

Minutes of the Oconto Utility Commission held on April 6, 2026

“Unapproved”

- 1.) Call meeting to order by Brain Vandenlangenberg @ 5:00 p.m.
- 2.) Roll Call: Members Present:, Brain Vandenlangenberg, Ron Filz, Dan Zoeller, Earl Uhl, Utility Manager Matt Beekman
Also present: Utility Clerk Megan Garrity and as recording secretary
Absent: Steve VanCopenhout, Mayor Martin & Ben Thome
- 3.) Approval of Agenda-**Motion by Uhl, second by Filz to approve the agenda as presented.**

4 ayes M/C

- 4.) Approval of Meeting Minutes from 03/02/2026. **Motion by Filz, second by Zoeller to approve of the minutes from 03/02/2026 as shown.**

4 ayes M/C

5.) Public Input: None.

6.) Correspondence:

- a.) Employee Input- Beekman talked about a one of septic haulers with a past due balance being paid in full and the company being sold. The account is now closed. With high water levels and rain there has been some manholes with backups over by Copper Culture Way. One resident had about 54 inches of water in his finished basement, he did have some damages and is looking for reimbursement for this. Beekman will be in contact with him regarding the reimbursements. Treatment plant workers have been working all hours due to the high flow levels and rented an additional trailer pump for a week. Holtwood lift station was one with high levels and Beekman knows of an issue regarding that in Holtwood Campground Breaker box being turned on and will be getting a lock on it going forward. The new treatment plant systems were being turned on and tested with some issues occurring. The main pipe from Park Ave down Main St to the Plant needs to be cleaned out from big settlement issues. Beekman also talked about some readings need to be done manually until all the new meters are installed due to not renewing the Itron system. Beekman also talked about the DNR Clearwater program standings and the Commission is not high on the list but the Town of Abrams is and they will be running new pipe to possible connect better to our WWTP.
- b.) Electrical Costs: Everything is consistent and ordinary.
- c.) WWTP Flows: Everything is consistent and ordinary.
- d.) Septic Hauler Comparison: Everything is consistent and ordinary.
- e.) Monthly Report: Beekman stated that there is 119 meters still needed to be installed, has all the meters in stock to complete this project.
- f.) 2026 Sanitary Survey- Beekman said that the biggest concern that the DNR representative talked about was the Radium levels at the wells being close to the level. Beekman said he does have someone that Josh from Robert E. Lee knows that handles this kind of problem willing to come and look at the wells. He usually can find a resolution for this at a cheaper cost. Beekman went through the other concerns with the Commission and discussed them.

7.) Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:

- a.) Approval of 15th pay request for WWTP Upgrades to Lunda in the amount of \$64,714.84- **Motion by Uhl, second by Filz to approve 15th pay request for WWTP Upgrades to Lunda in the amount of \$64,714.84.**
- 4 ayes M/C
- b.) Approval of invoices for Robert E. Lee in the amount of \$13,912.00. **Motion by Zoeller, second by Uhl to pay invoice for Robert E. Lee in the amount of \$13,912.00.**
- 4 ayes M/C
- c.) Approval of Change Order #11 for Lunda Construction in the amount of \$6,017.83. **Motion by Filz, second by Uhl to approve Change Order #11 for Lunda Construction in the amount of \$6,017.83.**

4 ayes M/C

8.) Approval of Accounts Payable from February 24, 2026 to March 30, 2026 in the amount of \$117,013.13
**Motion by Zoeller, second by Filz to approve of Accounts Payable from February 24, 2026 to
March 30, 2026 in the amount of \$117,013.13.**

4 ayes M/C

9.) Revenue & Expenditures Guidelines from 2026: Normal and consistent.

10.) Next Meeting Date & Time: April 27, 2026 @ 5:00 pm tour of the WWTP & May 4, 2026 @ 5:00 pm

11.) Adjournment: **Motion by Uhl, second by Filz to adjourn @ 5:56 p.m.**

4 ayes M/C

Meeting minutes submitted by: Megan Garrity, Utility Clerk