

**CITY OF MADISON**  
**AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

Regular Meeting of the City Council – 5:00 PM  
Monday June 24, 2024  
Madison Municipal Building

**1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Thole will call the meeting to order.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA**

Approve the agenda as posted in accordance with the Open Meetings law, and herein place all agenda items on the table for discussion. A MOTION is in order. (Council)

**3. APPROVE MINUTES**

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A copy of the May 24, 2024 regular meeting minutes are enclosed. A MOTION is in order. (Council)

**4. PUBLIC PETITIONS, REQUESTS, HEARINGS, AND COMMUNICATIONS (public/mayor/council)**

Members of the audience wishing to address the Council with regard to an agenda item, presentation of a petition, utility customer hearing, or a general communication should be recognized at this time. A MOTION may be in order (Public/Council)

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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| A. MN Labor and Employment Bill – receive   | Page 4  |
| B. Water Plant Reports – May 2024 – receive | Page 7  |
| C. EMS Estimated Aid Distribution – receive | Page 9  |
| D. MRES Board Meeting Summary – receive     | Page 10 |
| E. Welcoming Community Survey – receive     | Page 14 |
| F. Social Infrastructure – receive          | Page 15 |

A MOTION may be in order to accept the reports and/or authorize the actions requested. (Council)

**6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. City Council Checklist. A DISCUSSION may be in order. (Manager, Council)

Handout

B. City Engineer Project Updates. A DISCUSSION and MOTION may be in order. (Manager, Council)

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C. Approve 2025 MN Prairie Waters Appropriation. A DISCUSSION and MOTION may be in order. (Manager, Council)

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D. **Resolution 24-18** Temporary Waive Liquor Ordinance – June 26, 2024. A DISCUSSION and MOTION may be in order. (Manager, Council)

**7. MANAGER REPORT (Manager)**

**8. MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS (Mayor/Council)**

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**9. AUDITING CLAIM**

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A copy of the Expense Approval Report is submitted for June 10, 2024 through June 24, 2024 and is attached. A MOTION is in order.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF MADISON  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

**MINUTES OF THE MADISON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2024**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a rescheduled regular meeting of the Madison City Council was called to order by Mayor Greg Thole on Monday, June 10, at 12:07 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilmembers present were: Greg Thole, Maynard Meyer, Adam Conroy, and Paul Zahrbock. Also present were City Manager Val Halvorson, City Attorney Rick Stulz and City Clerk Christine Enderson. Councilmember Tim Volk was absent.

**AGENDA**

Upon motion by Meyer, seconded by Zahrbock and carried, the agenda was approved as presented. The agenda items are hereby placed on the table for discussion.

**MINUTES**

Upon motion by Zahrbock, seconded by Conroy and carried, the June 10, 2024, regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC PETITIONS, REQUESTS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Zahrbock, seconded by Conroy and carried, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

**CITY COUNCIL CHECKLIST**

City Council reviewed the checklist.

**CITY ENGINEER REPORT**

City Engineer Kent Louwagie was present to provide updates on city projects.

Upon motion by Conroy, seconded by Meyer and carried, Council approved the GIS transition to ArcGIS with the assistance from Bolton & Menk at a cost of \$6,500.00. BMI provided a different hosted web-based GIS application since 2012; however, there are limitations to this technology and BMI is recommending migrating to the ArcGIS Online Platform. There is an annual subscription fee for ArcGIS depending on the number of licensed users.

**PAY APPLICATION – R.L. LARSON**

Upon motion by Zahrbock, seconded by Conroy and carried, the sixth pay application from R.L. Larson Excavating, Inc. for 2023 Infrastructure Improvement project was approved in the amount of \$137,523.22. This application is for work completed through May 31, 2024.

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT – A n H LAWN CARE**

Upon motion by Conroy, seconded by Thole and carried, Council authorized execution of an Independent Contractor Agreement between the City of Madison and A n H Lawn Care, for mowing services for the period of May 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>, at a rate of \$200.00 per hour for initial clean ups and \$100.00 per hour after initial clean up.

### **SECURITY CAMERAS – APPROVE BID**

City Manager Halvorson reviewed the memo presented about installing security cameras at city hall and the liquor store and discussed the need in regard to safety of staff and public, as well as preventing vandalism. After further discussion, Conroy motioned to approve the bid from Blue Sky Security in the amount of \$19,248 to install security cameras at City Hall and the liquor store, Thole seconded the motion. Conroy, Thole and Meyer voted in favor, motion passed. The project will be completed with public safety funds of \$19,248.00. The MNOSHA Grant application will also be submitted for funds. The grant may cover a maximum of 50% towards the equipment as it pertains to employee safety. If awarded, this would reduce the use of the public safety aid dollars.

### **MN HISTORICAL SOCIETY GRANT AGREEMENT**

Upon motion by Conroy, seconded by Meyer and carried, Council approved execution of an Agreement between the City of Madison and the Minnesota Historical Society for the Madison City Hall Windows and Doors Rehabilitation – Firehouse portion. The project period is from June 1, 2024 to December 1, 2025. The City of Madison was awarded the grant for \$55,707 with a required city match of \$55,708 for the project.

### **CITY HALL WINDOW REHABILITATION – FIREHOUSE – ARCHITECTURE SERVICES**

Upon motion by Zahrbock, seconded by Conroy and carried, Council approved architectural services from MacDonald and Mack in the amount of \$10,495.00 for rehabilitation of the City Hall windows and doors in the firehouse portion of the building. The typographical error on the agenda was noted before the vote. The agenda stated approval for the library roof, however, it was for the City Hall – Firehouse.

### **CITY HALL WINDOW REHABILITATION - FIREHOUSE – APPROVE ADVERTISING**

Upon motion by Conroy, seconded by Zahrbock and carried, Council approved the advertisement for bids for rehabilitation of the City Hall windows and doors of the firehouse portion. The typographical error on the agenda was noted before the vote. The agenda stated approval for the library roof, however, it was for the City Hall – Firehouse.

### **2024 FEE SCHEDULE**

Upon motion by Zahrbock, seconded by Meyer and carried, **RESOLUTION 24-10-02** titled “Resolution Establishing a Fee Schedule Pursuant to §34.01 of the Madison Code of Ordinances for the Year 2024” was adopted. The resolution includes an update for the flight crew transport fees. A complete copy of Resolution 24-10-02 is contained in City Clerk’s Book #11.

### **ASSIGNMENT OF SALARIES – JOURNEYMAN LINE WORKER**

Upon motion by Thole, seconded by Conroy and carried, **RESOLUTION 24-17** titled “Resolution Establishing Assignment of Salaries Journeyman Line Worker” was adopted. This resolution would provide the assignment of wages for Journeyman Line Worker, Chase Mortenson, based on successful completion of Book 4 of the merchant program. A complete copy of Resolution 24-17 is contained in City Clerk’s Book #11.

### **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Swimming Pool:** The pool successfully opened on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works:** A brief update was provided on public works staffing, tasks and projects.

**MNDOT:** The repair of manholes on Trunk Highway 75 are still being discussed.

**Dog Park:** Waiting for the area to dry out before installing dog park equipment.

**City Manager Meeting:** City Manager Halvorson attended an area city manager meeting last week.

**EDA Meeting:** An update was provided from the meeting held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Housing Taskforce:** The next meeting is Thursday, June 13th.

**Park Board:** The meeting will be rescheduled for the near future.

**Trainings:** City Clerk Christine Enderson attended her 2<sup>nd</sup> session of Supervisor Essentials training through MRES, Water/Wastewater Supervisor Dean Broin had his land application renewal in St. Cloud, and City Manager Halvorson will attend her 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the LEAD course through MRES next week.

**General Government Committee:** A draft copy of a revised personnel policy was provided to councilmembers on the committee for review.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Greg Thole shared positive comments he had heard about the swimming pool from patrons who live out of town.

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Upon motion by Conroy, seconded by Meyer and carried, Council approved disbursements for bills submitted between May 25 and June 10, 2024. These disbursements include United Prairie Check Nos. 66177-66142. Debit card and ACH transaction were also approved as listed.

There being no further business, upon motion by Conroy, seconded by Zahrbock and carried, meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

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Greg Thole – Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Christine Enderson – City Clerk

# Legal Update

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## Minnesota Passes Wide-ranging Labor and Employment Policy Bill

On May 17, 2024, Minnesota enacted the [2024 Omnibus Labor and Industry Policy Bill](#), which makes several important changes to the state's employment laws. This law will:

- Require employers to disclose pay ranges in job postings;
- Prohibit certain employers from entering into restrictive employment covenants and require employees to notify employees concerning prohibited restrictive employment covenants;
- Eliminate the state's minimum wage rate tiers for large and small employers;
- Impose new wage and hour recordkeeping requirements on employers;
- Change certain child labor enforcement provisions;
- Allow employers to conduct oral fluid drug testing;
- Expand pregnancy and parental leave protections; and
- Modify the posting requirement for the state's law related to employer-sponsored meetings and communications.

The enactment date for these changes varies depending on the specific provision.

### Pay Range Disclosure

Minnesota passed a new law requiring employers with **30 or more employees** at one or more worksites in the state to disclose the minimum and maximum annual salary or hourly compensation range in each job posting as well as a general description of all benefits and other compensation to be offered, including any health or retirement benefits. This law takes effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

The salary range can be based on the employer's good faith estimate at the time of posting an advertisement for the position. **Postings** include any solicitation intended to recruit job applicants for a specific available position. This includes electronic and printed advertisements as well as indirect recruitment done using third parties. If an employer does not plan to offer a salary range for a position, it must list a fixed pay rate; however, posted salary ranges cannot be open ended.

### Employment Covenant Restrictions and Notification Requirements

The new law restricts service providers' ability to use restrictive employment covenants in certain situations and imposes a notification requirement when employment covenants violate these restrictions. Effective **July 1, 2024**, service providers cannot restrict or prohibit a customer from directly or indirectly soliciting or hiring their employees or independent contractors. Service providers must notify all employees whose employment contracts contain a restrictive employment covenant that violates the new law. This law only applies to contracts and agreements entered into on or after July 1, 2024.



### Important Dates

#### July 1, 2024

The new law's restrictive employment covenant provisions take effect.

#### Aug. 1, 2024

The new law's recordkeeping, child labor, drug testing, and pregnancy and parent leave requirements take effect.

