

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

Regular Meeting of the City Council – 4:30 PM  
Monday March 24th, 2025  
Madison Municipal Building

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

Mayor Meyer 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 March 10th, 2025 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**

A. Senator Dahms Newsletter – March 2025 – receive

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

**6. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

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

B. Madison Library Report. A DISCUSSION and MOTION may be in order. (Manager, Council)

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C. Approve City Garden Policy Update. A DISCUSSION and MOTION may be in order. (Manager, Council)

**7. MANAGER REPORT (Manager)**

- Strategic Planning Session
- MRES Statement Export Tax

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

- LMC Annual Conference - Duluth

**9. AUDITING CLAIM**

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A copy of the Expense Approval Report is submitted for March 10th, 2025 through March 24th, 2025 and is attached. A MOTION is in order.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF MADISON  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

**MINUTES OF THE MADISON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2025**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Madison City Council was called to order by Mayor Maynard Meyer on Monday, March 10, at 4:35 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilmembers present were: Mayor Maynard Meyer, Julie Stahl, Adam Conroy and Tim Volk. Also present were City Manager Val Halvorson, City Attorney Rick Stulz and City Clerk Christine Enderson. Councilmember Paul Zahrbock was absent.

**AGENDA**

Upon motion by Volk, seconded by Conroy and carried, the agenda was approved as presented. All agenda items are hereby placed on the table for discussion.

**MINUTES**

Upon motion by Conroy, seconded by Stahl and carried, the February 24, 2025, regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

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

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**CITY ENGINEERING REPORT**

City Engineer Kent Louwagie provided an update on city projects.

**2023 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation:** Documents are being finalized to obtain pricing from contractor regarding the remaining sanitary sewer locations that need to be excavated and repaired.

**Stormwater Pond Cleaning:** Cleaning is complete in the west pond and the east pond is partially cleaned.

Upon motion by Volk, seconded by Conroy and carried, the second pay application from Heinrich Excavating & Hauling, Inc. for the stormwater pond cleaning project was approved in the amount of \$13,817.75. This application is for work completed through March 7, 2025.

**Slen Park Improvements:** The design work is nearly complete, however, the DNR Grant Agreement must be received and executed before proceeding to bidding on this project. The Park Board has met regarding fundraising efforts and City Manager Halvorson suggests moving forward with that in the meantime.

**Lead Service Line Inventory:** The MN Department of Health is planning a second round of technical assistance grants with the primary focus of addressing remaining “unknowns”. The City has 565 service lines with “unknown” material.

**LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INSURANCE TRUST**

Ryan Young of Klein Insurance updated Council on the annual renewal of the City’s insurance through the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust.

Upon motion by Meyer, seconded by Conroy and carried, Council verified that the City of Madison does not waive the monetary limits on its municipal liability insurance coverage through the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust.

### **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Grant Navigator Request:** The request was submitted to the League of MN Cities.

**School Challenge Grant and JPAC Grant:** The School Challenge Grant application was submitted and LqP Valley School was approved for a JPAC grant/loan of \$100,000 to support the program. With the School Challenge Grant, a property will need to be identified in Madison and the school can partner with the owner, or through Madison EDA. Students enrolled in the course will rehab the property with assistance from contractors.

**Congressional Direct Spending Request:** City Manager Val Halvorson inquired about applying for funds addressing the gap in public housing.

**MN Housing Institute:** A response was sent to their survey to see if the Institute would be a good match for our community team leaders.

### **MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Coalition of Greater MN Cities:** Council discussed a published statement from CGMC’s President regarding the House and Senate “Yes to Homes” legislative package.

**Social Media for Elected Officials:** An online webinar, Social Media for Elected Officials, is being offered to elected officials. Councilmembers interested are to register an account at the League of MN Cities website and sign up for the webinar. Registering for an account on the LMC site allows them to sign up for other trainings and conferences as well.

### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Upon motion by Volk, seconded by Conroy and carried, Council approved disbursements for bills submitted between February 25, 2025 and March 10, 2025. These disbursements include United Prairie Check Nos. 67323-67387. Debit card and ACH transaction were also approved as listed.

