

**MINUTES OF THE NEENAH WATER WORKS COMMISSION
AND
STORM WATER CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**
Regular Meeting – June 15, 2026
Hauser Room – City Hall, 211 Walnut Street, Neenah, WI

Present: President Schmeichel; Commissioners: Bauman, and Pollnow; and Director Mach

Excused: Commissioners Borchardt and Hemes

Also Present: Alderperson Neuman, Pubic Works Engineer Kummerow, Water Utility Business Manager Barlow, and Water Distribution Tech I Maynard

Call to Order - President Schmeichel called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Public Appearances – Alderperson Neuman introduced himself. He was glad to get the opportunity to know more about the Water Utility and the Commission. Commissioners welcomed him to the meeting.

Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2026 – Following discussion, **M.S.C. Pollnow/Bauman to approve the May 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**. All voting aye.

Unfinished Business – None.

Approval of May 2026 Invoices – Commissioners had no questions about invoices and charges.

Following discussion, **M.S.C. Schmeichel/Bauman to approve the May 2026 invoices**. All voting aye.

Storm Water

1. Storm Water Report – Public Works Engineer Kummerow provided an update to the Courtside Fields Pond, Storm Water Management Plan, and the MS4 audit. Commissioners asked what the final depth of the pond will be and how soon it will be complete. Engineer Kummerow indicated that the final depth will be 10-feet and the project should be complete in a week or two. Commissioners asked what the cost will be for the Storm Water Management Plan. Engineer Kummerow indicated the estimated cost will be in the neighborhood of \$150,000 to \$160,000. Furthermore, he indicated that half of the cost will be covered by a grant.

Following discussion, **M.S.C. Bauman/Pollnow receive and place on file the Storm Water Report**. All voting aye.

2. MS4 Report – Public Works Engineer Kummerow presented the MS4 Report for Commission discussion. Additionally, he explained the activities that Public Works undertakes to maintain compliance.

Following discussion, **M.S.C. Schmeichel/Pollnow receive and place on file the MS4 Report**. All voting aye.

Benchmark Report – Director Mach and Business Manager Barlow presented the Benchmark Report for Commission consideration. Business Manager Barlow completed additional benchmarking reports that were handed out during the meeting. Commissioners asked to see more reports that compare our Utility to neighboring (peer) utilities. Director Mach asked the Commissioners to let staff know which reports they'd like to see going forward.

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Following discussion, **M.S.C. Bauman/Pollnow receive and place on file the Benchmark Report.** All voting aye.

Approve Request to Purchase Historical Property Report for Utility-Owned Lot – Director Mach presented a memo detailing a request to purchase a report for the lot at 568 Belmont Court. The Utility has owned the lot for many years and would like to see the lot developed. Commissioners discussed the history of the lot. Director Mach asked the Commissioners if they would be open to exploring the excavation and sale of the lot in the future.

Following discussion, **M.S.C. Schmeichel/Bauman to take no action regarding the lot at this time.** All voting aye.

Request to Approve Proposal for GAC Media Replacement – Director Mach presented a memo and detail regarding the replacement of the Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) filtration media. Staff received a proposal from Calgon Carbon that included the removal, destruction, and installation of the media. Director Mach noted that the age of the media is approaching twenty years. Furthermore, Utility staff have done a fantastic job taking care of the media. The typical life expectancy of media is 5 – 10 years. Commissioners asked about funding and warranty coverage. Director Mach noted that the Commission allocated \$530,000 previously for the replacement and funding from the PFAS settlement is more than sufficient to cover the rest. Director Mach noted that he didn't believe there was a "warranty" on this media, but he would explore the question further and report back.

Following discussion, **M.S.C. Schmeichel/Bauman to accept the proposal from Calgon Carbon Corp. for \$635,100 to remove and replace the GAC media for four filters at the Plant.** All voting aye.