#### Jan. 1, 2025

The new law's pay range disclosure requirements and minimum wage provisions take effect.

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Under the law, “**service provider**” is any partnership, association, corporation, business or group acting directly or indirectly as an employer or manager for work contracted or requested by a customer. The prohibition on restrictive employment covenants does not apply to workers providing professional business consulting for computer software development and related services who are seeking employment with a service provider with the knowledge and intent of being considered for a permanent employment position with the service provider’s customer.

## Minimum Wage Provisions

The Minnesota Fair Labor Standards Act (MFLSA) establishes wage rate tiers that vary depending on the employer’s size. Effective **Jan. 1, 2025**, there will no longer be a distinction between **large** (an enterprise whose annual gross volume of sales made or business done is not less than \$500,000) and **small employers** (an enterprise whose annual gross volume of sales made or business done is less than \$500,000) for the purposes of meeting the state’s minimum wage rate requirements. Both large and small employers will be required to pay all employees the state’s single standard minimum wage. The amendment to the state’s minimum wage statute will not impact employers’ ability to pay a subminimum wage to employees under the age of 20 who are “in training” during their first 90 consecutive days of employment.

Additionally, the amendment raises the state’s annual minimum wage cost of living adjustment from 2.5% to 5%, effective **Aug. 1, 2024**.

## Recordkeeping Requirements

Under the MFLSA, covered employers are required to retain certain records for each employee. The new law expands these existing requirements by requiring all covered employers to retain earnings statements for each employee paid for each pay period. This amendment will take effect on **Aug. 1, 2024**.

## Child Labor Standards

The new law amends various provisions of the Minnesota Child Labor Standards Act (MCLSA), which will become effective on Aug. 1, 2024. Under the new law, the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (“Department”) may order an employer to cease and desist from engaging in a practice that violates the MCLSA and take affirmative steps to remedy any violations. The Department may also order an employer to reimburse the Department and the state’s attorney general for litigation and hearings costs expended in preparing for and conducting a contested case proceeding, plus interest, unless the costs would impose extreme financial hardship on the employer. If an employer can establish extreme financial hardship, the Department can order the employer to pay a percentage of the total costs. Employers will now have **15 days**, instead of 10, to contest a compliance order issued by the Department before the order becomes final.

Under the amendment, the Department now only needs to consider the employer’s size, the gravity of the situation and any history of previous violations when determining the total number of fines for MCLSA violations. Additionally, employers may be liable for liquidated damages in an amount equal to the minor’s regular rate of pay for employing minors under the age of 18 who are injured in hazardous employment.

Lastly, the amendment prohibits employers from discharging, disciplining, penalizing, interfering with, threatening, restraining, coercing or otherwise retaliating or discriminating against an employee for asserting their rights under the MCLSA.

## Oral Fluid Drug Testing

The new law amends Minnesota's Drug and Alcohol Testing in the Workplace (DATWA) to allow employers to use oral fluid testing in situations where an employer is authorized to conduct drug, alcohol or cannabis testing for employees or job applicants as an alternative to using the services of a testing laboratory. **Oral fluid test** means analysis of a saliva sample for the purpose of measuring the presence of the same substances as drug, alcohol and cannabis testing that can detect drugs, alcohol, cannabis or their metabolites in levels at or above the threshold detection levels contained in the standards of one of the programs listed in the DATWA and does not require the services of a testing laboratory. This amendment, which takes effect **Aug. 1, 2024**, does not change existing requirements for workplace drug, alcohol or cannabis testing.

Employers must notify employees or applicants of the results of oral fluid tests at the time of the test. If an oral fluid test produces a positive, inconclusive or invalid result, the employee or job applicant may request, within 48 hours, to be tested using the services of a testing laboratory at no cost. If the laboratory-conducted test result is positive, the employee or applicant is responsible for the costs of any subsequent retests.

### Parental and Pregnancy Leave Protections

The new law amends the state's pregnancy accommodation and parenting leave laws to require employers to maintain coverage under any group insurance policy, group subscriber contract or health care plan for employees and their dependents under the same conditions as if the employees were not on leave. Employees must continue to pay their share of the benefits costs. This amendment is effective **Aug. 1, 2024**. The amendment also prohibits an employer from reducing an employee's pregnancy or parenting leave amount for any period of paid or unpaid leave taken for prenatal care medical appointments.

### Poster Requirement

In Minnesota, employers are prohibited from taking or threatening to take any adverse employment action against an employee who declines to attend employer-sponsored meetings or receive employer communications concerning the religious or political opinions of the employer. Employers subject to this law must post the notice in a place where employee notices are customarily located within the workplace. The new law requires the Department to develop an educational poster providing notice of employees' rights regarding employer-sponsored meetings or communications. This poster will be made available in English and the five most common languages spoken in Minnesota. This new section becomes effective on **Oct. 1, 2024**.

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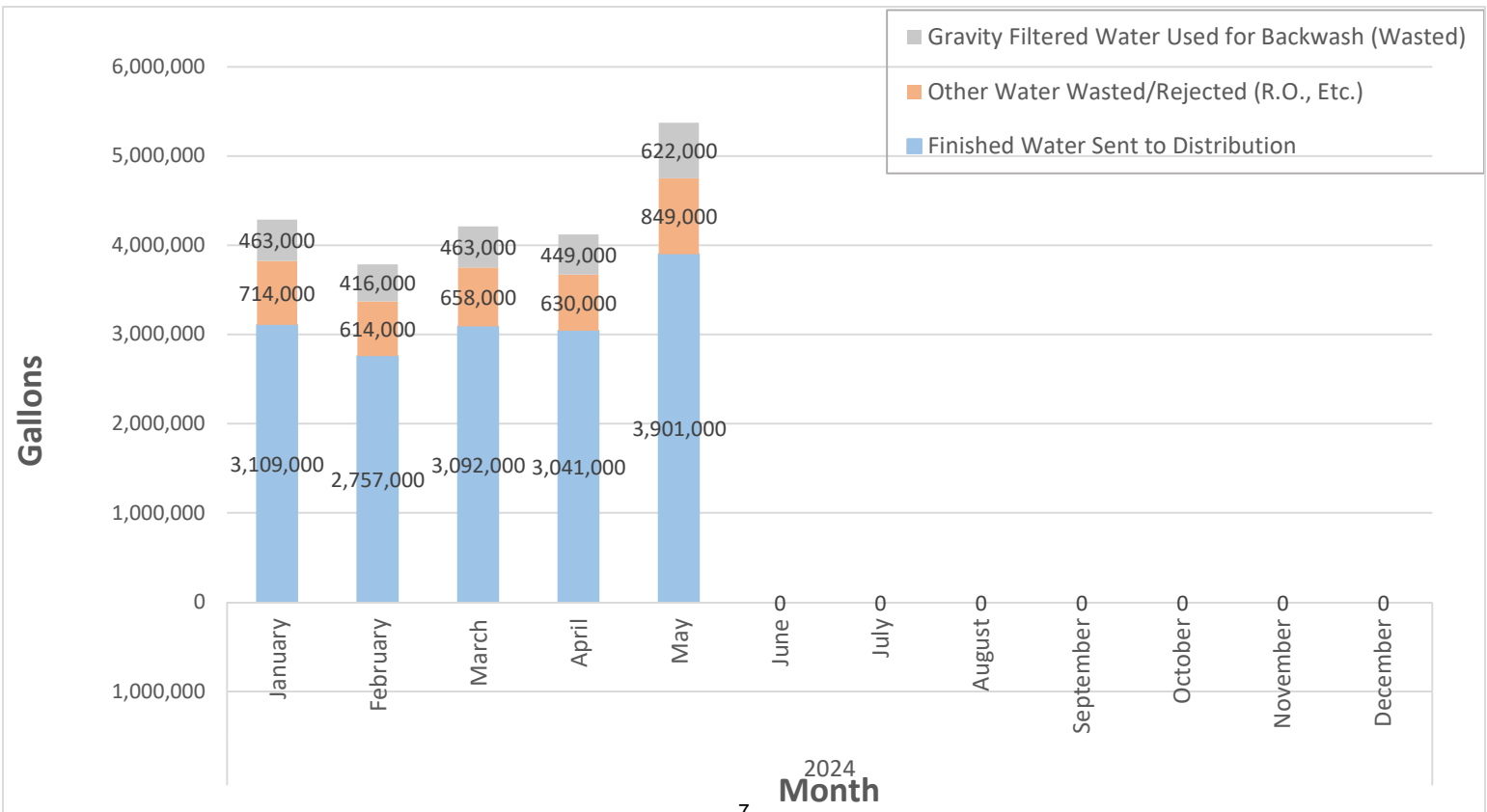
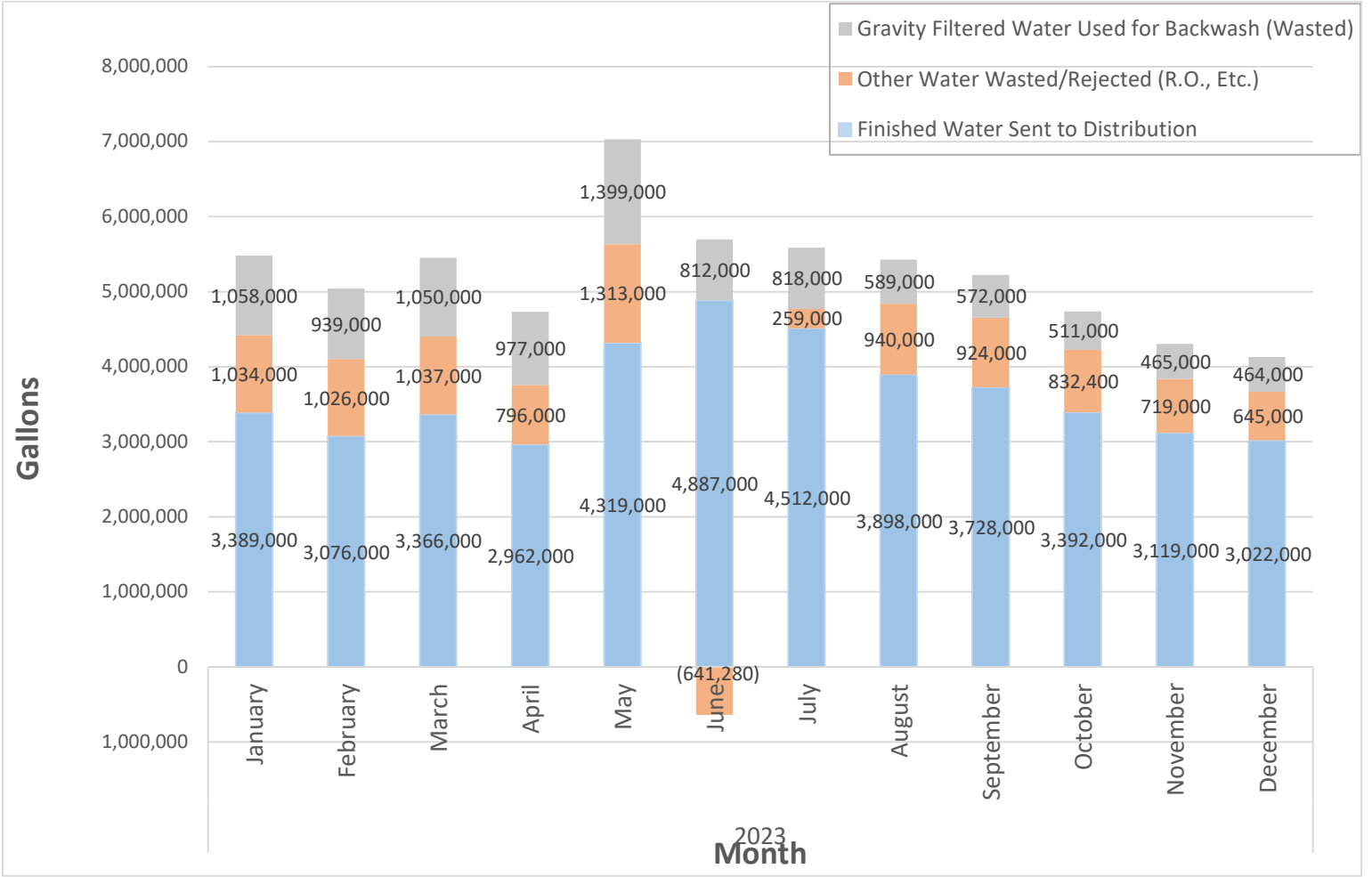
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## City of Madison Well Gallons Pumped and Use 2023 and 2024