There being no further business, upon motion by Conroy, seconded by Meyer and carried, meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

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Maynard Meyer - Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Christine Enderson – City Clerk



# GARY DAHMS

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SERVING SENATE DISTRICT 15

E-Newsletter

March 7, 2025

## FEBRUARY STATE BUDGET FORECAST SHOWS LOOMING DEFICIT

On Thursday, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) released its annual February revenue **forecast**, providing information and an outlook for the state's financial picture. The latest forecast shows a \$456 million surplus at the end of fiscal year 2027, \$160 million less than was projected in November's forecast. The February forecast also shows an increased deficit of \$5.995 billion in the 2028 – 2029 fiscal years which is a \$852 million increase from November's forecast. The forecast numbers do not account for any new spending, meaning that new spending bills passed this legislative session will further increase the deficit down the line.

"Minnesota's latest budget forecast reveals an even deeper financial crisis," Senator Gary Dahms (R – Redwood Falls) said. "Reckless Democrat spending, along with widespread waste, fraud, and abuse in state agencies, has led to a staggering deficit. As we work on the next state budget, we must hold the government accountable and put Minnesotans first."

The February forecast will serve as a guide for the Minnesota Legislature in creating the upcoming two-year budget before the constitutionally mandated session deadline on May 19, 2025. Click [here](#) to read the full MMB November Budget and Economic Forecast.

"We as legislators need to focus on the pocketbooks of Minnesota's families and citizens," concluded Senator Dahms. "It's time to rein in spending so Minnesotans can better afford food, housing, education, and other important necessities."



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## GAINES CAMPAIGNS FOR FAIRNESS IN GIRLS SPORTS

On Monday, former NCAA swimmer and outspoken advocate for keeping women's sports fair, Riley Gaines, visited the Capitol. She spoke to the Senate Republican caucus before leading a rally at the Capitol in support of making sure only biological girls compete in girls' athletics. Ms. Gaines told senators that women and girls should not have to give up their scholarships and podium finishes and safety and biological realities should not be ignored.

Shortly after the meeting, Senate Republicans took action on the Senate floor to bring the *Save Women's Sports Act* out of committee and up for an immediate vote by the full Senate. Currently, the bill is in the Education Policy Committee where the Democrat chairman refuses to give it a hearing. The bill protects girls by making sure that girls' sports remain for biological females only, just as Title IX intended.

Senate Democrats blocked the motion and did not allow the bill to be voted on by the full Senate.



Riley Gaines spoke to the Senate Republican Caucus on the importance of fairness in girls' sports.

## SENATOR DAHMS CRITICIZES GOVERNOR WALZ'S PROPOSED INSURANCE TAX INCREASE

On Thursday, February 27, Governor Tim Walz announced a proposal to increase the Insurance Premium Tax, currently set at 0.6%, by adding an “assessment” to cover the funding gap between what insurance companies pay and what the federal government provides for Minnesota’s reinsurance program.

Senate Commerce Committee Republican Lead Senator Gary Dahms is warning that this new tax, along with other proposed healthcare cost increases, will drive up premiums and make healthcare less affordable for Minnesotans. “When you look at the big picture on what is being proposed, between this new assessment tax, the doubling of the HMO Medicaid Surcharge, and other proposed mandates on policies, premiums will skyrocket and become even less affordable for every Minnesotan,” Senator Dahms said. “This is another reminder that Governor Walz is always looking for more revenue rather than finding efficiencies and savings, and Minnesotans deserve better.”

Minnesotans already pay a 1.8% tax on healthcare services to subsidize affordable healthcare options, and insurance companies are currently taxed at 8.86%. Unlike other states that use similar tax assessments, Minnesota has many non-profit insurance providers that would be significantly impacted by this additional burden.

“Rather than increasing taxes, the state should focus on fiscally responsible solutions that ensure affordable healthcare for all Minnesotans. We must find ways to lower costs without placing additional strain on consumers and businesses,” concluded Senator Dahms.

