HASTINGS UTILITY BOARD
AGENDA

Airport Conference Room - Hastings Municipal Airport
3300 W. 12th Street
November 7, 2024
9:00 AM

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR November 7, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is located at the back of the Conference Room. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Airport Conference Room, which is accessible to members of the public.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS:

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

    (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of October 10, 2024.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

3. General Business.

    (a) Finance

    (b) Production

    (c) Operations

i. LCR(I) Final Rule Update and Lead Replacement Progress

(d) Administration

i. Mission Statement and Core Values Review

(e) Other

i. HEDC request for Economic Development Funds

4. Possible Closed Session (if necessary or requested).

ADJOURN:

The Hastings Utility Board reserves the right to enter into an executive session at any time during the meeting, in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, even though the closed session may not be indicated on the agenda. It is the intention of the Hastings Utility Board to take up the items on the agenda in sequential order. However, the Hastings Utilities Board reserves the right to take up matters in a different order to accommodate the schedule of the Utility Board Members, persons having items on the agenda, and the public.

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, October 10, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Utility Board of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted Airport Conference Room - Hastings Municipal Airport - 3300 W. 12th Street, on October 10, 2024.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Bill Hitesman with the following members present: Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske.
With the following in attendance: Derek Zesiler, Erik Nielsen Butch Eley, Jason Redding, Jaci Higgins, Micah McCaffery, Shawn Hartmann, Tony Herrman, Karl Block, Lee Vrooman, Brandan Lubken, Noel Nienhueser, Kyle Patten, Lori Hartman, Larry Fox, Mark Funkey, Jesse Oswald.
Absent: Jeanette Dewalt, Scott Kvols, Corey Stutte

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Bill Hitesman led the group in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR October 10, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Hemje, Second by Meeske to adopt the current agenda for the October 10, 2024 regular meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske. Nays: None. Absent: Jeanette Dewalt, Scott Kvols. The motion carried.

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MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Not a lot of long presentations, but wanted to update the board.

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Would like to recognize Scott Snell as being here and thank him for being part of the board.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Scott Snell wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve on the board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of August 22, 2024.

Moved by Meeske and seconded by Hemje to approve the minutes for the meeting of August 22, 2024. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Hemje, Meeske. Nays: None. Absent: Dewalt, Kvols. Approved.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

3. General Business.

(a) Finance

i. Finance Status Update

We have set our Audit date from December 9th to the 11th.

(b) Production

i. Public Power Week

This week is Public Power Week and we wanted to thank Tony for keeping our citizens updated with social media.

ii. Electric Production Updates

WEC 1 Fall Outage: Sep: 16th to Sept 28th
- Ended outage 4 days earlier than originally scheduled.
- Outage focus on dust collector backflow presenter project, boiler inspection, boiler feed pump repair, and offline preventative maintenance items
- Next outage is scheduled to begin March 21st.

WEC 2 Fall outage: Oct. 25 to Nov. 25th.
- Major outage work includes two levels of burner replacement, cooling tower fill replacement, and extensive pulverizer maintenance

- Next outage is scheduled to begin April 7th
PPGA Board is considering a fuel conversion for WEC 2
- Feasibility study in 2025
- Response and preparation for pending EPA Co2 emissions guidelines
NDS
- NDS 4 and 5 have been called into operation 18 times this year. Unit 4 was called up again yesterday.
- NDS 5 Outage: Oct. 7th to Oct. 14th
  - Circulation water line inspection
  - Boiler building winterization
  - Next NDS outage begins Jan. 4th
- Investigating fuel oil operation for NDS units.
Energy Supply Updates
- 2026 Planning Reserve Margin
  - Summer - 16%
  - Winter - 36%
- Performance Based Accreditation
- Fuel Assurance - Winter

(c) Operations

i. Electric Infrastructure Update

Infrastructure and Project Update
- Substation tie from 7th to WEC. Waiting on crops to be removed so the last section can be bored and the North/South poles can be set next to the Railroad.
- WEC final testing begins 10/14. If everything passes, the Transformer will be online by 10/18.
- 7th street final testing and cross tie outage begins 10/21. If everything passes, the new transformer will be online by 10/25.
- B street final testing and tie in begins 10/18. If everything passes, the new transformer will be online by 11/1.
- This week duct for distribution connection and communications began installation into the Solar Phase 2 project.
- Pre-work has been completed and the first major step for construction at Hastings College being altered around the center of the campus.
- Meter Pedestals which are a critical item we have been running very low on that have been on order for over 2 years have begun to arrive.
- AMI just completed a server update with Tantalus. Had a good summer of installation with the assistance of a summer employee. Roughly 2,000 of 14,300 meters remain to be changed out which is 85% completed.

ii. Electric Infrastructure Development Cost Share Internal Study

Jaci explains the infrastructure development cost share internal study. They are looking into what other utilities are doing. On the electric side, some of them are sharing the costs with the developer.

