

Western Townships Utilities Authority
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 23, 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, March 23, 2026 in the WTUA Middle Rouge Conference Room, 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan 48187. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 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-26-03-18 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 February 23, 2025. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo and supported by Curmi; it was

R-26-03-19 Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 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 Curmi, supported by Abbo; it was

R-26-03-20 Resolved to approve the schedule of disbursements for March 2026 of \$999,436.60 and pre-approved payroll for April 2026 of \$36,053.86.

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

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

R-26-03-21 Resolved to receive and file the Operations and Maintenance Report for the month of January 2026.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

R-26-03-22 Resolved to receive and file the Directors Report for the month of February 2026.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was LRNPS Pumps 9 and 10 Replacement. Pumps 9, 10, and 11 in the Lower Rouge North Pump Station (LRNPS) were installed during the Lower Rouge Expansion project and were a primary source of the litigation over that project. The pumps showed excessive vibration from the start; while we were ultimately able to reduce and mitigate the vibration levels of the pumps, it has long been expected that these pumps would need to be replaced sooner rather than later. Pump 11 was replaced last year, and the new Cornell pump has been operating exceptionally well. As such, the Board approved purchase of two (2) additional Cornell pumps from Detroit Pump in January, and WTUA has requested pricing from mechanical contractors for installation (including partial removal of the existing pump pad and installation of a new, larger pump pad) of the new pumps (installation to be performed sequentially rather than in parallel). Weiss Construction installed Pump 11 but has since gone out of business. WTUA received proposals from two (2) contractors: Walsh Construction (Detroit) and Midwest Power Systems (Pontiac). Walsh constructed the Master Plan Improvements Project and did an exceptional job. Midwest Power has done (and continues to do) quite a bit of work (much of it similar) for YCUA. Midwest Power's proposal for replacement of the two (2) pumps is \$151,923 (in January, I estimated that it would cost about \$300,000), nearly half of the proposal by Walsh. YCUA has provided a glowing reference check for Midwest; additionally, Velocity Pumps (currently repairing one of the Middle Rouge Pumps) has provided a very good reference. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Curmi, it was

R-26-03-23 Resolved to concur with the Director of Operations to award installation of the new Cornell Model 14NHG28-F2024 Horizontal Dry-Pit centrifugal pumps to Midwest Power Systems (Pontic, MI) for a cost not-to-exceed \$151,923; and further that the Director of Operations draft and execute an agreement for the work.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Middle Rouge Drive Approach Replacement. As we have discussed in the past, the west entrance to the Middle Rouge Parking lot is in bad shape, and in need of replacement. When WTUA replaced the parking lot several years ago, the project was able to be completed without going through Wayne County permitting or approval process by excluding work within the Right-of-Way. Canton Township has provided a cost estimate to replace the approach in its entirety as part of its annual sidewalk replacement program. The estimated cost is \$11,304.96. In addition, Canton Township will be installing a sidewalk across the entire Joy Road frontage of the property, at no cost to WTUA. Following discussion and upon motion by Curmi supported by Abbo, it was

R-26-03-24 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to approve utilization of the Canton Township Sidewalk Repair Program to replace the west approach to the Middle Rouge Parking Lot for a cost of \$11,304.96.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

The next order of business was Middle Rouge Sensaphone Replacement. WTUA utilizes a SCADA system for operational control and monitoring of the facilities. This SCADA program includes an alarm dialer to notify staff of any alarm conditions in need of being addressed while the stations are unstaffed. This allows for our facilities to be unstaffed other than during normal business hours on most days, saving the cost of around-the-clock staffing. Each system also utilizes a Sensaphone dialer as a secondary alarm dialer, with limited alarms monitored, to provide redundancy for the more critical alarm conditions. The secondary alarm dialer at Middle Rouge has failed and needs to be replaced (it is at least 20 years old). PCI (Detroit) is WTUA's contracted instrumentation and controls service provider and has provided a proposal to replace the Sensaphone with a newer model that utilizes cellular communication, rather than utilizing the facilities phones lines. Use of cellular will provide more of a true redundancy, as the current system utilizes the same phone line to call out as the SCADA dialer. PCI's proposal is \$8,614.00 for removal of the old Sensaphone; purchase and installation of the new Sensaphone dialer; configuration, programming, testing and training on the new unit, and the first year of cell phone service for the device. Following discussion and upon motion by Abbo supported by Curmi, it was

R-26-03-25 Resolved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Operations to award replacement of the Middle Rouge Sensaphone Alarm Dialer for a cost not to exceed \$8,614.00.

Ayes: Graham-Hudak, Abbo, Curmi

Nays: None

Absent: None

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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 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Marie Graham-Hudak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak,
Chairperson