# Water Treatment Facility - City of Madison, MN

## Monthly Summary

For the month ended: **May 31, 2024**

### Water Treatment Plant - Pump Hours and Gallons

Pump Description	End Hour Meter Reading	Start Hour Meter Reading	Hours Pumped	End Gallon Meter Reading	Start Gallon Meter Reading	Gallons Pumped (Reading x1000)	Notes
Well #1	436.5	436.5	-	7,181,000	7,181,000	-	
Well #2	24,290.2	24,063.8	226.4	2,195,184	2,189,812	5,372,000	
High Service #1	30,684.3	30,597.6	86.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	
High Service #2	18,003.8	17,911.0	92.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	
High Service Total	N/A	N/A	179.5	1,334,710	1,330,809	3,901,000	
Membrane Feed Pump	20,562.9	20,364.2	198.7	1,429,598	1,425,255	4,343,000	
Backwash Pump	10,186.5	10,167.0	19.5	299,289	298,667	622,000	

*\*\*End meter readings are the first of the month following the month being reported. Start meter readings are the first of the month being reported*

### Gallons Used/Wasted Information

Description	Gallons (Metered)	Est. Gallons (Non-metered)	Notes
<b>Overhead Fill Line (@ WTP)</b>			
City Usage	N/A	800	=estimate based on tank filled
Customer Usage	N/A	-	=estimate based on tank filled
Subtotals for Overhead Fill Line	N/A	800	
---Total Overhead Fill Line Usage----->		800	
<b>Hydrant Usage</b>			
Flushing	-	-	est. based on 2.5" ID * mins * psi
City Usage (Internal)	-	N/A	
Customer Usage (External)	-	N/A	
Subtotals for Hydrant Usage	-	-	
---Total Hydrant Usage----->		-	
<b>Gallons Wasted/Rejected:</b>			
Gallons to Waste (filter to waste)	N/A	79,950	=(minutes to waste * well gpm)
Gallons to Waste (detention tank)	N/A	7,626	=(gpm*#valves*#days*#minutes)
Gallons Rejected/Wasted (R.O.)	N/A	1,192,200	=avg. gpm rejected by R.O.
---Total Gallons Wasted/Rejected----->	N/A	1,279,776	
<b>Other</b>			
WTP Internal Usage (East Wall Meter)	27,574	N/A	
East Pump House	124,000	N/A	

### Chemicals & Supplies Information

Description	Units	Quantity Used (during month)	YTD Quantity Used	Cost/Unit	Cost (month ended)	YTD Cost	Quantity on Hand (month ended)	Notes
<b>Chemicals/Products Used in Production:</b>								
Anti-Scalant	gal.	34.50	156.88	\$ 53.43	\$ 1,843.34	\$ 8,381.83		
Aqua Hawk 127 (Coagulant)	gal.	28.00	114.50	\$ 14.24	\$ 398.83	\$ 1,580.64		
Aqua Hawk 9937 (Polymer)	gal.	3.00	12.36	\$ 38.16	\$ 114.55	\$ 442.00		
Sodium Hydroxide 30%	gal.	59.00	270.50	\$ 9.89	\$ 583.75	\$ 2,545.31		
Chlorine	lbs.	285.00	1,328.00	\$ 1.67	\$ 476.81	\$ 2,234.49		
Fluoride	gal.	17.00	71.75	\$ 7.93	\$ 134.86	\$ 478.05		
Filters for R.O. System	20/pkg	1.00	5.00	\$ 300.36	\$ 300.36	\$ 1,513.62		
Nuclear 7768 (Polymer)	gal.	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Polyphosphate	gal.	56.00	231.50	\$ 18.47	\$ 1,034.10	\$ 4,114.26		
Potassium Permanganate	lbs.	183.25	590.81	\$ 5.06	\$ 927.61	\$ 2,990.47		
Sodium Bisulfite	lbs.	9.00	37.95	\$ 1.59	\$ 14.31	\$ 58.84		
<b>Other Chemicals/Products:</b>								
Aqua Hawk 350 Polymer Cleaner	gal.	-						
Granular Chlorine	lbs.	-						
Hydrochloric Acid	gal.	-						
Caustic Soda 30%	gal.	-						
XXX Cleaner P111	lbs.	-						
XXX Cleaner P303	lbs.	-						
XXX Cleaner P703	lbs.	-						
XXX Cleaner XXX X XX	gal.	-						
<b>Additional Chemicals/Products (or new):</b>								
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CITY OF HENNING	\$95,285.20
CITY OF HERON LAKE	\$50,622.49
CITY OF HIBBING	\$159,574.64
CITY OF HOFFMAN	\$53,349.77
CITY OF HOUSTON	\$61,604.58
CITY OF HOWARD LAKE	\$65,840.40
CITY OF HOYT LAKES	\$166,033.87
CITY OF INTERNATIONAL FALLS	\$212,197.34
CITY OF IVANHOE	\$54,320.45
CITY OF JACKSON	\$110,628.01
CITY OF JASPER	\$48,730.30
CITY OF KERKHOVEN	\$54,843.33
CITY OF KIESTER	\$48,316.17
CITY OF LAFAYETTE	\$46,723.56
CITY OF LAKE CITY	\$157,131.49
CITY OF LAKE CRYSTAL	\$104,926.77
CITY OF LAKE LILLIAN	\$51,059.14
CITY OF LAKEFIELD	\$74,692.43
CITY OF LAMBERTON	\$59,905.17
CITY OF LE CENTER	\$66,283.72
CITY OF LE SEUER	\$111,905.75
CITY OF LEROY	\$57,465.90
CITY OF LEWISTON	\$75,655.98
CITY OF LEWISTON	\$81,967.45
CITY OF LEWISVILLE	\$39,813.42
CITY OF LITTLEFORK	\$207,625.79
CITY OF MABEL	\$51,219.95
CITY OF MADELIA	\$103,132.00
CITY OF MADISON	\$88,405.69
CITY OF MAPLE LAKE	\$80,408.44
CITY OF MARSHALL	\$186,951.82
CITY OF MCGREGOR	\$158,877.01
CITY OF MEADOWLANDS	\$96,693.05

## February 2024

On February 8, 2024, the Boards held their regular monthly meetings where the following agenda items were considered:

- **Recognitions:**
  - As part of Board education, the MRES Rates team was introduced and presented their job responsibilities.
- **2023 Preliminary Year-end Financial Statements:** The Board received a report on the preliminary 2023 year-end combined MRES/WMMPA financial statements. MRES is expected to have a net surplus of \$30 million, \$9 Million over budget, with total MRES energy growth of -1.8 percent.
- **Board Member and Member Representative Expense Reimbursement Policy:** From time-to-time MRES and WMMPA ask member staff or policymakers to represent MRES or WMMPA at meetings or on committees or boards of other organizations. These include the APPA Policymakers Council, the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association, and the MRES Ambassador Program. The Boards approved updates to the policies to reimburse expenses incurred by the members for attendance at these meetings. The changes to the policies are intended to clarify who is entitled to reimbursement and for what meetings/activities they will be reimbursed.
- **Appleton-Benson Project Joint Coordination Agreement:** Following a staff presentation on the proposed Appleton to Benson Transmission Project, the Board approved a Multi-Party Joint Coordination Agreement that will allow MRES/WMMPA to work with Great River Energy, Otter Tail Power, and Benson Municipal Utilities on the project through the Certificate of Need and Routing Permit processes in Minnesota.
- **Mid-American Joint Pricing Zone Agreement:** The Board approved an update to the MidAmerican Energy Company (MEC) Joint Pricing Zone Agreement (JPZ). The update will allow the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) to join the MEC JPZ in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. as a Transmission Owner (TO). MRES entered into the agreement in 2020 on behalf of Atlantic Municipal Utilities (AMU) and the City of Pella (Iowa) (PMU) to allow MRES to pursue the annual transmission revenue requirement for the transmission facilities owned by each of those municipals. The updated agreement does not change any of the terms or conditions related to MRES, AMU, or PMU, and simply allows MEAN to be included in the agreement on a similar basis as the other TOs that are already a part of the agreement—MEC, Municipal Electric Utility of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and the City of Ames, Iowa.
- **FERC Required Transmission Ambient Ratings Update:** Staff presented information regarding Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order 881 and Ambient Adjusted Ratings.
- **Renewable Energy Certificate Strategy:** Staff presented information regarding MRES's current valuation of Renewable Energy Certificates (REC).