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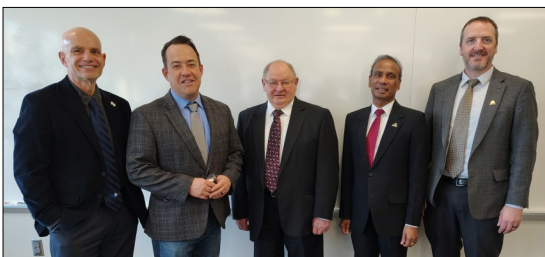
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Associate Vice President of Advancement,  
Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU)



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## SENATOR DAHMS'S REINSURANCE LEGISLATION RECEIVES SECOND COMMITTEE HEARING

On Tuesday, the **Senate Health and Human Services Committee** heard legislation authored by Senator Gary Dahms (R – Redwood Falls) to extend Minnesota's reinsurance program. **Senate File 333** seeks to maintain the program's success in stabilizing the individual insurance market and lowering premiums for consumers. The bill was previously passed by the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee with bipartisan support.

This legislation would allocate \$512 million from the state's general fund to the Premium Security Plan account in fiscal year 2026. This one-time appropriation would ensure continued oversight and reporting to maintain the program's effectiveness.

"Reinsurance has delivered real results by reducing health insurance costs for Minnesota's consumers," said Senator Dahms. "This program is crucial to keeping health care affordable, stabilizing the individual insurance market, and ensuring Minnesotans have access to the quality care they need."

In contrast, Governor Tim Walz recently proposed **increasing the Insurance Premium Tax** by adding an assessment to cover the funding gap between what insurance companies pay and what the federal government provides for Minnesota's reinsurance program.

Senator Dahms warned that higher taxes on insurers would ultimately raise costs for Minnesota families. "Governor Walz's tax increase will drive up premiums, burden consumers, and make healthcare less affordable at a time when Minnesota families are already struggling with rising costs," Senator Dahms said.

Minnesotans already pay a 1.8% tax on healthcare services to subsidize affordable healthcare options, and insurance companies face an 8.86% tax. Unlike other states that use similar tax assessments, Minnesota has many non-profit insurance providers that would be significantly impacted by these additional financial burdens.

Senate File 333 was laid over for possible inclusion in the Omnibus Health and Human Services bill.



Click the picture to hear more of my comments.



Click the picture to view the committee hearing for Senate File 333.

## WHAT ARE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE DEADLINES?

There is no yearly deadline for the introduction of bills. However, each year the legislature establishes deadlines for committee action on bills. Committee deadlines are announced during the first half of a session in order to narrow down the list of topics to be dealt with that year. The 2025 committee deadlines are listed below.

**The first deadline (April 4)** is for committees to act favorably on bills in the house of origin. In other words, all policy bills have to be through EITHER the Senate or the House by this date (they have to have had a hearing). If by the end of this day the bill has not had a hearing in the Senate or the House, the bill will no longer be able to be processed. Although in some instances a bill may be amended onto another bill.

**The second deadline (also April 4)** is for committees to act favorably on bills, or companions of bills, that met the first deadline in the other legislative body. All policy bills have to be through both the Senate and the House by this time. This also includes bills that went from one policy committee to another policy committee. They have to be through all the policy committees by this time.

**The third deadline (April 11)** is for committees to act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills. All budget bills have to be through their respective budget division by this time. *However*, the Senate committees on Finance, Rules, Taxes, and Capital Investment can meet and pass bills up to the last day of Session.

When a committee in either house acts favorably on a bill after a deadline established in the concurrent resolution, the bill must be referred in the Senate to the Committee on Rules and Administration and in the House of Representatives to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration for disposition.

The deadlines do not apply to the House committees on Capital Investment, Ways and Means, Finance, Taxes, or Rules and Legislative Administration, nor to the Senate committees on Capital Investment, Finance, Taxes, or Rules and Administration.