Director's Report –

1. We would like to welcome Luke Lumberg as our new Relief Operator I and Zachary Bloechl as our new Operator I. Commissioners welcomed them to the Utility.
2. Water Loss Report – Water loss continues to be an issue. Distribution Tech I Maynard is beginning leak detection efforts.
3. The following applicable items were approved at the May 14, 2026 Board of Public Works meeting:
 - Pay Request No.1, Contract 1-26, Utility and Street Construction, on Elm Street, Reed Street, and Laudan Boulevard, to De Groot Inc., in the amount of \$708,654.95. The total amount attributable to Water is \$372,974.20.
 - Pay Request No.1, Contract 2-26, Utility, Street and Winneconne Overpass Construction, on Sterling Avenue, Henry Street, Greenfield Street, and the Winneconne Overpass, to David Tenor Corporation, in the amount of \$231,789.07. The total amount attributable to Water is \$130,698.15.
4. Solar Installation Update – The array continues to work well.
5. Water Utility staff are exploring applying for Private Lead Service Line Funding this year.
6. The next regular Waterworks Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2026.

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Following discussion, **M.S.C. Schmeichel/Bauman to receive and place on file the Director's Report.** All voting aye.

Announcements and Future Agenda Items – None.

Adjournment – **M.S.C. Schmeichel/Pollnow to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.** All voting aye.

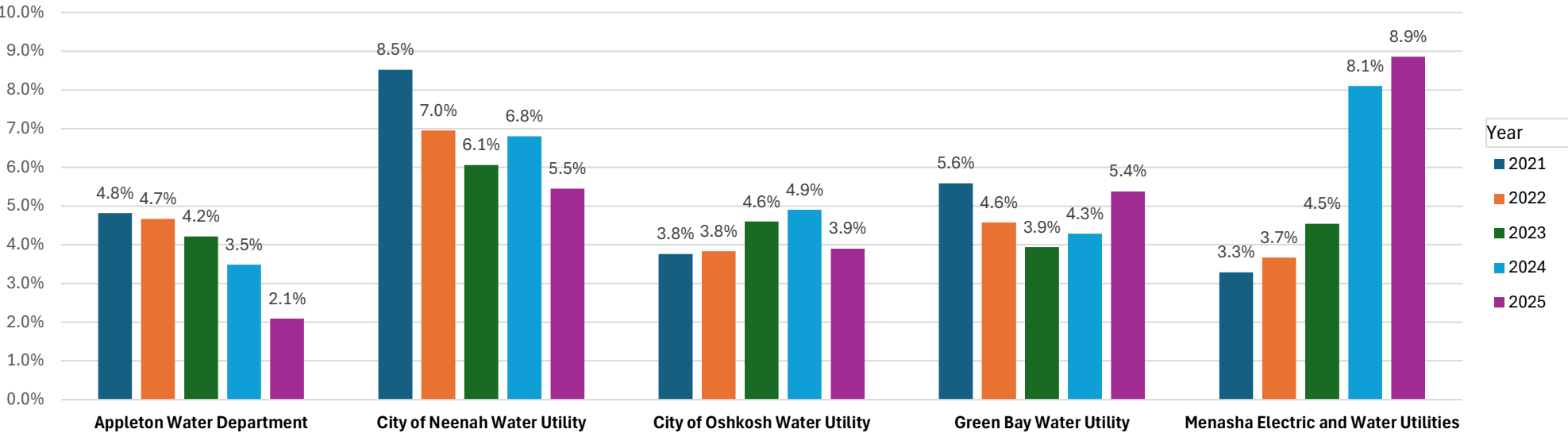
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony L. Mach', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anthony L. Mach
Director, Neenah Water Utility