## March 2024

On March 14, 2024, the Boards held their regular monthly meetings where the following agenda items were considered:

- **Recognitions:**
  - President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Matt Schull read into the record a Thank You note to MRES Staff and Board from G.L. Tucker of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, for their work at the recent Legislative Rally in Washington, D.C.
  - President and CEO Matt Schull introduced Administrative Assistant Marissa Quick to the Board.
  - As part of Board education, the MRES Bright Energy Solutions team was introduced and presented their job responsibilities.
- **2023 Performance Indicators Report:** The MRES staff reported on 2023 results of the MRES performance indicators, which measure progress on the eight long-range strategic goals of MRES. The Board accepted the report of the actual results achieved in 2023.
- **Retirement Funds Report:** The Board accepted an annual report on the status of the MRES 401K defined contribution plan and 457b optional deferred compensation retirement plan offered to employees.
- **Investments Report:** The Board accepted a report on the MRES/WMMPA investment portfolio, which has primary objectives of safety, liquidity and return on investment.
- **Gregory County Expenses Recognition:** The Boards approved a \$1.9 million write-off of the Gregory County Pumped Storage Project (GCPSP) costs for inclusion in the December 31, 2023, combined financial statements. MRES's participation in GCPSP was concluded the first half of 2023.
- **Non-recognition of Deferred Revenue:** The MRES Board approved not recognizing \$12 million of deferred revenue, which was included in the 2023 approved MRES budget. The net surplus on December 31, 2023, was \$8.7 million without recognizing the budgeted \$12 million.
- **TEA Task Order:** Staff presented information regarding The Energy Authority (TEA) and the work they do for MRES through a Resource Management Agreement (RMA) related to Auction Revenue Rights and Long-Term Congestion Rights (LTCR). The Board approved executing an amended extension of the RMA with TEA.
- **Watertown Repower Update:** Staff presented information on the history of and possible future options for the Watertown Power Plant.
- **MRES Office Space Assessment:** Staff presented information on the need for more space at the MRES headquarters office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and the available options for meeting those needs.
- **MRES/WMMPA Contract Overview:** Staff presented an overview of the key parties and contracts that establish and connect MRES, WMMPA, Western Area Power Administration, and MRES members.

## April 2024

On April 11, 2024, the Boards held their regular monthly meetings where the following agenda items were considered:

- **Recognitions:** As part of Board education, the MRES Information Technology Network and System Administration team was introduced and presented their job responsibilities.
- **Auditor's Report:** Bethany Ryers of Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP presented, and the Boards accepted, the MRES and WMMPA 2023 Financial Audit Statement. Baker Tilly issued an unmodified or "clean" opinion with no audit adjustments, which is the highest level of assurance there are no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in controls. The year-end summary showed total assets of \$1.19 billion and liabilities of \$.73 billion, for a net position of \$.46 billion.
- **Strategic Business Issues:** The Boards reviewed and accepted the schedule of Strategic Business Issues, which calendars 15 months of activities and Board decisions in the key areas of MRES policy, power supply and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) power, transmission and distribution, fiscal stability, legislative/regulatory issues, people, and member services.
- **Member Survey:** Staff reported on the questions that MRES will be asking members during the 2024 in-person member survey.
- **Barnesville Distribution Maintenance Agreement Extension:** The Boards approved executing the Distribution Maintenance Agreement with Barnesville, Minnesota.
- **CapX Brookings 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Agreements:** Staff presented information on the CapX Brookings 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Project. The Boards approved executing the CapX Brookings Second Circuit Project Construction Management Agreement (CMA), Amended Restated Project Participation Agreement (PPA), Amended and Restated Operations and Maintenance Agreement (OMA), and Amended and Restated Transmission Capacity Exchange Agreement (TCEA).
- **MISO Long Range Transmission Plan T1 – Alexandria-Big Oaks Joint Development Agreement:** The Boards approved executing the Alexandria-Big Oaks Joint Development Agreement, which establishes the terms under which the project will be developed and will establish the parties' rights and obligations with respect to the development of the project through permitting, engineering, design, and related development work until construction is ready to commence.
- **MISO Long Range Transmission Plan T2 – Proposed Projects:** Staff presented information on proposed projects for Tranche 2 of Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.'s (MISO) Long Range Transmission Plan.
- **SCADA Software:** Staff presented information on the need for a software solution that will allow MRES to oversee and dispatch behind the meter generation projects in one location as well as replace MRES's existing oversight capabilities.
- **REC Strategy Part 3:** Staff presented information on the necessity of changing the graphics used to report members' energy mix, prioritizing WAPA's Renewable Energy Certificates (REC) and reporting full member load, and pro-rata allocation versus requirements-based retirement approaches.
- **Open Meetings Review:** Staff presented information on MRES's approach to complying with open meetings and open records laws.

## May 2024

On May 9, 2024, the Boards held their regular monthly meetings, in conjunction with the MRES Annual and Membership Business Meetings where the following agenda items were considered:

- **Election of Officers:** The MRES Board unanimously elected the following slate of officers:
  - Vernell Roberts, Chair
  - Steve Meyer, First Vice Chair
  - Scott Hain, Second Vice Chair
  - Rory Weis, Third Vice Chair
  - Dave Carlsrud, Fourth Vice Chair
  - Steve Lehner, Secretary/Treasure
- **Federal Legislative Update:** MRES federal lobbyist Samantha McDonald provided the Boards with an update on recent federal legislative and regulatory happenings.
- **MRES Office Addition:** Staff presented information on the proposed addition to the MRES headquarters building. The Boards approved executing agreements with an architect and construction manager for preconstruction activities on a 19,000 square foot addition to the Sioux Falls office.



## Lac qui Parle County Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Assessment

Greetings!

Lac qui Parle County is participating in the **Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Program** supported and coordinated by Southwest Initiative Foundation. The University of Minnesota Extension is providing the educational content for the program. As part of the program, communities in Lac qui Parle have access to a community assessment.

The assessment will provide valuable insights about the successes and challenges of your organizational and community efforts to be inclusive of all residents. A community is made up of seven overlapping social sectors.

- Business community/Chamber
- Health care system
- Law enforcement
- Local government
- Non-profit sector (includes social services organizations, service clubs, local foundations)
- Religious organizations
- School system

These sectors experience and adapt to change differently, so we want to learn more about how each sector is addressing inclusion. Please scan this QR code or use this link: <https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/lacquiparlewelcoming> to complete the assessment for one sector or as many sectors as you would like. The surveys will be open until July 31, 2024.



Next steps: University of Minnesota Extension will evaluate the responses from the assessment and will share the findings with the communities in September 2024.

If you have any questions about this assessment, please contact **Padma Kannan**, Extension Evaluation and Research Specialist by phone at 612-405-4073 or email [kanna108@umn.edu](mailto:kanna108@umn.edu).



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## Loneliness and Social Isolation Are Common in Rural America. Is “Social Infrastructure” the Solution?

by *Brendan Stermer* (<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/rural-monitor/author/brendan-stermer>).



*Kris Shelstad (left) and Dr. Hannah Fields (right) are working together to combat social isolation and loneliness in Madison, MN. Photo by Matthew Borchert.*

In recent months, Dr. Hannah Fields, a family physician in Madison, Minnesota, has been running an informal trial for an unusual prescription: a visit to the local coffee shop. “It’s as simple as pulling out a piece of scrap paper and writing a prescription for coffee, then texting Kris [the owner of the shop] like, ‘Hey, if someone shows up with this, put it on my tab,’” said Fields.

The health benefits of moderate coffee consumption, while numerous and well-established, are not the primary motivator of Fields’ experiment. Rather, she knows from personal experience that her patients, upon entering the [Madison Mercantile](https://www.madisonmercantile.com/) (<https://www.madisonmercantile.com/>), will likely be greeted by owner Kris Shelstad and offered a tour of the space, chat with the friendly baristas, and potentially even join one of the many groups that meet there throughout the week. These interactions, Fields believes, amount to an intangible elixir that is healthier and more invigorating than even the Mercantile’s strongest brew: authentic human connection.

It’s a basic — though often unacknowledged — necessity for health, “as essential to survival as food, water, and shelter,” according to [The U.S. Surgeon General’s Advisory on the Health Effects of Social Connection and Community](https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-social-connection-advisory.pdf) (<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-social-connection-advisory.pdf>),

published in May 2023. But across modern America, in rural and urban communities alike, connection seems increasingly in short supply. Issued in response to a worsening nationwide “epidemic of loneliness and isolation,” the 2023 Advisory noted:

*“Recent surveys have found that approximately half of U.S. adults report experiencing loneliness, with some of the highest rates among young adults. These estimates and multiple other studies indicate that loneliness and social isolation are more widespread than many of the other major health issues of our day, including smoking (12.5% of U.S. adults), diabetes (14.7%), and obesity (41.9%), and with comparable levels of risk to health and premature death.”*

When a 1964 Surgeon General's report warned of the health impacts of smoking, it set off a wave of education and policy efforts to encourage cessation. So far, the solutions proposed to our modern crisis of disconnection seem less straightforward — and many healthcare providers remain unsure of what role they should play. But one thing seems certain: as with smoking cessation efforts (<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/toolkits/tobacco>), the distinct cultures and values of rural communities will likely necessitate a tailored approach.

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“I think that the first step — drawing on my background in substance use treatment — is admitting that there is a problem,” said Fields. “The first step is admitting that if we are not addressing this with our patients, then we are not fully helping them.” She hopes the 2023 Surgeon General's Advisory has opened the door for individuals and providers to reckon with the presence of these issues in their own lives, and in their

communities.

As for the next steps, Fields is open to ideas — but believes the most successful approaches will involve community-wide collaborations. “It's all about bringing stakeholders to the table, realizing what resources are already [in the community], and how to more effectively partner,” she said. Her referrals to the Mercantile are inspired by a practice, more common in Europe, known as social prescribing (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/personalisedcare/social-prescribing/>). While she has heard promising feedback from patients, she emphasized that formal program implementation and evaluation would be needed to draw any firm conclusions.

