

**Minutes of the Oconto Utility Commission meeting held on  
Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 pursuant to notice duly given.**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:26 p.m. by President Schreiber.
2. Roll call: Ron Filz, Al Schreiber, Brian Vandenlangenberg, Steve VanCampenhout, and Jeremy Wusterbarth  
Excused: Earl Uhl  
Also present: Adam Filz
3. Approval of Agenda  
**Motion by VanCampenhout, second by Filz to approve the agenda as presented. 4 ayes M/C**
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 8/2/2021  
**Motion by Vandenlangenberg, second by VanCampenhout to approve meeting minutes from 8/2/2021 as presented. 4 ayes M/C**
5. Public Input: Jeremy explained our Vactor truck got rear-ended. No one was injured. The Vactor truck is used to clean out the storm sewer and is used very often, so the insurance company is paying to get us a rental truck from MacQueen, hopefully by the end of the week.

Jeremy also announced that Adam Filz was named Operator of the Year by the Wisconsin Wastewater Operator's Association.

6. Correspondence:
  - a. Monthly Report: Nothing to report - Ordinary and normal.
  - b. Septic Hauler Comparison: Nothing to report - Ordinary and normal.
  - c. WWTP Flows: Nothing to report - Ordinary and normal.
  - d. Electrical Costs: Nothing to report - Ordinary and normal.
7. Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
  - a. Approve 2020 CMAR report for D.N.R: This is our annual report for the DNR. The biggest concern in previous years has been the I&I, which is now down and back to normal. This reflects in our higher grade this year than the previous year.  
**Motion by VanCampenhout, second by Vandenlangenberg to approve 2020 CMAR report for D.N.R. 4 ayes M/C**
  - b. Discussion on WWTP updates: Jeremy explained that he met with Jeff Belongia regarding water and sewer revenue bonding. We will be re-bonding in 2022 to decrease the principal and interest payments, and to borrow more for upgrades at the WWTP, reconstruction on Jones Ave, and other street construction projects. We will know a clearer list of upgrades when we get the report back from Ruckert & Mielke, Inc.

We will be doing another Simple Rate Increase (3%) in 2022. Jeremy doesn't want to ever have to go any higher, and possibly in the future not have to do one at all.

The new meters that we will be getting will equate to more revenue for OUC. The old meters are only reading 95.5-98% of the water flows. The new meters will be more accurate and eliminate some of the water loss.

- c. Approve 2022 Budget: Jeremy went over the budget line by line and answered any questions that were presented.

**Motion by VanCampenhout, second by Vandenlangenberg to approve 2022 budget as presented.** **4 ayes M/C**

- 8. **Motion by VanCampenhout, second by Vandenlangenberg to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. 4 ayes M/C**

Respectfully Submitted  
Brittney M. Bickel,  
City Administrator