(d) Administration

i. Share the Warmth Update

Karl gives an update on the Share the Warmth Program. This started back in 2001.
- Designed in coordination with The Salvation Army, Catholic Social Services, and Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska.

- Tailored to assist Hastings Utilities customers who may be unable to afford tehit utility bills during the colder months
- December 1st to April 30th
- Individuals 60 years of age or older
- Individuals with disabilities
- Anyone experiencing unusual needs
- Hastings Utilities assists in the collection of funds through one-time donations or reoccurring deductions on monthly utility bills
- 100% of funds are used exclusively to assist those in need with their Hastings Utilities invoice
- Salvation Army coordinates the dispersal of funds with partner agenicies
- Salvation Army and partner agencies have established the criteria for approval and are responsible to disperse all funds

There are two ways to Contribute
1. One-time contribution
2. Reoccuring Charge on Bill

ii. Mission Statement and Core Values Review

This will be postponed until the next meeting since we are missing a few members today.

(e) Other

(f) Finance Status Update

4. Possible Closed Session (if necessary or requested).

ADJOURN:

Motioned to adjourn by Hemje, seconded by Meeske. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Hemje, Meeske. Nays: None. Absent: Dewalt, Kvols. Adjourned at 9:48 am.

APPROVED:

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Board Secretary

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Utility Board Meeting
November 2024

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LCR(I) Final Rule Update and Lead Replacement Progress

-Dec 2021, Lead and Copper Rule updates proposed by EPA with compliance deadline of Oct 16, 2024:

-Damaged lead lines can’t be repaired, replaced in full.

-6 months of water filtration for lead required post replacement.

-Post replacement sampling 3-6 months after replacement.

-Action level from 15ppb to 10ppb lead.

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LCR(I) Final Rule Update and Lead Replacement Progress

-April 2024, Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) became only required compliance mandate due Oct 16, 2024:

-Full water service line material inventory to NDEE (October 15, 2024).

-New: letters to all customers with lead, unknown, or GRR within 30 days of inventory submittal. 1094 lead, 671 unknown, 3 GRR.

-New customers at these locations will receive letters upon sign up.

-Service material inventory and notification letters are annualized.

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LCR(I) Final Rule Update and Lead Replacement Progress

Letters Include:

-Health Effects of Lead: Decreased IQ, behavior problems in infants/children. Adults, increased heart disease risk, high blood pressure, kidney and nervous system problems.

-Ways to reduce lead in drinking water: Filtration, clean aerators, use cold water, run tap longer.

-What we're doing: Lead service removal, unknown material verification.

Letters being mailed tomorrow.