Sum of Net Operating Income as a percent of Average Net Rate Base - Water

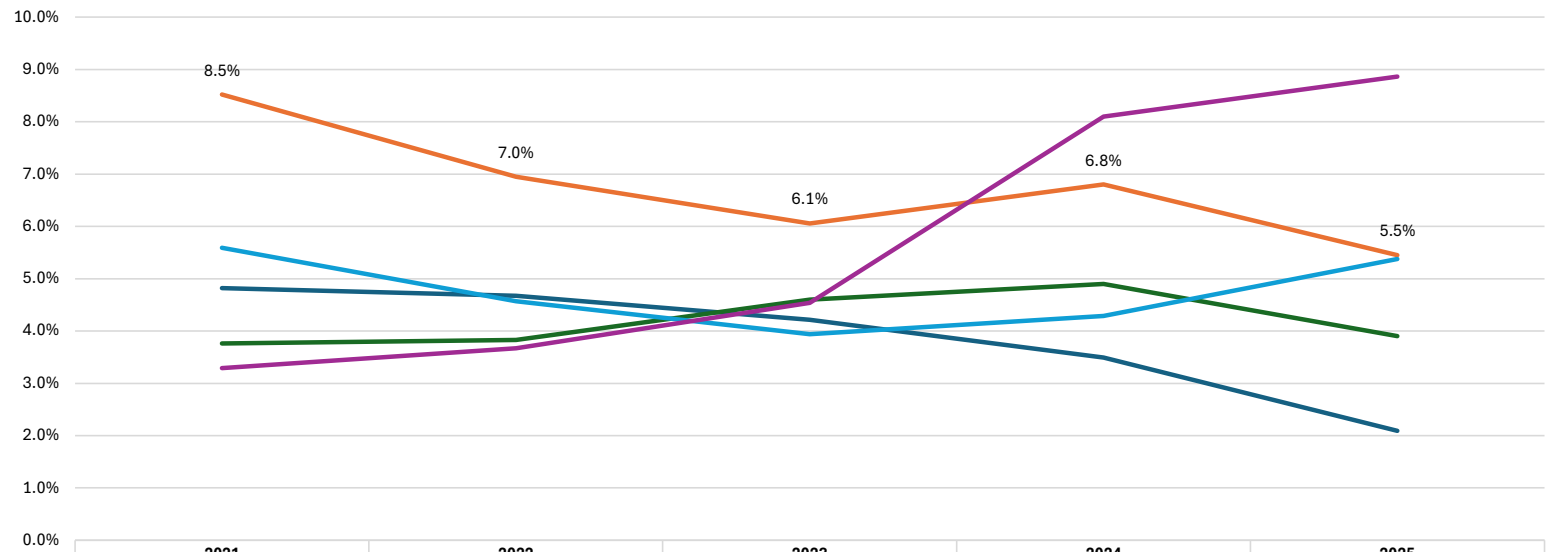
Water Rate of Return % by Utility



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Water Rate of Return % by Year