And the Mercantile, it must be noted, is no typical small-town café.

## Coffee, Creativity, and Community



*Shelstad addresses the crowd at a recent community event hosted at the Mercantile.*

Kris Shelstad never expected to move back to Madison. In 2019, she was living in a suburb of Austin, Texas, and had recently retired from a long career in the National Guard. But after her husband passed away unexpectedly and the pandemic turned the world upside down, she sold her house and headed north to be closer to family.

At the time, she was reading a book that explored the common features of thriving small towns. It highlighted the importance of community gathering spaces for fostering cohesiveness, collaboration, and civic engagement. Additionally, “there was just a lot of discussion [in the media] about how isolated people were and the need for community, the need to bridge the divides,” she said.

Taking stock of her new surroundings, Shelstad noted that Madison had a senior center, located in the basement of City Hall, but it wasn't functioning as “a day-to-day gathering space.” There were a handful of restaurants, but Shelstad envisioned a place where there was “no pressure to buy something or turn the table, where you could sit all day.”

The idea for the Mercantile started small. “My mother had a little coffee house many years ago, and I wanted to do something like that,” said Shelstad. “But then an artist friend of mine from Texas passed away and left me about a hundred pieces of her work. So I took that as a sign from the universe that said: *You're going to need a bigger space.*”

In 2021, she purchased a 15,000-square-foot building — a former building supply store, located in the heart of Madison's business district — for around \$75,000. As she set to work converting the space into a café and community art gallery, locals would often wander in to ask about her plans. In response, Shelstad would ask them what they thought the community needed.

Ideas quickly accumulated: a stage for live music, a videoconferencing room for older adults to connect with faraway family members, a coworking space for remote workers and entrepreneurs, a local gift shop, a yoga room, a Men's Shed (<https://usmenssheds.org/>), and more. Because of the sheer size of the building, Shelstad just kept saying yes. She also formed a nonprofit, separate from the café, which allowed her to secure a fellowship and grant funding to support these various additional projects and uses of the building.

After opening for business, she reached out to various community groups and invited them to use the building as a meeting space. “I think that in any town, the first thing you need to do is get the quilt club on your side,” said Shelstad. With the help of these well-connected “creative ladies,” more groups began showing up — and new groups soon took shape. Today, the building is host to a wide variety of weekly meetings: Bible studies, a cancer survivors' group, an environmental group, a coffee hour for Spanish speakers, and more.



*The Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Club meets regularly at the Mercantile, in addition to numerous other groups.*

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Typically, when an unfamiliar face shows up at the Mercantile, Shelstad introduces herself and asks if she can show them around. Gradually, “they’ll reveal what they’re interested in, and then I’m like, ‘You know what? We have a group that meets for that.’” She also acts as a community “matchmaker” — informally introducing individuals who she thinks should know one another. As for romantic matchmaking: “I think we’ve had a couple of successes there too,” she said.

Shelstad admits that “some people would probably rather go to a truck stop where they can just grab coffee and go, because I accost everybody who comes in the door. *Hi! Who are you? Where are you from?* It’s terrible!” This is more or less what took place when Fields first wandered into the Mercantile, shortly after she accepted a job at the local hospital in August 2022 — but she didn’t mind at all.

Seeing the space and talking with Shelstad led her to recall a project she had worked on over a decade ago as a graduate student in Barcelona. Working with physicians in nearby rural communities, Fields had attempted to initiate a pilot program “to identify people who were either lonely or at risk for being lonely and try to get them set up with a formal prescription to participate in community activities.” The program, however, struggled to gain uptake among providers.

“What I learned was something that didn’t surprise me a whole lot, which is that the motivation and the drive to do these things is most effective if it’s coming fully from within the community,” said Fields. “You need champions that are within the community.”

After meeting Shelstad and touring the Mercantile, she remembers thinking, “I want to support this woman and this organization — because this is the way to do it.”

## A Structural Approach

Rural America is sometimes characterized in the media and the popular imagination as a refuge from our modern crisis of disconnection, a place where most people — unlike a majority of their fellow Americans (<https://ifstudies.org/blog/the-decline-of-trust-and-neighborliness>) — still know their neighbors and enjoy a rich community life. Recent research, however, paints a more complicated picture.

Writing in *JAMA Health Forum* (<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama-health-forum/fullarticle/2773657>) in 2020, Dr. Carrie Henning-Smith, Deputy Director of the University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center, noted: “While older adults in rural areas report having larger social networks than older adults in urban areas, they also report higher levels of loneliness, indicating structural barriers to connection.” She identified “transportation challenges, built environments that are not always walkable or conducive to social interaction, more limited economic resources, less access to broadband Internet and cellular connectivity, and more restricted access to health care, including mental health care” as a few of these possible structural barriers.

According to Joanne Lee, Senior Project Director at Healthy Places by Design (<https://healthyplacesbydesign.org/our-services/>) (HPBD) — a nonprofit that works with regional and national foundations to guide social connectedness initiatives — loneliness and isolation are often viewed as individual problems or even personal failings. But there is growing awareness of the structural factors contributing to widespread disconnection.



She sees parallels here with the progression of the public conversation around obesity and diet-related disease. “There was a time when the narrative was, ‘Hey, just stop eating so much, go out and exercise!’” said Lee. “And then we realized that we need to look at the community environments and the policies behind them. Are there places for everybody to buy healthy foods or is it all fast food? Are there places for people to engage in more active living? Are there sidewalks and trails?”

Similarly, researchers and advocates working to address loneliness and social isolation have begun to focus less on individual choices and more on the strength of local “social infrastructure” — defined in the 2023 Surgeon General’s Advisory as “the programs (such as volunteer organizations, sports groups, religious groups, and member associations), policies (like public transportation, housing, and education), and physical elements of a community (such as libraries, parks, green spaces, and playgrounds) that support the development of social connection.”



*Joanne Lee, MPH.*



*Michael Stevenson, MPH.*

Social infrastructure can also include private businesses like cafés and barbershops — and even radio stations and newspapers, which share information about local events. “It’s the places where people connect and gather and are connected to resources within their communities,” said Michael Stevenson, Co-Director of [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/) (CHR&R), an initiative of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. “But it doesn’t just stop at the physical spaces — it’s also the underlying policies that nurture and support the investment in these spaces.”

Earlier this year, CHR&R published a [report](https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/findings-and-insights/2024-national-findings-report) (<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/findings-and-insights/2024-national-findings-report>) examining the relationship between “civic infrastructure” — an analogous term — and local health outcomes across the country. The report noted: “The healthiest counties, where people live long and well, have well-resourced civic infrastructure...compared to the counties among the least healthy.” However, “civic infrastructure...is under-resourced among counties along the U.S.-Mexico Border, within the Black Belt Region and Appalachia and surrounding American Indian/Alaska Native tribal areas” — all of which are predominantly rural.

Stevenson emphasized that strong social infrastructure is characterized not by the presence of a single service or community organization, but is more akin to an ecosystem of opportunities for connection and participation: from community centers and libraries to public transportation and broadband. “And what the evidence shows is that when we participate, we actually have better self-reported physical, mental, and overall health,” he said.

Compared to many other communities of its size, the social infrastructure in Madison is relatively strong. There are numerous churches, a beautiful Carnegie library, a community theater, and now the Mercantile, which serves as a de facto community center. If Fields were to expand and formalize her social prescription program, she thinks it would be important to partner with a wide range of local organizations in addition to the Mercantile.

She also sees room for structural improvements. For example: lately, Fields has been noticing a lack of sidewalk access in some areas of the community. And there is a cultural norm — common across the U.S. — of choosing to drive, even for very short trips. Fields believes that, if walking was both safe and culturally normalized, there would be more opportunities for people to bump into acquaintances as they went about their day. Even a greeting from a passing stranger can be good for our health, she said.

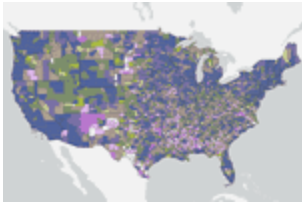
But the benefits of strong social infrastructure are not limited to improved individual health outcomes. As noted in [Socially Connected Communities: Action Guide for Local Governments and Community Leaders](https://healthyplacesbydesign.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Socially-Connected-Communities-Action-Guide-for-Local-Government-and-Community-Leaders.pdf) (<https://healthyplacesbydesign.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Socially-Connected-Communities-Action-Guide-for-Local-Government-and-Community-Leaders.pdf>), developed by the nonprofit [Foundation for Social](https://www.foundationforsocial.org/)

Connection (<https://www.social-connection.org/>), a partner of Healthy Places by Design: “Connected communities can also make small and mid-sized cities more competitive, adaptable, and resilient to demographic and economic changes.”

According to Shelstad, the Mercantile has already “incubated two businesses,” which have since relocated to other buildings in town. Recently, the Madison Economic Development Authority contracted with her nonprofit to represent Madison at conferences, write grants, and provide meeting space for the local business community.

“I told myself early on, if we're doing this right, somebody's going to move to town because we have this place,” said Shelstad. “If they have a choice of western Minnesota communities, we want them to pick Madison.”

### Explore Your Local Social Infrastructure



County Health Rankings & Roadmaps' 2024 National Findings Report (<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/findings-and-insights/2024-national-findings-report>) includes an interactive map which can be used to explore three aspects of social infrastructure in every county in the nation: broadband access, local newspapers, and public libraries.

## Around the Country



*In the small town of Gothenburg, Nebraska, the hospital is co-located with a YMCA.*

Despite her early successes, Shelstad doesn't generally encourage others to replicate her organization's model unless they have “spent 20 years in the Army and have a pension and health insurance.” But more importantly, she insists that any effort to strengthen social infrastructure should be designed in direct response to the specific culture, resources, and needs of the local community. “I think, because of that, every one of these models is going to be a little bit different,” she said.

In Gothenburg, Nebraska, response to community need led the hospital building itself to become a pillar of the town's social infrastructure. Since the completion of an expansion project in 2018, Gothenburg Health (<https://www.gothenburghealth.org/>) has been co-located with a YMCA (<https://ymcaoftheprairie.org/gothenburg/>). The facility includes a pool, gymnasium, exercise equipment, yoga room, and conference room — and offers afterschool and summer programming for local kids. The two entities are separated by a cafeteria.

