318 (not including removal of the old motor and installation of a new motor). The lead time for repair is approximately three (3) weeks, and the lead time for a new motor is (at least) 91 days. Either option includes a one (1) year warranty. Given the criticality of this pump, we have determined that repair/rewind is the better option. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Curmi, it was

R-26-04-30 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to award the rebuild/rewind of LRSPS Pump #3 to Core Electric (Melvindale) for a cost not-to-exceed \$27,965.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Middle Rouge Control Valve Repair. The Middle Rouge Lift Station utilizes three (3) large, automated control valves to control the flow exiting the facilities and going down to the Lower Rouge Pump Station. One of these valves (30" diameter) has seized and is in need of repair or replacement. We reached out to the valve's local rep, as well as a few mechanical contractors for pricing to repair or replace the valve. De-Cal provided the best pricing for repair, for between \$30,233 and \$33,433 (depending on whether weekend work is required). Replacement costs ranged from \$84,300 to \$88,500. Lead time for repair is 4-6 weeks, whereas lead time for replacement is 30 weeks. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Curmi, it was

R-26-04-31 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to award the 30" Plug Valve to De-Cal, inc. (Warren) for a cost not-to-exceed \$33,433.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Lower Rouge SPS Screenings Dumpster Purchase. The Lower Rouge South Pump Station is equipped with bar screens for removal of larger objects from the wastewater in order to protect the pumps. These bar screens are cleaned by continuously running rakes, which discharge the screenings to a compactor. The compacted screenings are then deposited in an on-site 20 yard dumpster, which we have been renting from Waste Management. The dumpster typically is emptied approximately two to three (2-3) times per year, and we have only paid Waste Management when the dumpster is emptied. Recently, Waste Management has begun charging an "Non-activity Fee" every two (2) weeks. This fee has significantly increased the cost of the dumpster. As such, Alex has looked into the costs/benefits of purchasing our own dumpster. A new dumpster will cost \$5,400 (plus delivery), and Waste Management has indicated that the fees to empty a customer owned dumpster is the same as those for a rented dumpster. As such, purchasing a dumpster would save the non-activity fee of approximately

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\$250 every two (2) weeks, or a payback of approximately one (1) year. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Curmi, it was

R-26-04-32 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to purchase a new 20-yard dumpster from Universal Handling Equipment Company (Owosso) for a cost not-to-exceed \$6,500.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was public comments: There were none.

The next order of business was Commissioners' Comments: There were none.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Marie Graham-Hudak,
Chairperson