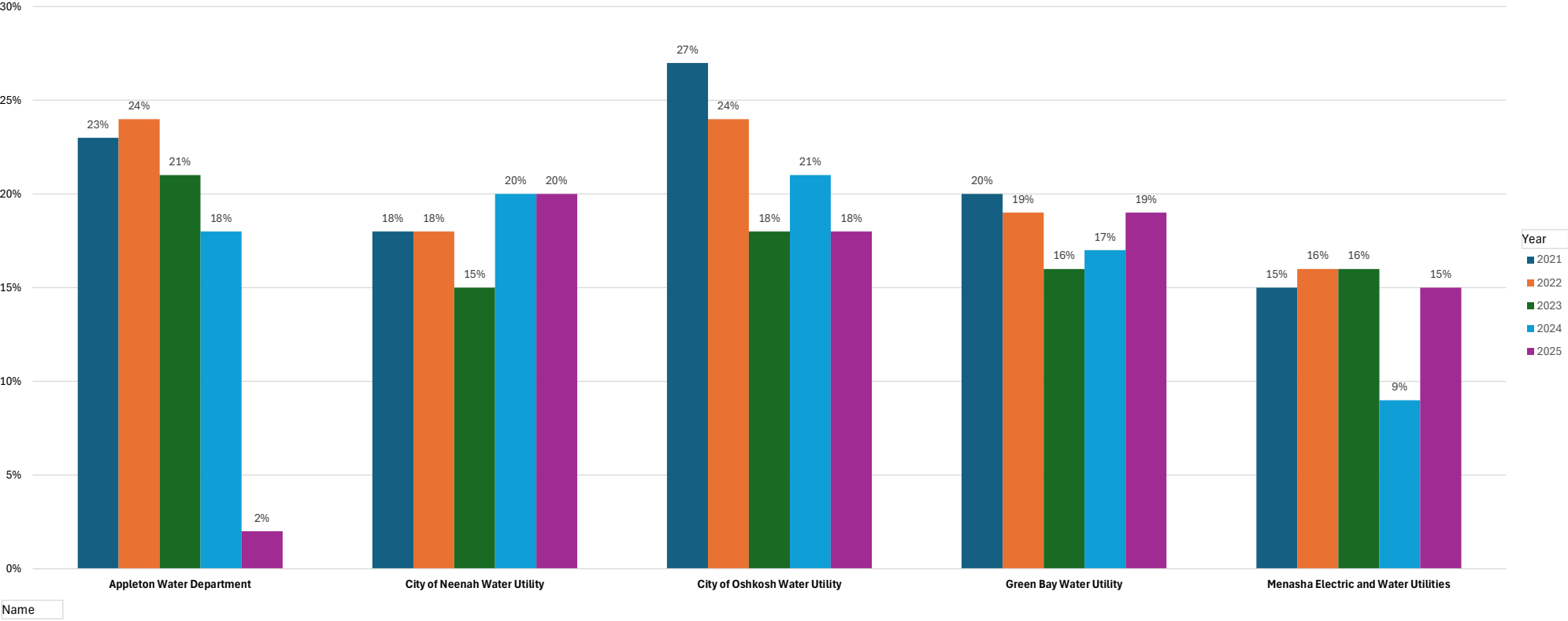


	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Appleton Water Department	4.8%	4.7%	4.2%	3.5%	2.1%
City of Neenah Water Utility	8.5%	7.0%	6.1%	6.8%	5.5%
City of Oshkosh Water Utility	3.8%	3.8%	4.6%	4.9%	3.9%
Green Bay Water Utility	5.6%	4.6%	3.9%	4.3%	5.4%
Menasha Electric and Water Utilities	3.3%	3.7%	4.5%	8.1%	8.9%

Year

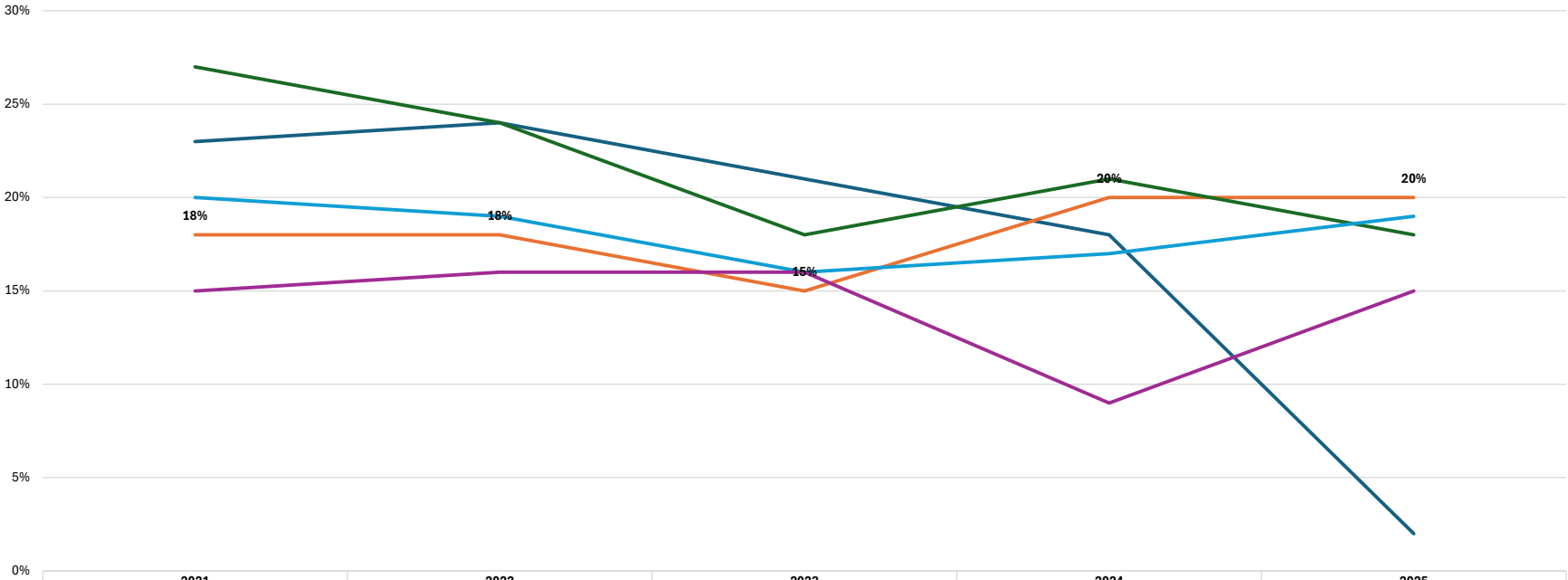
Sum of Total Water Loss as a percentage of net water supplied

