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Meeting Minutes - Final

Waterworks Commission

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

6:00 PM

Annex, Room 130

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Commission President Jorgensen.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 6 - John Tate II, Natalia Taft, Cory Mason, Jens Jorgensen, Jim Sullivan and Nick Barootian

EXCUSED: 2 - Marlo Harmon and Rosalind Thomas

[0301-26](#)

Subject: Approval of Minutes for the March 18, 2026, Waterworks Commission Meeting

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Tate II, seconded by Taft, that this item be Approved.

[0276-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of the Community Infrastructure Partners (CIP/Equiflow) Annual Plan

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: The total cost of the work plan is \$46,306,387.00 and will be covered through \$40 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Loan - Lead Service Line Replacement and \$10 million from the Water Main Replacement Loan.

Community Infrastructure Partners (CIP/Equiflow) presented the details of their 2026/2027 Annual plan for the public lead service line replacements. The Commission emphasized the importance of communicating with property owners and residents, and Equiflow agreed to include reporting on both property owner and resident responsiveness to community outreach. The Commission discussed the boundaries and timing of replacements and Equiflow noted that additional DNR funding would be requested for the 2027 portion of the Lead Service Line Replacement plan, which would impact what portions would be completed in 2026 and 2027.

A motion was made by Mason, seconded by Taft that this item be Approved.

[0277-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of the Bid Opening Results on Contract

EqRa-001, Miller Pipeline - Central Region

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: The lowest responsible bidder is Miller Pipeline - Central Region at the bid price of \$18,602,854. Project to be funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Loan - Lead Service Line Replacement.

Executive Director Tillis, on behalf of Executive Director Islam who was attending via Teams recommended the Commission review the following 4 items, 0277-26, 0278-26, 0279-26, and 0280-26 as a group approval item because of their connection with previously approved item, 0276-26 CIP/Equiflow's Annual Plan. The Commission agreed to review items 0277-26, 0278-26, and 0280-26, through a group approval.

A motion was made by Mason, seconded by Taft, that items 0277-26, 0278-26, and 0280-26 be Approved.

[0278-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of the Bid Opening Results on Contract EqRa-002, Miller Pipeline - Central Region

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: The lowest responsible bidder is Miller Pipeline - Central Region at the bid price of \$17,658,184. The project will be funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Loan - Lead Service Line Replacement.

A motion was made by Mason, seconded by Taft, that items 0277-26, 0278-26, and 0280-26 be Approved.

[0279-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of Reesmans Excavating & Grading, Inc., as the lowest bidder if the Contract W-26-1, Equiflow Main Replacement - Central

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: The lowest responsible bidder is Reesmans Excavating & Grading, Inc., at a bid amount of \$4,740,970.50, which is a revised award amount that deducts a portion of the Lead Service Line Replacement from the bid. Project to be funded through the 2026 & 2027 Safe Drinking Water Loan.

The Commission wanted to discuss Reesmans Excavating & Grading, Inc.'s commitment to the City Works apprenticeship program and work relationship with the City and Water Utility. Chief Engineer Regalia shared the work history between the City, the Water Utility and Reesmans' work. The Commission's reviewed Reesmans pre-bid application materials and was satisfied by Reesmans submission and selection for the contract.

A motion was made by Taft, seconded by Tate II, that this item be Approved.

[0280-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc. as the lowest

bidder of Contract W-26-3, Equiflow Main Replacement - West

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: The lowest responsible bidder is A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc., at a bid amount of \$5,848,110.00, which is a revised award amount that deducts a portion of the Lead Service Line Replacement from the bid. Project to be funded through the 2026 & 2027 Safe Drinking Water Loan.

A motion was made by Mason, seconded by Taft, that items 0277-26, 0278-26, and 0280-26 be Approved.

[0281-26](#)

Subject: Communication from the Utility Director Regarding the 2025 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

<https://media.cityofracinewi.gov/media/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/02115106/2025-Water-Quality-Report.pdf>

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Fiscal Note: N/A.

Drinking Water Plant Superintendent Brunner briefly reviewed the 2025 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) with the Commission. The CCR is now available on the Water Utility's City website and a link and QR Code will be shared on resident bills. The Commission recommended communicating the Water Utility's effectiveness in maintaining safe water more prominently on the report. The Commission requested that taste and smell improvement implementations be reported at the May meeting.

A motion was made by Tate II, seconded by Taft that this item be Received and Filed.

[0282-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-25-6, 6th Street/Highway 31 Water Main Replacement, AW Oakes & Son, Inc. (contractor)

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Contract change results in an increase of \$41,860.00, bringing the total contract amount to \$2,256,570.00.

A motion was made by Mason, seconded by Taft, that this item be Approved.

[0283-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of a Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-25-9, 2025 Water Main Replacement - Phase 3, Willkomm Excavating & Grading, Inc. (contractors)

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Contract change results in an increase of \$23,547.00, bringing the total contract amount to \$509,617.40.

A motion was made by Mason, seconded by Taft, that this item be Approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.