According to Dr. Brady Beecham, Gothenburg Health Chief Medical Officer, the building is now a central gathering place for this town of 3,400. "On the weekends, there are all sorts of birthday parties that go on here," she said. "The kids go to the pool at the Y, then they come over and have their cake in the hospital cafeteria."

She recalled an experience from one of the first meetings she attended after stepping into her current role in 2023. It was a Monday morning, and a member of the leadership team was irritated by frosting he had found smeared on a table in the cafeteria. "I worked previously at a hospital where nothing like that ever occurred," said Beecham. "So the idea that we had this big problem of sticky frosting all over because it was such a community building — I was like, wow, that's a really interesting problem to have."

The unique arrangement emerged from a widespread community desire for more health and recreational opportunities for kids. There was strong support for a YMCA, "but we knew that one of the big hurdles to getting to the finish line would be just the significant cost," said Colten Venteicher, a local attorney who served on the steering committee for the project.

Hospital leadership, who were already planning a major expansion project, determined that "by co-locating it, not only could they basically cut [the cost of YMCA construction] in half, but they could also create some efficiencies by working together when it came to administration and overhead," said Venteicher. Construction costs for the YMCA portion of the building were supported by over \$3 million in local donations, in addition to nearly \$2 million in grant funding.

Venteicher says the facility has succeeded not only in expanding opportunities for kids, but in bringing together community members of all ages. "My wife plays pickleball with people in their sixties and seventies, and I have older clients who I'll see on the walking track," he said. "I've got four kids, and we use the YMCA almost every day. It's become a part of our family."

All frosting-related frustrations aside, Beecham says the hospital is quite happy with the arrangement — and continues to explore ways to act "as an extension of the life and needs of the community." Recently, the hospital, school district, city government, and others partnered to support the creation of a new facility, the [Gothenburg Impact Center](https://www.gothenburgimpactcenter.com/about) (<https://www.gothenburgimpactcenter.com/about>). It will house a childcare center, an indoor athletic turf, an event center for weddings and large meetings, and a centralized hub for various social services organizations.

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As with the Madison Mercantile, this unusual combination of amenities was developed in direct response to community feedback. Venteicher, who serves as the president of the Impact Center's nonprofit operating entity, echoed Shelstad in his advice for other community leaders: "What I've learned is the necessity of sitting down and listening to people, truly taking that feedback to heart, and not being afraid to go back to the drawing board."





*Youth 360 offers afterschool programming and activity scholarships for middle and high school students in rural Alaska.*

In the Matanuska-Susitna borough of Alaska — a rural area the approximate size of West Virginia — efforts to strengthen social infrastructure also began with a concern for local kids. “In 2016, there was a teen here who was murdered by other teens — and this obviously shook the communities pretty hard,” said Tyler Healy, Director of [Youth 360](https://youth-360.org/) (<https://youth-360.org/>), a program of the United Way of Mat-Su. Multiple stakeholders coalesced to hold community listening sessions to explore what underlying factors might be contributing to teen substance use and criminality.

“One thing that came out of that process was simply — hey, teens don't have a lot of natural places to gather outside of school,” said Healy. “And the places that are available might not be equitably available in a way that lower-income kids or kids that live 30, 45 minutes from school can access.” He noted that, while there are a few population centers in the borough, many residents live “very spread out — in the woods, to some degree.”

Youth 360, the program that formed in response, operates three free afterschool and summer youth clubs: two located on school campuses and one held in a building owned by a neighboring church. Students are offered transportation back to their homes after the clubs close each day, eliminating a major barrier for many local families.

Students living in a part of the borough not served by an existing club — or who choose not to participate for some other reason — are offered scholarships to cover the cost of activities offered by “trusted community partners,” ranging from music lessons to athletic leagues and martial arts classes. The program design is based on the [Icelandic Prevention Model](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1524839919849032) (<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1524839919849032>), which emphasizes expanded recreational opportunities and community-wide collaboration to prevent teen substance use, mental health problems, and antisocial behaviors.

Youth 360 is funded in part by the [Mat-Su Health Foundation](https://www.healthymatsu.org/) (<https://www.healthymatsu.org/>), which works with Healthy Places by Design to strategize their investments in social connection-related initiatives across the borough. They also operate several in-house programs, including [Connect Mat-Su](https://www.connectmatsu.org/) (<https://www.connectmatsu.org/>), a centralized resource and referral hub. The free service is used primarily for referrals to housing, transportation, and food access resources via email, phone, text, and in-person



interactions. But “as we're talking to people, we're definitely picking up on cues about social isolation and making sure that they know about available resources if they're interested in them,” said Connect Mat-Su Director Ashley Peltier.

For example, if an older adult calls regarding food insecurity, “we'll connect them to the local senior center as a place for food, but also as an opportunity for social connection,” said Peltier. “If it's a young parent contacting us, we can get them connected to providers, but we'll also talk with them about Head Start programs, upcoming community events, and parent groups.”

While the referral service assisted around 1,500 individuals throughout 2023, Connect Mat-Su is reaching even more locals through a piece of digital social infrastructure hosted on their website: a [regional events calendar](https://www.connectmatsu.org/events/) (<https://www.connectmatsu.org/events/>). Program staff update the calendar with events they learn about from partners, through social media, or through an online submission form. “In 2023, we had 50,000 unique users on our website, and the number one thing they were looking at was the events calendar,” said Peltier. “So that tells us people are looking for social connection.”

According to Stevenson at CHR&R, simply attending more community events can be a great first step for individuals and organizations looking for ways to strengthen their local social infrastructure. As exciting and impactful as new programs and facilities can be, it is equally important to support the local programs and infrastructure that already exist. “It can be as simple as supporting your local library,” said Stevenson. “So going there, attending the events, and making sure it has the resources it needs to be successful.”

“We don't have to solve all of these problems at once,” he said. “Small steps are noble and a great place to start.”

### **Join the Conversation**

Healthy Places by Design has worked with local communities and those who invest in them since 2001, focusing on the environments, policies, and systems that either create barriers or opportunities for people to engage in healthy behaviors. Their recently launched [Socially Connected Communities Network](https://healthyplacesbydesign.org/socially-connected-communities/) (<https://healthyplacesbydesign.org/socially-connected-communities/>) offers webinars, discussion groups, resource guides, and networking opportunities for individuals and organizations working to enhance social connectedness in communities across the country.



## A Place to Feel Welcome



*Shelstad and Fields enjoy an afternoon coffee at the Mercantile. Photo by Matthew Borchert.*

In our era of simultaneous public health crises — from obesity and loneliness to opioids and teen mental health — it can be easy for healthcare providers and community leaders to become overwhelmed, and Fields is no exception. But she finds it helpful to remember that all of these problems — and their potential solutions — are overlapping and deeply intertwined. Improving sidewalk access, for example, can expand opportunities for social interaction while also encouraging an active lifestyle. Community events and gathering spaces can foster meaningful social connections, which serve as a preventive factor against the development of substance use disorders and mental health conditions.

In order to respond effectively to these overlapping crises, Fields thinks it is important for the healthcare sector to acknowledge that health is “not merely the absence of disease or infirmity,” as stated in the [Constitution of the World Health Organization](https://www.who.int/about/accountability/governance/constitution) (<https://www.who.int/about/accountability/governance/constitution>). “A patient can look perfect on paper, just because their blood pressure is controlled,” she said. “But if they are absolutely miserable and totally alone, does that mean they're going to be okay in five years? No, they could be dead unless something changes for them.”

Fields doesn't formally screen her patients for loneliness and social isolation — though [such tools](https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/population-care/loneliness-public-health-crisis-learn-how-screen-it) (<https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/population-care/loneliness-public-health-crisis-learn-how-screen-it>) do exist. Rather, she makes her referrals to the Mercantile based on subtle cues and things that come up in conversation. If a patient is a new parent, a caregiver, or has recently moved to town, for example, she knows they may be more likely to benefit from the referral.



*The Mercantile hosts piano recitals, open mic nights, and performances by local musicians and visiting artists.*

Two years after opening in this community of 1,500, Shelstad still often sees unfamiliar faces walk through the doors of her unusual establishment. They find their way to the Mercantile through a referral from Fields, an invitation from a friend, or of their own accord. Recently, a young woman showed up — a referral from Fields — who didn't speak much English. "She needed help hooking up her internet, so we used Google Translate and tried to help her," said Shelstad. "She's been in two or three times since then, and she feels comfortable now coming in with her little girl."

On a few occasions, women have walked in and asked for a quiet place to spend a few hours. "I don't know what the situation is, if they're just upset or if they felt like they weren't safe," said Shelstad. "We don't ask many questions."

Lately, more local teenagers have been showing up. Shelstad described the group as perhaps "a bit atypical in their looks or hobbies or whatever." They may be drawn in by the rotating local art exhibits or the tall stacks of strange old books, but most likely just the copious space to hang out with friends. A few months ago, a teenager — new to the community — walked in and said, "People told me I would feel comfortable here."

"And I just about cried," said Shelstad. "I was like, of course. Yes, of course."

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### **About Brendan Stermer**

Brendan Stermer writes for RHIhub's online magazine, the Rural Monitor, as well as Models and Innovations. His articles on important rural health issues are informed by his background in small-town journalism. Brendan has a bachelor of arts degree in Philosophy from the University of Minnesota Morris. [Full Biography](https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/about/bios/brendan-stermer) (<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/about/bios/brendan-stermer>).  
[View all articles by Brendan Stermer](https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/rural-monitor/author/brendan-stermer) (<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/rural-monitor/author/brendan-stermer>).

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◀ [Previous Article: With New EMS Quality Measures, Florida Aims to Have a National Impact on Rural Care](https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/rural-monitor/ems-quality-measures)

(<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/rural-monitor/ems-quality-measures>).



Job Listings



Strong Broadband



Low cost of living



After Hours

## Promoting Employment Opportunities

Prairie Waters partnered with Vivid Image, web developer, to create a widget that pulls from multiple different online job boards and filters them all into one listing on the Prairie Waters website. From there, viewers can filter by location, company, and/or a keyword search.

In addition, Prairie Waters launched a Google Adwords campaign to promote the jobs in our region and encourage them to join our communities!