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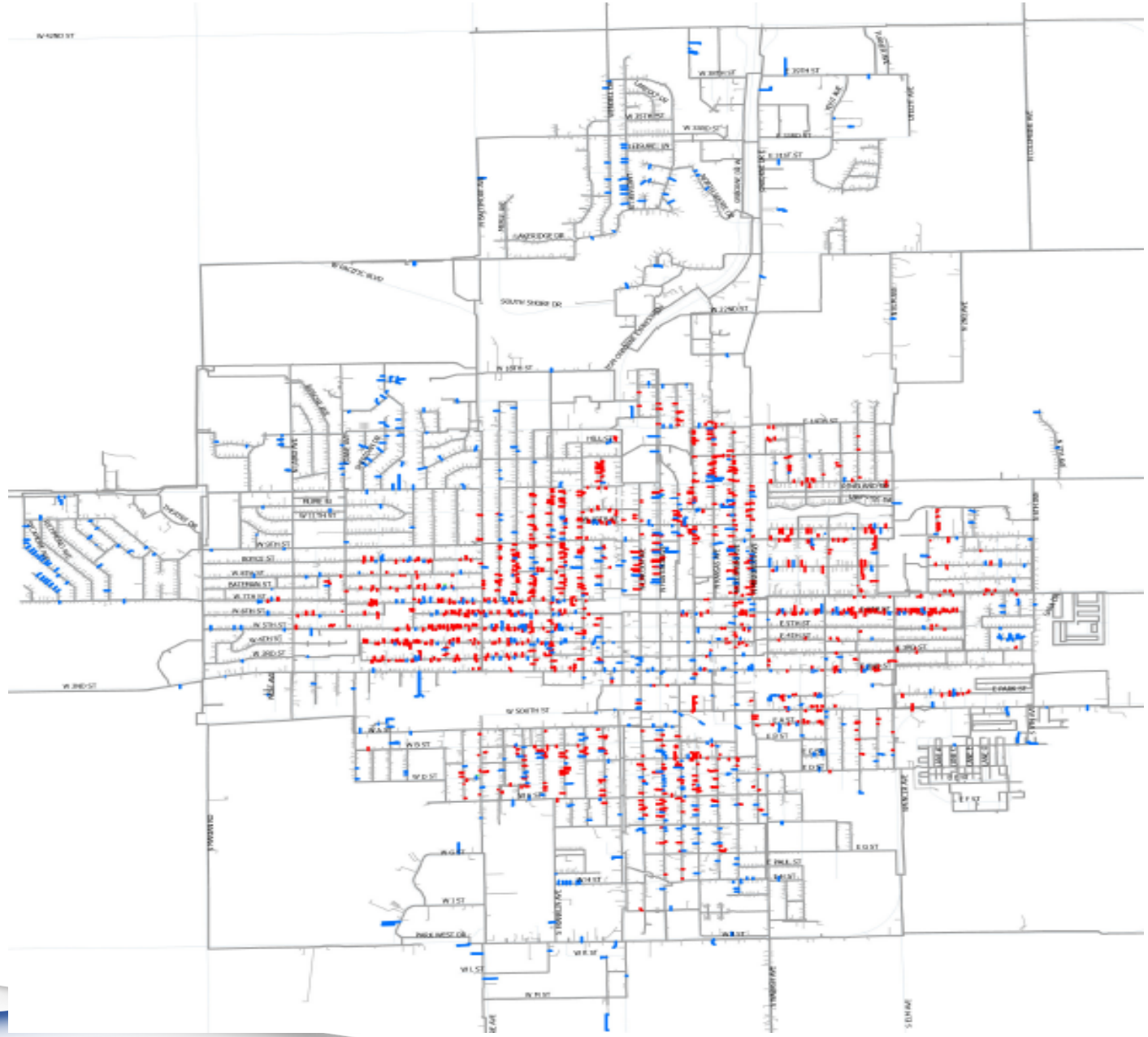
Lead and Unknowns to Date



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LCR(I) Final Rule Update and Lead Replacement Progress

October 8th, 2024, Biden administration finalizes LCRI rule with additions:

-Action level from 15ppb to 10ppb lead.

-Additional funding of $2.7 Billion.

-All municipalities/utilities no lead water services in 10 years.