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James Sellers, Second Harvest  
and Kelly Erp, Canby

# CITY COUNCIL CHECKLIST

3/20/2025

ITEM	DATE	ADDRESSED BY	RESPONSIBLE TO COMPLETE	Progress Notes	COMPLETE
Downtown Renovation Fund	1/1/2022	Meyer	CM,	Reserve Fund \$20,369	
EDA CIP Program	1/1/2022	EDA	EDA	Applications out for 2025 Projects	
Downtown Open Space-Block 48	9/19/2022	Conroy	CM EDA	Consider for downtown apartments	
Daycare Performance/EDA Appropriation	9/1/2017	EDA	Community	Stakeholder Meetings have resumed - Met January 29th	
Infrastructure North Expansion	9/1/2021	Council	CM, PW	Change Order to address unlinable laterals	
City Hall Restoration and Maintenance	6/1/2017	Council	CM, BM	Reimbursement Request Sent 50% of project \$56,000	
Slen Park Improvements - DNR	7/2/2021	Conroy	CM, Parks	USTA reviewing 50% plans, Fundraise Comm Mid March-April	
Welcome Sign East Entrance	8/20/2022	Zahbrock	CM, PZ, AC	Quick Signs of Willmar - Future Project	
Carneige Library Roof	1/1/2022	Parks	Manager	Reimbursement Request Sent \$50,000	
Water Treatment Rehab	1/1/2024	All	Public Works	1st Review with Water Department	
Housing Grant Applications	2/1/2025	All	CM, EDA	School Challenge and LHTF have March Applications	
Housing Grant Applications	2/1/2025	All	CM, EDA	LHTF Application Submitted	



## CITY GARDEN PLOT POLICY

To provide the best experience for all gardeners, the City of Madison has developed the following guidelines for a fruitful, secure, and enjoyable place to garden.

- Garden plots are available for use by City of Madison residents free of charge on a reservation basis.
- Gardeners must reserve a plot by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year; they can retain the same plot, if they wish. After April 1<sup>st</sup>, unreserved plots are available upon request.
- Reservations for the prior year's gardeners will typically be held until April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- The City requests that each gardener be respectful of all other gardeners.
- Keep your plot free from weeds and overgrown vegetation. Weeds are considered to be out of control if they are greater than 6 inches in height, flowering, or going to seed.
- There is no water spigot available so gardeners will need to haul their own water as needed.
- Gardeners can use fencing to delineate and protect their garden and keep rabbits from damaging their plants. However, fencing should not extend beyond their designated plot boundaries, or it may be removed.
- Please keep vining plants from growing into adjacent plots.
- Please be sure your crops, fencing, and the like do not shade neighboring crops.
- These gardens are not specified as "organic", but we encourage gardeners to consider alternatives to chemical pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and weed killers. Great care must be taken so that any over-spray will not damage other gardens.
- All produce should be harvested, and items such as fencing, plant stakes, tomato supports, or plastic mulch must be removed by the end of October each year.
- If a gardener decides they do not want to care for their plot at any point during the season, please let the City Hall Business Office know as soon as possible.
- Gardeners who neglect, do not keep their plot free of weeds, or abandon their plot without notice, will not be allowed to get a plot in the future.
- Gardeners who utilize the city garden plot do so at their own risk with the City not being liable for accident or injury.
- If any questions or concerns arise, please contact the City Hall Business Office.

# City of Madison

## 2025 Strategic Planning Session

Monday, March 10, 2025, from 5pm to 7pm with Council

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, from 9am to 11am with staff

Madison Auditorium room at City Hall

### Participants:

Mayor Maynard Meyer

Council Member Adam Conroy

Council Member Julie Stahl

Council Member Tim Volk

City Attorney Rick Stulz

City Engineer Kent Louwagie

City Manager Val Halvorson

City Clerk Christine Enderson

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Angie Amland

Deputy Clerk Cheri Tuckett

Electric Line Supervisor David Johnson

Journey Lineworker Chase Mortenson

Water/Wastewater Supervisor Dean Broin

Water/Wastewater Senior Operator Randy Larson

Streets and Parks Supervisor Todd Erp

Streets and Parks Maintenance Maurice Wollschlager

Liquor Store Manager Dale Hiepler





# Housing

## Strategy

- Provide an adequate inventory of safe, quality housing options that meet the needs of all residents, income levels and household sizes.