**Search Keywords**

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**Filtering**

[Clear Filters](#)

**By Location**

- Appleton, MN
- Benson, MN**
- Canby, MN
- Clara City, MN
- Clarkfield, MN
- Dawson, MN
- Granite Falls, MN
- Graceville, MN
- Kerkhoven, MN
- Madison, MN
- Milan, MN
- Montevideo, MN
- Ortonville, MN

**Registered Nurse**

Solutions by Sanford | Benson, MN | Posted 4 days ago

Create Your Career With Us! Join our not-for-profit organization that has provided over 100 years of housing and services to seniors with a commitment to quality care and service in a Christian environment. Facility: Bemidji Medical Cen...

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**RN Traveler - Solutions By Sanford - Bemidji Cardiac Care Unit - FT**

Solutions by Sanford | Benson, MN | Posted 4 days ago

Create Your Career With Us! Join our not-for-profit organization that has provided over 100 years of housing and services to seniors with a commitment to quality care and service in a Christian environment. Facility: Bemidji Medical Cen...

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# Western Minnesota PRAIRIE WATERS

*Thank you!*

A huge thanks to our 2024 Prairie Waters Members for making this program possible and most importantly helping our communities better market themselves to attract new residents and visitors to our region!

<b>Big Stone County</b> Graceville	<b>Chippewa County</b> Montevideo/CVB Milan	<b>Swift County</b> Benson Appleton Kerkhoven	<b>Yellow Medicine County</b> Canby Clarkfield Granite Falls/EDA	<b>Lac qui Parle County</b> Dawson Madison
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## 2024 Prairie Waters Board

- Big Stone County**  
Chad Zimmel
- Swift County**  
Gary Hendrickx
- Chippewa County**  
Matt Gilbertson
- Lac qui Parle County**  
Ben Bothun
- Yellow Medicine County**  
Mitch Kling

- Montevideo**  
Erich Winter
- Canby**  
Vacant
- Dawson**  
Jill Kemen
- Benson**  
Vacant

- Granite Falls**  
Crystal Johnson
- Madison**  
Maynard Meyer
- Appleton**  
Emma Haugen

**Melissa Streich**  
Communications Coordinator  
320.289.1981 x 105  
Melissa@umvrdc.org



Prairie Waters is a program of the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC). It started in the 1980's as a small coalition of partners who saw the benefits of collaborating marketing efforts. In 1999 a study was conducted by the UMVRDC entitled "Regional Tourism Center and Tourism Development Study". This feasibility study recommended an increased effort throughout the region to promote and market the area as a tourism destination. In 2001, voluntary funding was provided by cities and counties to create a Regional Tourism Program at the UMVRDC.

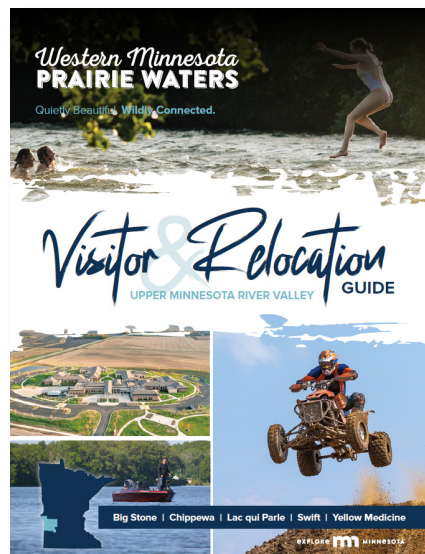
With regional collaboration, our counties and cities pool their resources to make tourism and recruitment efforts more affordable. With the collaboration we are able to produce high quality marketing materials on a very tight budget.

Healthcare *EDUCATION*  
**Employment** **Childcare**  
**Opportunities** **Housing**  
*Outdoor* *COST OF LIVING TOOL*  
**Activities** **Events**





The mission of the organization is to serve as a tourism and relocation destination marketing the five-county area (Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Swift, and Yellow Medicine). The purpose is to promote and market the region as a great place to visit, work and live by highlighting and showcasing the natural, cultural, scenic, and historical assets - along with relocation information such as housing, healthcare, education, childcare, low cost of living and more!



## Visitor/Relocation Guide

This guide has a print distribution of 25,000 (online version available on website and Explore Minnesota Tourism website). These guides are distributed to chambers, cities and businesses throughout the region; Travel Information Centers across the state; Mall of America; and sent out as we receive requests for information. The guides are also used by employers as a workforce recruitment tool.

## Events

Each year we collect information of all the events happening in the region. The website has a regional calendar where visitors and/or locals can find information on upcoming events. Events are also posted on Explore MN Tourism's website.

## Social Media

Prairie Waters is very active on social media sharing daily posts on events, activities, businesses, employment opportunities, and highlighting our region's assets and rural lifestyle.



## Website - Region's one-stop shop!

www.prairiewaters.com is a one-stop-shop for all the things to do within the region, including a robust listing and mapping of all the places to eat, stay and shop. The website also includes information on employment opportunities, housing, education, healthcare, etc. making it a one-stop-shop of resources to make a potential newcomers move easier.

[www.prairiewaters.com](http://www.prairiewaters.com)

## Advertising

Received an Explore MN Tourism marketing grant to spend on advertising and content creation for our region.

- Examples:
- New shop local webpage on website
  - Videographer
  - Graphic design tools
  - Pioneer Public Television
  - Explore MN Tourism
  - Southern MN Tourism
  - Mall of America
  - Pheasants Forever
  - Midwest Living
  - South Dakota Magazine
  - AAA Living
  - Local ads
  - Billboards

## Shop Local

With our local businesses being hit by the pandemic, we created a new page on the Prairie Waters website displayed as visual tiles of the local shops in our region. We ran numerous campaigns driving our locals and visitors to this web page. In addition we ran newspaper, radio and social media ads.



## Attracting New Residents

Prairie Waters placed numerous ads around the state to encourage residents to move to our region and enjoy our low cost of living, strong broadband, hundreds of great jobs and a slower more relaxing pace of life! As a result our Google Analytics have skyrocketed from the metro area.

## Developable Properties

The UMVRDC developed a regional inventory of developable properties in the region and worked with cities and EDAs in the region to add over 50 properties into the LocationOne Information System (LOIS). LOIS is a GIS based economic development platform used throughout the US, Mexico and Canada and is the basis for the site selector system used by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

Our regional Prairie Waters marketing program also pulls this data from DEED and showcases these entrepreneur opportunities under the work here portion of the regional website <https://prairiewaters.com/siteselector/>.

**Old Klein Bank Building**  
101 S 1st St | Montevideo, MN | US | Chippewa County  
Available SF: 26,000 | Lease Terms: Negotiable

**Property and Area Description**  
Need space for your growing team and business? Looking for a prominent location to generate more traffic to your business? Don't want the expense of additional furniture? Discover the OFFICE PLAZA on Main Street, Montevideo and find limitless possibilities! This commercial building features main street access and lower level access. The lower level side branch office space opens onto a charming courtyard area.

Population	8,072	20,846	43,158
10 Mile Radius			
20 Mile Radius			
30 Mile Radius			

Source: ESRI® 2022

Households	3,389	8,762	18,204
10 Mile Radius			
20 Mile Radius			
30 Mile Radius			

Source: ESRI® 2022

**Building Type:** Office, Commercial  
**Available SF:** 26,000  
**Total SF:** 26,000  
**Zoning:** Commercial, Retail  
**Former Use:** Bank  
**Can Subdivide:** Yes  
**Within City Limits:** Yes  
**Sale Price Note:** See description  
**Lease Terms:** Negotiable  
**Last Updated:** Mar 31, 2022

**Economic Development Contact**  
Jack Gotfried  
City of Montevideo  
Montevideo, MN 56265  
jgotf@montevideo.mn.gov

**Realtor/Owner Contact**  
James B. Van Eenbergen & Associates  
1-201-369-6640 v1511@montevideo.vanbergen.com

**Transportation**  
Rail Served: Unknown  
Rail Served By: Unknown  
Rail Accessible: Unknown  
Rail Infrastructure in Place: Unknown

**Utilities**  
Electric: Xcel Energy  
Natural Gas: Great Plains  
Water: City of Montevideo  
Sewer: City of Montevideo

## Community Lifestyle Toolkits

As a result of employer interviews the UMVRDC has created a community lifestyle "toolkit" for Prairie Waters member communities that contain lifestyle and relocation information for employers to use during their employee recruiting process.

The employers can simply send the toolkit as a link to a potential new employee, where they can view stories from existing residents and information on housing, healthcare, education, child care, employment, telecommuting, things to do, videos, photos, and more. They also can be customized for each employer!

**HOUSING**  
Whether you're looking to rent or purchase, we have a wide variety of options to accommodate all. Homes are in walking distance to the school, grocery store, swimming pool, library, parks and more.

Madison, Minnesota	St. Paul, Minnesota
3 bedroom & 2,250 sq ft	3 bedroom & 2,250 sq ft
AMV \$85,000 estimated taxes \$1,045	AMV \$338,000 estimated taxes \$4,515

# Prairie Waters

## 2025 MEMBERSHIP

- ✓ Appoint one Prairie Waters board representative
- ✓ Prairie Waters customized community lifestyle toolkit
- ✓ Community lifestyle & tourism slideshow
- ✓ Access to the online photo/video library
- ✓ Community brochures distributed in response to PW inquiries – and available on the PW website
- ✓ Showcased in the NEW visitor/relocation guides + distribution
- ✓ Community page on Prairie Waters website and hyperlink to cities pages
- ✓ Events and attractions of your choice featured on our Facebook and Instagram page!
- ✓ All events on the regional calendar of events
- ✓ All businesses & events updated and highlighted on the Explore Minnesota Tourism Website
- ✓ Connecting with local employers and aiding their workforce recruitment efforts + promoting jobs through a NEW online job portal
- ✓ Marketing developable properties, vacant lots, and businesses for sale

[WWW.PRAIRIEWATERS.COM](http://WWW.PRAIRIEWATERS.COM)



The UMVRDC's Western Minnesota Prairie Waters Program is looking ahead to 2025 and we want to continue our successful collaboration of boosting the region's economic growth through marketing. The purpose of the program is to promote and market the region as a great place to visit, work, and live. We not only want to attract people to come visit, but attract and retain residents; which is a key component for the sustainability of the region and has been voiced as a critical issue from local units of government within the region.