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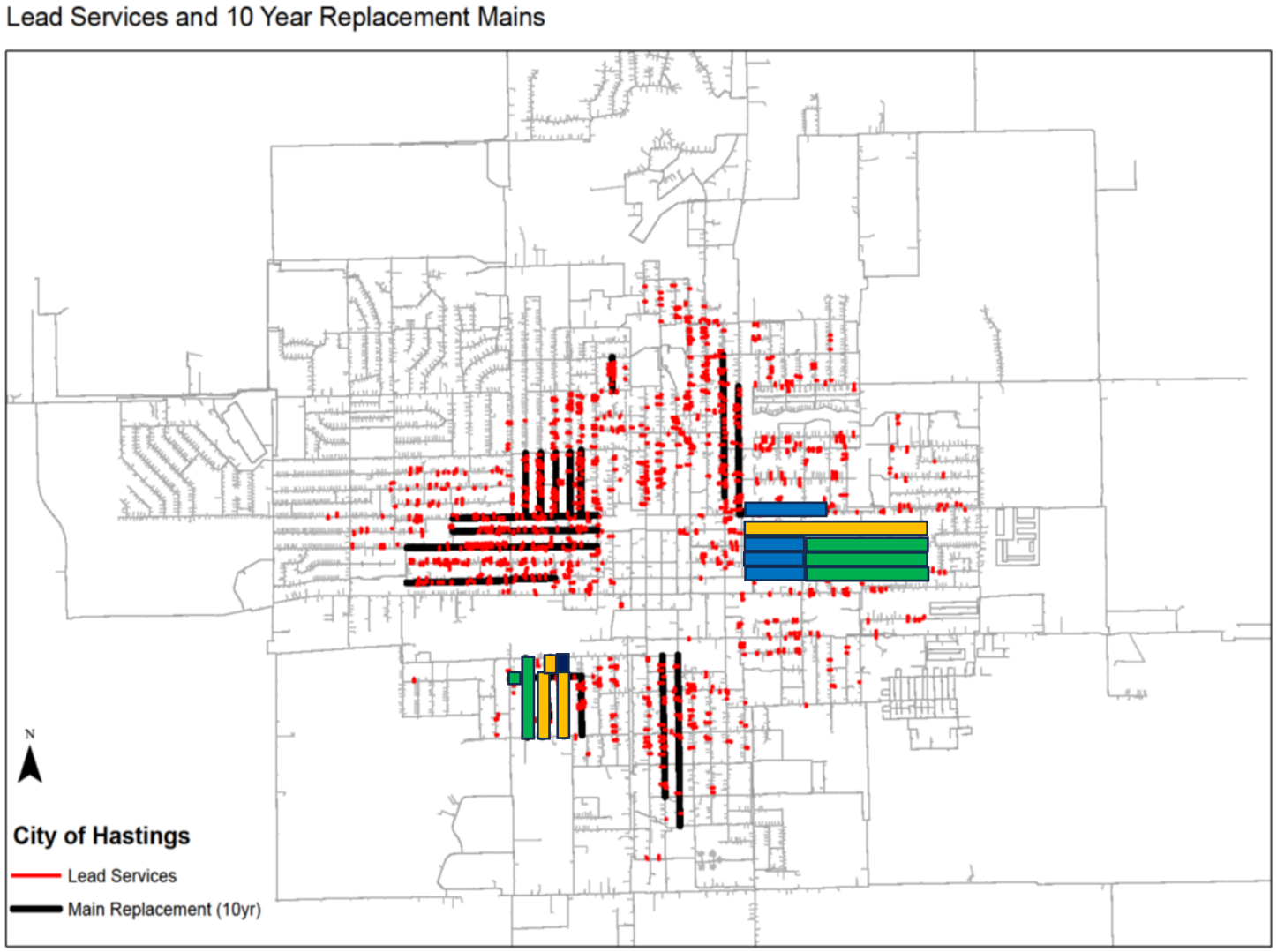
Lead Water Service Replacement Progress

Oct 2023: 87 Services

Oct 2024: 173 Services

Oct 2025: ≈ 272 Services



SRF $ to Date: $449,830

≈ 3.25 Miles Water Main To Date

≈ 1.15 Miles Water Main To go 2025 FY

New York
A to E

Garfield
B to E

6th St.
E.S. Blvd. to 2nd Ave.

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LCR(I) Final Rule Update and Lead Replacement Progress

- HU 2 Person lead water service replacement crew ≈ $4,000 per service.

- Local contractors pothole to verify service material ≈ $230 per pothole.

- M.U.D. budgeted last year for $12,000 per service line replacement.

- Detroit Mayor: Internal crews ≈ $9,300 per service, contractors ≈ $23,000

- City of Cleveland Ohio is paying ≈ $1800 per pothole…..

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HASTINGS UTILITIES MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is providing customers with utilities and utility related services and products of superior value while enhancing growth and development of Hastings and the surrounding area.

Approved by BPW 2/5/01

HASTINGS UTILITIES
CORE VALUES

1. To conduct all business with highest level of integrity.
2. To protect and enhance the reliability of service.
3. To provide service in a safe, legal, and environmentally-responsible manner.
4. To provide exemplary customer service.
5. To assure a financially strong enterprise.
6. To provide goods and services at competitively advantageous prices.
7. To provide an innovative, stimulative and cooperative work environment, respectful of cultural and intellectual diversity.
8. To invest in utility infrastructure renovation and expansion for community development purposes.
9. To undertake or participate in community activities and projects which promote the growth and development of Hastings and surrounding areas.
10. To continually identify and evaluate new markets, products and services.
11. To embrace change and pursue the opportunities and challenges it presents.

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