## Current Reality – What Do We Know?

- High interest rates
- Limited comps for appraisals
- More housing needed
- Waitlist on apartments
- No developable lots
- Working on possible sites and options with task force
- Housing trust fund
- Aging stock of housing
- Rehab opportunity with JPAC project
- Demand for housing

## What Does Success Look Like?

- Westview Townhomes built
- Infrastructure for housing
- Maintaining Eastview Apartments
- Grant success
- Reviewing Eastview Apartment rents
- JPAC project complete
- Encourage more private development
- More lodging options in town

## Ideas for Next Steps & Priority Level:

### HIGH

- Infrastructure for housing
- Westview Townhomes built
- Grant success
- JPAC project identified
- Encourage private development

### MEDIUM

- Rental ordinance
- Infill lots with housing
- Maintain Eastview Apartments and review rents



# Parks and Recreation

## Strategy

- Develop and support a comprehensive system of safe, well-maintained, and useful open spaces and recreational facilities that serve the entire community year-round.

## Current Reality – What Do We Know?

- Dog Park
- Community support on a park improvement project
- Limbo status on federal grants
- High park usage
- High investment in parks
- Art presence
- Grant success
- Community space - Mercantile

## What Does Success Look Like?

- Slen Park project complete
- Continue to maintain recreational facilities including ball fields
- Defining Phase II of park improvements
- Collaborating with the park board
- Collaborating with the art council
- Maintain high park usage

## Ideas for Next Steps & Priority Level:

### HIGH

- Slen Park project complete
- Maintaining park facilities
- Softball field work

### MEDIUM

- Collaborating with park board and art council
- Promoting our amenities
- Slide at pool and plaster work
- Amenities at campground

# Economic Development

## Strategy

- Provide a competitive and supportive business climate for new and existing businesses.

## Current Reality – What Do We Know?

- Pre-developed highway commercial land (for armory)
- Business retention – developments
- Broadband, high-speed fiber
- Motivated economic development commission
- Collaboration with the Chamber
- Economic Development contact
- Getting younger generation involved
- Young professionals
- Daycare center

## What Does Success Look Like?

- Continue business transition
- Continue maintaining amenities
- More outside investment
- Filling vacancies in buildings
- Receptive to new ideas
- Block 48 – mixed use building
- Business retention
- Bring in new business

## Ideas for Next Steps & Priority Level:

### HIGH

- Keep collaborating with other entities
- Business retention
- Maintaining amenities

### MEDIUM

- Block 48 design
- Outside investment

# Infrastructure, Facilities and Services

## Strategy

- Provide quality/reliable, affordable and adequate public infrastructure, facilities and services that meet the community's current and future needs.

## Current Reality – What Do We Know?

- Pre-developed land
- Ahead of the game
- 11<sup>th</sup> St project is finishing
- New county building
- Electrical system is in good shape
- Water treatment plant needs rehab
- Sewer lining project challenges
- Maintaining pavement
- Good collaboration with state and county on projects
- Aging buildings and facilities – public works building

## What Does Success Look Like?

- Electrical study complete
- AMI
- Follow through on capital improvements
- Providing infrastructure for future housing
- Water fund – get it out of the red
- No service interruptions
- All enterprise funds will be revenue solvent
- Path forward for facilities that need improvements
- Finish necessary replacements in infrastructure

## Ideas for Next Steps & Priority Level:

### HIGH

- Electrical study complete
- Seal coating
- Sewer line project
- Infrastructure for housing
- Finances in water fund

### MEDIUM

- Maintaining electrical system
- Water plant rehab project
- Public works facility review options and develop plan
- Equipment replacement schedule