Lost Water as a % of Water Supplied by Utility



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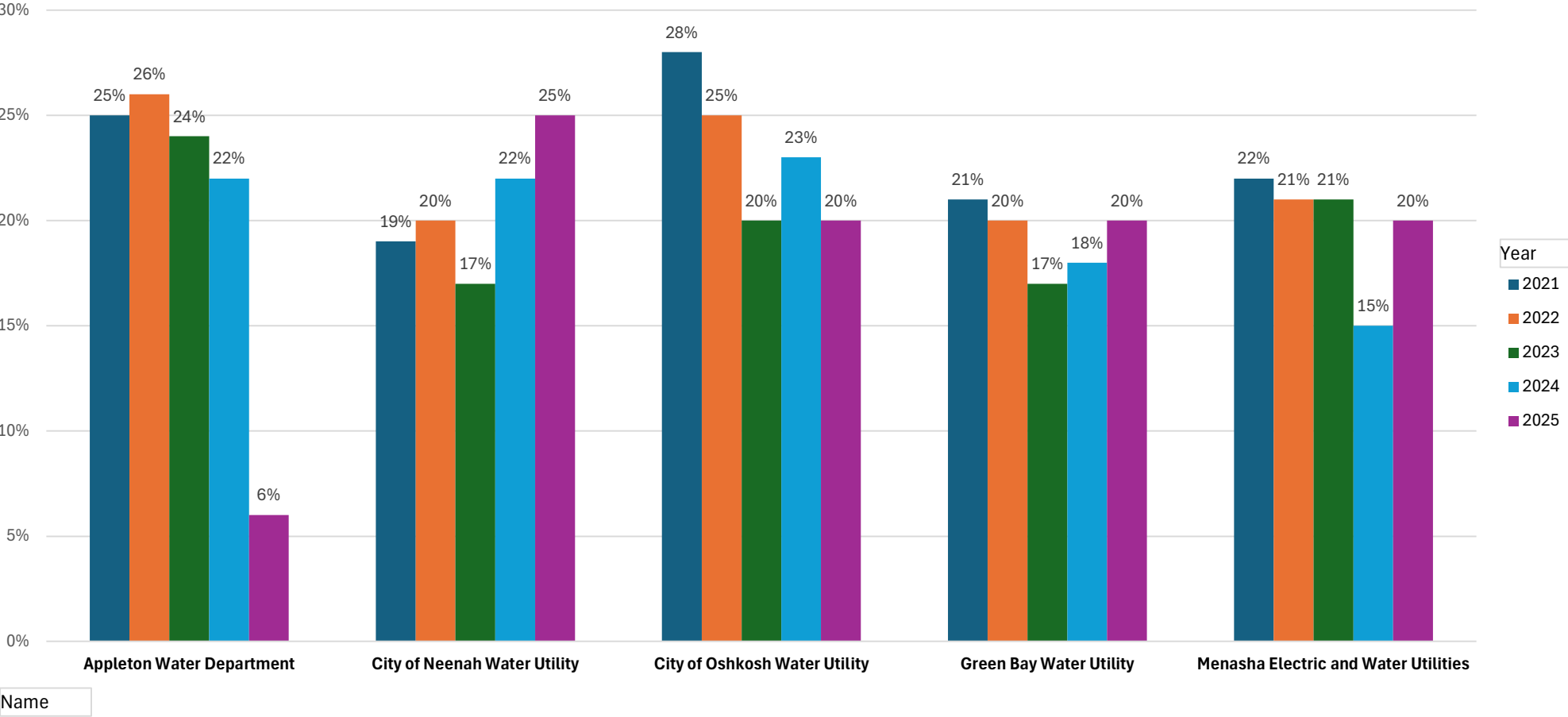