Prairie Waters is the one stop shop for all the things to do, places to visit, stay, and shop, information on education, healthcare, housing, childcare, cost of living, events, stories and much more! Prairie Waters staff continuously update their website and visitor and relocation guide with new and timely content to guarantee a convenient and enjoyable experience for our viewers. We strive for excellent regional marketing by helping local entities such as employers, schools, healthcare facilities, and realtors work together to promote the area.

Enclosed is a pledge form of a financial request for the 2025 membership. Cities with active tourism/visitor programs and amenities are defined as the backbone of the region's tourism infrastructure. Cities are asked to contribute at different levels based on their population and number of attractions and facilities. See attached for project highlights.

## 2025 Membership Request

Includes cities with the most attractions, restaurants, lodging, housing, businesses and lifestyle amenities of our region. This tier receives the most exposure and content creation.

**\$4,500**

# Prairie Waters

## 2025 PLEDGE FORM

### Western Minnesota Prairie Waters Regional Marketing Program

A Regional Marketing Program of the Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission

We, the City/Organization of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of city/organization), have reviewed this request and pledge to participate at the amount specified below for the Regional Marketing Program's 2025 year.

**2025 membership request: \$4,500 Annual Commitment**

We, the City/Organization of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of city/organization), have reviewed this request and do not wish to support economic development at this time.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

#### Billing Information:

We choose to pay the total amount in January of each year. The UMVRDC will invoice you for the Prairie waters program after January 1, 2025.

We would like to make other payment arrangements: (please explain)

Thank you for your generous support of marketing our region!



Upper Minnesota Valley  
**REGIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION**

Helping Communities Prosper



*Western Minnesota*  
**PRAIRIE WATERS**



**CITY OF MADISON, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION 24-18**

STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
COUNTY OF LAC QUI PARLE)  
CITY OF MADISON)

**RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY WAIVING THE LIQUOR ORDINANCE IN SLEN  
PARK DURING THE JUNE 26, 2024 BLOCK PARTY FROM 5PM TO 8PM**

**WHEREAS** the Madison Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a community Block Party on June 26, 2024 between 5pm and 8pm at Slen Park; and

**WHEREAS** the Block Party organizers wish to have beer as well as non-alcoholic beverages served by the Happy Hour Sports Bar during the event. Appropriate liquor licenses for this event are required.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Madison, Lac qui Parle County, Minnesota temporarily waives the liquor ordinance banning the consumption of alcoholic beverages in City Parks for the period of the Block Party on June 26, 2024 between the hours of 5pm and 8pm.

Upon vote taken thereon, the following voted:

For:  
Against:  
Absent:

Whereupon said Resolution No. 24-18 was declared duly passed and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Thole  
Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christine Enderson  
City Clerk

**CITY OF MADISON  
AGENDA AND NOTICE OF MEETING**

Regular Meeting of the Park Board – **12:00 Noon**  
**Monday June 17, 2024**  
Madison Memorial Field

1. **CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**  
Chair Hill will call the meeting to order.
2. **APPROVE AGENDA**  
Approve the agenda as posted in accordance with the Open Meetings law, and herein place all agenda items on the table for discussion. A MOTION is in order.
3. **APPROVE MINUTES**  
A copy of minutes of the March 5, 2024 Regular meeting is enclosed. A MOTION is in order.
4. **PUBLIC PETITIONS, REQUESTS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS**  
Members of the audience wishing to address the Park Board with regard to an Agenda item, presentation of a petition, or a general communication should be recognized at this time.
5. **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Park Board Position Opening. A DISCUSSION may be in order.
    - a. Volunteer Interest Form
  - B. Madison Memorial Field Update – Bart Hill. A DISCUSSION may be in order.
  - C. Project Updates – Brittany Engesmoe. A DISCUSSION and MOTION may be in order.
    - a. Pool Party
    - b. Big Red Chair
    - c. Baseball Field Art
  - D. City Parks Update – Todd Erp, Board. A DISCUSSION may be in order.
    - a. Softball Field Construction
    - b. Park Emergency Preparedness
  - E. Other Items. A DISCUSSION may be in order.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**



# Expense Approval Report By Fund

Payment Dates 6/11/2024 - 6/12/2024

Vendor Name	Payment Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
<b>Fund: 101 - General</b>					
AMAZON	DFT0000449	06/12/2024	PARKS-VINYL POST COVERS	101-45200-530	396.90
AMAZON	DFT0000448	06/12/2024	PARKS-VINYL POST COVER	101-45200-530	67.50
AMAZON	DFT0000447	06/12/2024	PARKS-POP UP SPRINKLER	101-45200-530	51.95
MARSHALL NORTHWEST PIPE F	66262	06/12/2024	POOL-VACUUM BREAKER/PO...	101-45124-530	392.54
<b>Fund 101 - General Total:</b>					<b>908.89</b>
<b>Fund: 201 - Ambulance</b>					
FIRSTNET/AT&T MOBILITY	DFT0000445	06/11/2024	AMB-HOTSPOT SERVICE	201-44100-325	38.23
MADISON HARDWARE HANK	66260	06/11/2024	AMB-FLOOR SQUEEGEE HEAD...	201-44100-210	33.98
MADISON HARDWARE HANK	66260	06/11/2024	AMB-WEED KILLER	201-44100-210	34.99
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	66253	06/11/2024	AMB-ALCOHOL GEL/NPA KIT/A..	201-44100-217	274.41
LQP CO-OP OIL	66259	06/11/2024	AMB-FUEL EXP	201-44100-212	243.33
<b>Fund 201 - Ambulance Total:</b>					<b>624.94</b>
<b>Fund: 211 - EDA Fund</b>					
MADISON WELDING & REPAIR,..	66261	06/11/2024	EDA-ALUM ANGLE	211-46500-409	36.80
<b>Fund 211 - EDA Fund Total:</b>					<b>36.80</b>
<b>Fund: 407 - Utility Extension Project Fund</b>					
R.L. LARSON EXCAVATING IN	66264	06/11/2024	UTL EXT-PAY APP 6	407-46520-409	137,523.22
<b>Fund 407 - Utility Extension Project Fund Total:</b>					<b>137,523.22</b>
<b>Fund: 601 - Water Fund</b>					
MVTL LABORATORIES INC	66263	06/11/2024	WT-REGULAR TESTING	601-49400-409	27.75
ITRON, INC.	66256	06/11/2024	ELEC/SEW/WT-ITRON SOFTW...	601-49400-404	782.33
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS...	66255	06/12/2024	WT-CIRCUIT 5/24	601-49400-321	43.43
<b>Fund 601 - Water Fund Total:</b>					<b>853.51</b>
<b>Fund: 602 - Sewer Fund</b>					
ITRON, INC.	66256	06/11/2024	ELEC/SEW/WT-ITRON SOFTW...	602-49450-404	782.32
DEAN BROIN	66254	06/12/2024	SEW-TRAINING MILEAGE REI...	602-49450-212	178.22
<b>Fund 602 - Sewer Fund Total:</b>					<b>960.54</b>
<b>Fund: 604 - Electric Fund</b>					
ITRON, INC.	66256	06/11/2024	ELEC/SEW/WT-ITRON SOFTW...	604-49570-404	782.33
<b>Fund 604 - Electric Fund Total:</b>					<b>782.33</b>
<b>Fund: 609 - Liquor Fund</b>					
JOHNSON BROS-ST.PAUL	66257	06/11/2024	LIQ-LIQUOR EXPENSE	609-49750-251	112.00
JOHNSON BROS-ST.PAUL	66257	06/11/2024	LIQ-FREIGHT EXPENSE	609-49750-258	4.58
JOHNSON BROS-ST.PAUL	66257	06/11/2024	LIQ-LIQUOR EXPENSE	609-49750-251	1,269.52
JOHNSON BROS-ST.PAUL	66257	06/11/2024	LIQ-FREIGHT EXPENSE	609-49750-258	32.06
JOHNSON BROS-ST.PAUL	66257	06/11/2024	LIQ-CREDIT	609-49750-251	-301.87
LQP BROADCASTING COMPA...	66258	06/11/2024	LIQ-ADVERTISING	609-49750-342	233.75
<b>Fund 609 - Liquor Fund Total:</b>					<b>1,350.04</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>					<b>143,040.27</b>

## Report Summary

### Fund Summary

Fund	Expense Amount	Payment Amount
101 - General	908.89	908.89
201 - Ambulance	624.94	624.94
211 - EDA Fund	36.80	36.80
407 - Utility Extension Project Fund	137,523.22	137,523.22
601 - Water Fund	853.51	853.51
602 - Sewer Fund	960.54	960.54
604 - Electric Fund	782.33	782.33
609 - Liquor Fund	1,350.04	1,350.04
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>143,040.27</b>	<b>143,040.27</b>

### Account Summary

Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount	Payment Amount
101-45124-530	CAPITAL OUTLAY (IMP. ...	392.54	392.54
101-45200-530	CAP.OUTLAY(IMP.OTHER...	516.35	516.35
201-44100-210	OPERATING SUPPLIES	68.97	68.97
201-44100-212	MOTOR FUELS/LUBRICA...	243.33	243.33
201-44100-217	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	274.41	274.41
201-44100-325	CELL PHONE EXPENSE	38.23	38.23
211-46500-409	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	36.80	36.80
407-46520-409	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	137,523.22	137,523.22
601-49400-321	TELEPHONE EXPENSE	43.43	43.43
601-49400-404	EQUIPMENT M & R CON...	782.33	782.33
601-49400-409	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	27.75	27.75
602-49450-212	MOTOR FUELS/LUBRICA...	178.22	178.22
602-49450-404	EQUIPMENT M & R CON...	782.32	782.32
604-49570-404	EQUIPMENT M & R CON...	782.33	782.33
609-49750-251	LIQUOR	1,079.65	1,079.65
609-49750-258	FREIGHT EXPENSE	36.64	36.64
609-49750-342	ADVERTISING	233.75	233.75
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>143,040.27</b>	<b>143,040.27</b>

### Project Account Summary

Project Account Key	Expense Amount	Payment Amount
**None**	143,040.27	143,040.27
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>143,040.27</b>	<b>143,040.27</b>