## How can we make this an even better place to work?

### What would take us to a high functioning, high quality team?

Efficiencies	Communication	Team Building	Incentives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vac trailer and mini ex needed (Dean)</li> <li>iPad for each truck for locate tickets (Randy)</li> <li>Electronic notepad (Randy)</li> <li>Move forward with technology (GIS &amp; AMI) (Employee Survey)</li> <li>Debit card process (Angie)</li> <li>Upgrade office meeting areas – public works (Zach)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teamwork – asking for help and offering help (ALL)</li> <li>Group text messaging (Todd)</li> <li>Who is available (Todd)</li> <li>Promote cross training – well rounded (Employee Survey)</li> <li>Everyone ideas are shared (ALL)</li> <li>A day in the life of a city worker (Cheri)</li> <li>Take pictures (ALL)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group outings (Employee Survey)</li> <li>Christmas dinner event with spouses (Employee Survey)</li> <li>Volunteer competition (Wellness Committee)</li> <li>Get healthy (Wellness Committee)</li> <li>Creative recognition to each other (Employee Survey)</li> <li>Continue monthly staff meetings (Val)</li> <li>Personality profiles (David)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Birthday celebrations (Maurice)</li> <li>Longevity pay (Employee Survey)</li> <li>More breaks and treats (Chase)</li> <li>Employee recognition and appreciation done monthly (Employee Survey)</li> <li>Flexible schedules for work/life balance – young kids and daycare expense (Christine)</li> <li>Employee gym access (Wellness Committee)</li> </ul>

## Val Halvorson

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**From:** Tim Blodgett <Tim.Blodgett@mrenergy.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2025 10:01 AM  
**To:** Tim Blodgett  
**Cc:** DIST-Executives  
**Subject:** Export tax on Canadian electricity

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### **LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY SECURITY NOTICE :**

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Good morning MRES Members. As you've likely heard in the news, there has been much federal discussion and action around US/Canadian tariffs on electricity and threats of Canada withholding supply from the US. While this is a very dynamic situation, we wanted to provide a few talking points from the MRES perspective to you to help respond to any inquiries you may receive.

- MRES does not directly purchase electricity from Canada.
- The Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs: MISO and SPP) MRES operates within does import some energy into the US via several high voltage transmission lines between us.
- MRES purchases some energy from the RTO markets which varies significantly by season/month/day, especially this time of year given the tremendous amount of wind generally available.
- MRES expects the tariffs that may be imposed on those imports could have a small impact on the average price of electricity in the markets, but we are not aware of any studies done by MISO or SPP to quantify those impacts. At a high level, US / Canada imports / exports are less than 5% of the overall energy needs so relatively small, and as mentioned earlier, this time of year, there are many hours when there is an abundance of wind.
- MRES has adequate financial reserves to manage potential short-term volatility in electricity prices, but we don't expect those reserves to be needed.
- Thus, MRES does not expect any impacts on the current wholesale rates to members, and little, if any, impact on the longer-term rate plan.
- The RTOs have not indicated that any potential disruptions of electricity from Canada would create reliability issues in our region.
- Despite these issues, over the past week Canadian imports into the US in MISO below have been similar to what is considered normal.
- MRES continues to monitor the situation regarding tariffs on imports of Canadian electricity to the US.

As always, let us know if you have any questions. Thank you and have a great day.

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City of Madison, MN

# Expense Approval Report

By Fund

Payment Dates 3/11/2025 - 3/11/2025

Vendor Name	Payment Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
Fund: 605 - Storm Sewer Fund					
NATHAN HEINRICH	67388	03/11/2025	STORM-PAY APP 2-POND CLE...	605-49600-408	13,817.75
Fund 605 - Storm Sewer Fund Total:					13,817.75
Grand Total:					13,817.75

Report Summary

Fund Summary

Fund	Expense Amount	Payment Amount
605 - Storm Sewer Fund	<u>13,817.75</u>	<u>13,817.75</u>
Grand Total:	13,817.75	13,817.75

Account Summary

Account Number	Account Name	Expense Amount	Payment Amount
605-49600-408	SEWER STRUCTURES M ...	<u>13,817.75</u>	<u>13,817.75</u>
Grand Total:		13,817.75	13,817.75

Project Account Summary

Project Account Key	Expense Amount	Payment Amount
**None**	<u>13,817.75</u>	<u>13,817.75</u>
Grand Total:	13,817.75	13,817.75