	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Appleton Water Department	23%	24%	21%	18%	2%
City of Neenah Water Utility	18%	18%	15%	20%	20%
City of Oshkosh Water Utility	27%	24%	18%	21%	18%
Green Bay Water Utility	20%	19%	16%	17%	19%
Menasha Electric and Water Utilities	15%	16%	16%	9%	15%

Year

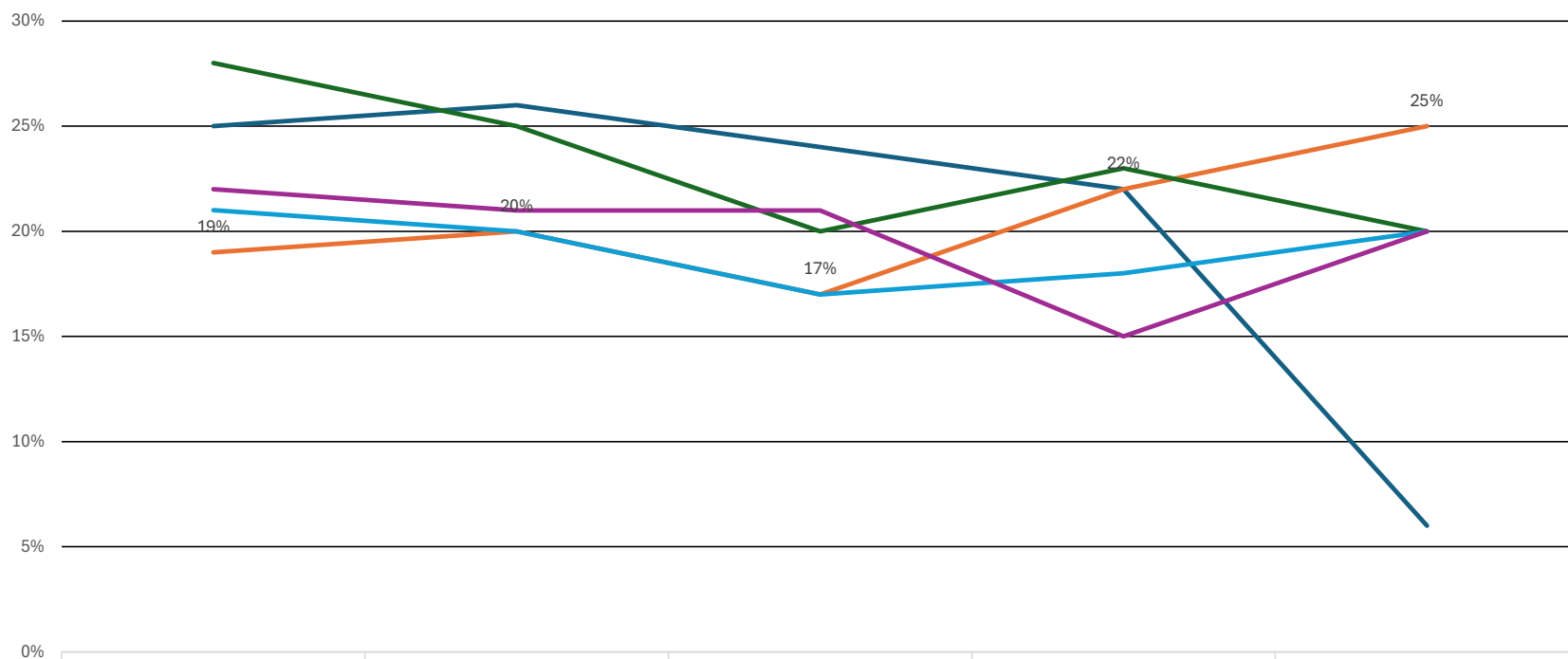
Sum of Non-Revenue Water as percentage of net water supplied

Non-Revenue Water as of % of Water Supplied by Utility



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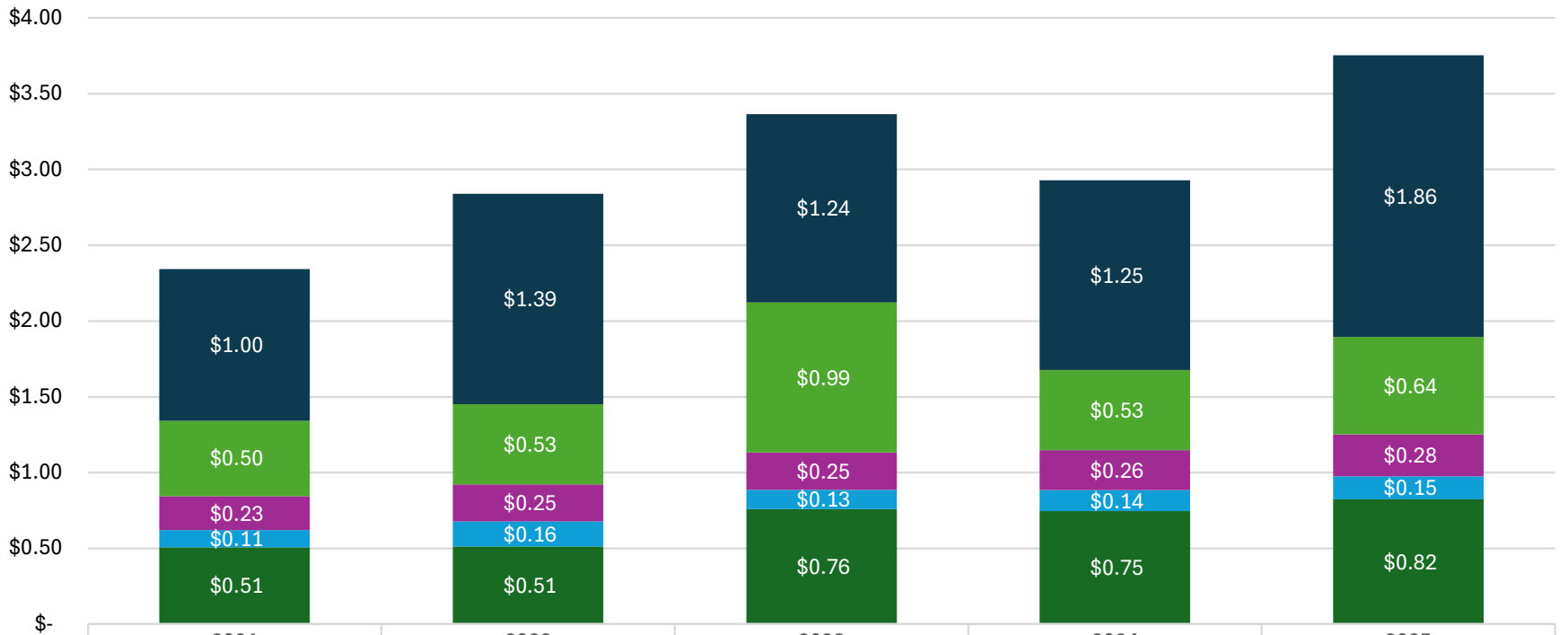
Non-Revenue Water as a % of Water Supplied by Year



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Appleton Water Department	25%	26%	24%	22%	6%
City of Neenah Water Utility	19%	20%	17%	22%	25%
City of Oshkosh Water Utility	28%	25%	20%	23%	20%
Green Bay Water Utility	21%	20%	17%	18%	20%
Menasha Electric and Water Utilities	22%	21%	21%	15%	20%

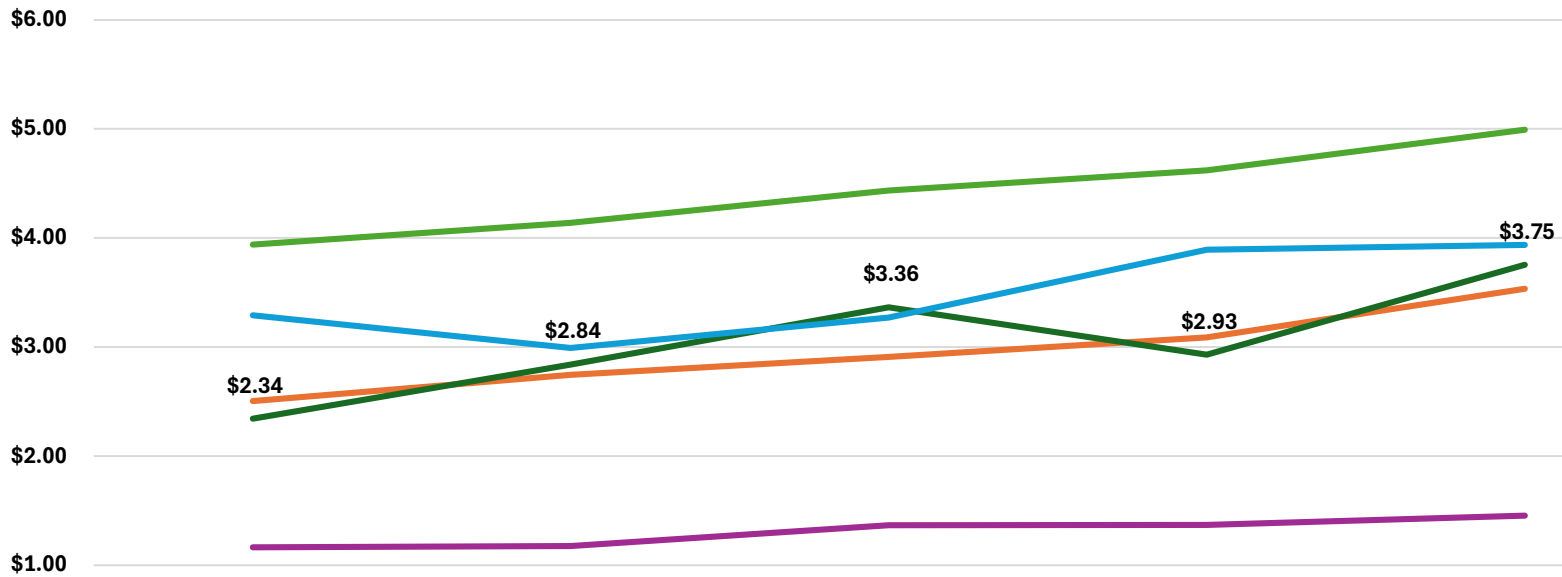
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Neenah Cost to Treat and Deliver per Thousand Gals.



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Water Treatment Exp.	\$1.00	\$1.39	\$1.24	\$1.25	\$1.86
Trans. and Distr. Exp.	\$0.50	\$0.53	\$0.99	\$0.53	\$0.64
Pumping Exp.	\$0.23	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.26	\$0.28
Customer Accounts Exp.	\$0.11	\$0.16	\$0.13	\$0.14	\$0.15
Admin. & General Exp.	\$0.51	\$0.51	\$0.76	\$0.75	\$0.82

Cost to Treat & Deliver Per Thousand Gals.



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Appleton	\$2.50	\$2.74	\$2.91	\$3.09	\$3.53
Neenah	\$2.34	\$2.84	\$3.36	\$2.93	\$3.75
Oshkosh	\$3.29	\$2.99	\$3.27	\$3.89	\$3.94
Green Bay	\$1.16	\$1.17	\$1.37	\$1.37	\$1.45
Menasha	\$3.94	\$4.14	\$4.43	\$4.62	\$4.99