

**REGULAR SESSION –WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. The following Board Members were present: Mary Gonzales, President; Rose Mulvany Henry, Vice President; Thomas Groneman, Secretary; Robert L. Milan, and David Haley. Jeff Bryant was absent.

Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Deputy Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer; Jeremy Ash, Interim Chief Operating Officer; Johnetta Hinson, Executive Director Customer Service; Dong Quach, Executive Director Electric Production; Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations; Jerin Purtee, Executive Director Electric Supply; Maurice Moss, Executive Director Corporate Compliance; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; David Mehlhaff, Chief Communications Officer; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Patrice Townsend, Director Utility Services; Stefi McKinney, Supervisor Customer Accounting; Phillip Brown, Senior Civil Engineer; and Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager.

A tape of this meeting is on file at the Board of Public Utilities.

Ms. Gonzales called the Board meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. She welcomed all that were listening to or viewing the meeting. She stated that the Board felt it was necessary to offer the use of technology for staff as well as for the general public. During the public comment section, members of the public who wished to speak to the Board using Zoom needed to use the Raise Hand feature at the bottom of the application or window to signal that they wish to address the board during the public comment section. Members of the public connected by phone only, needed to press \*9 to indicate they wished to address the Board in the public comment section. Staff would assist those attending in person. During the public comment section of the agenda, community members would be asked to provide their name and address and had five minutes to speak. As always, the public could also email or call the BPU with any concerns. The agenda and presentations could be found on the BPU website or if they were using Zoom they would appear on their screen. Ms. Gonzales introduced herself and the other Board Members along with the General Manager, and Legal Counsel.

Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present, except Mr. Bryant who was absent and Mr. Haley who was present at 6:04 P.M.

**Item #3 – Approval of Amended Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the Amended Agenda by Mr. Milan, seconded by Ms. Mulvany Henry, and unanimously carried.



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A motion was made to approve the July 2022 Financials as presented, by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Mr. Milan, and unanimously carried.

- ii. *Customer Service Quarterly Update:* Ms. Stefi McKinney, Supervisor Customer Accounting, reviewed residential and small commercial billing with the Board and spoke about various duties that were included with preparing the billings. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Ms. McKinney, responded to questions and comments from the Board which included the possibility of having an incentive for customers to move to paperless billing.

- iii. *KDHE Revolving Loan Update – Resolution #5276:* Mr. Steve Green, Executive Director Water Operations, brought the Board up do date regarding the KDHE Loan and the increased costs for the projects included within the loan. The updated costs made it necessary for them to seek Board approval to increase the amount of the loan for the projects. Following that approval, the request would then move to the UG Standing Committee and full Commission. (See attached PowerPoint.)

The Board and staff discussed the timeline and urgency of the loan increase as well as the necessity to have more time to review items instead of having to have an immediate vote. The Board decided they wanted more time to review and consider the resolution and asked that it put on the September 21<sup>st</sup> agenda.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Green also spoke about BPU’s lead and copper inventory and the unknowns regarding changes to the Lead and Copper Rule that would be coming in 2023.

- iv. *Miscellaneous Comments:* Mr. Johnson updated the Board on the planned Nearman Power plant outage.

He also reported to the Board that the lunch and learn held with potential vendors on doing business with the BPU and the Purchasing department regarding doing business with BPU went well.

He confirmed that the Board would begin the September 21<sup>st</sup> Work Session at 4:00 P.M. in order to continue their Strategic Plan discussion.

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He announced that at the Kansas Section of the American Water Works Association (KsAWWA) conference, Mr. Milan received the “Gold Drop Award”, a lifetime membership award given to members that had served for 30 years or longer in the water industry.

**Item #9 – Board Comments**

Mr. Haley thanked staff for the evening’s informative presentations as well as the Groundwork Northeast Revitalization Group for their exceptional presentation detailing what they were doing. He asked if the Board meetings were recorded and on the website. He was told that they were recorded and the recordings were available, but were not on the BPU website. He also spoke about the possibility of looking at separate bills that segregated the UG’s charges on one and the BPU’s charges on the other.

Mr. Groneman thanked all for the evening’s presentations. He reiterated the Board’s need to not receive presentations at the last minute and then have to act at the same meeting. He stated he would like time to look and think about agenda items. He also congratulated Mr. Milan on his award.

Mr. Milan said that the KsAWWA conference was very informative. He also gave kudos to the utility on receiving an “A” rating by national rating service companies Fitch Ratings and S&P Global Ratings.

Ms. Gonzales congratulated Mr. Milan on his award.

Ms. Mulvany Henry had no comments.

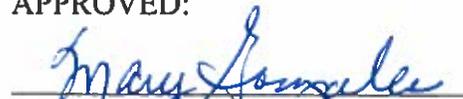
**Item #10 – Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. by Mr. Groneman, seconded by Mr. Milan, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:

  
Secretary

APPROVED:

  
President

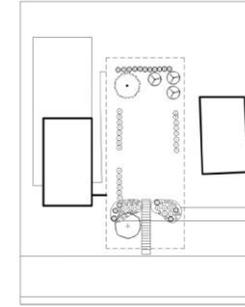


# GROUNDWORK

## Northeast Revitalization Group

Rachel Jefferson, Executive Director-  
Groundwork Northeast Revitalization Group

# NE KCK HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT



PLANT SCHEDULE

TRAIL	CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	EST. QUANTITY	EST. TOTAL	INVENTORY	TOTAL REMAINS
CURB	01	Cornus sericea	Eastern Spicebush	4"	2	2		
	02	Quercus bicolor	Swamp White Oak	4"	1	1		
	03	Fraxinus americana	White Ash	4"	1	1		
SIDEWALK	01	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE <th>EST. QUANTITY</th> <th>EST. TOTAL</th> <th>INVENTORY</th> <th>TOTAL REMAINS</th>	EST. QUANTITY	EST. TOTAL	INVENTORY	TOTAL REMAINS
	01	Amelanchier canadensis	Shadbush	4"	20	20		
	02	Amelanchier canadensis	Shadbush	4"	20	20		
03	Phytolacca dioica	Nettles	4"	2	2			
04	Phytolacca dioica	Nettles	4"	2	2			
05	Phytolacca dioica	Nettles	4"	2	2			

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281 SQFT.

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NEWSLETTER CONTENT:

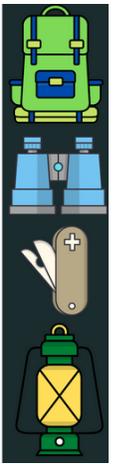
- 01 FALL FEST
- 02 HERITAGE TRAIL SURVEY
- 03 HOTSPOT & COMPUTER LIBRARY & KICK-OFF MEETING
- 04 GREEN TEAM
- 06 OTHER UPDATES

Contact us:  
Email: [info@groundworkkck.org](mailto:info@groundworkkck.org)  
Phone: 913.271.9209 (ext. 6)



## DISASTER PREP 101

Informational training sessions for Wyandotte County residents on the local impacts of climate change, how to prepare for natural disasters & emergency situations, and fostering community resilience. Participants will receive a free disaster kit from Groundwork NRG upon completion of training.



## WESTHEIGHT WALK AUDIT

JOIN US ON A WALK THROUGH WESTHEIGHT, AND HELP IDENTIFY PRIORITIES FOR CURB, SIDEWALK, AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

MAY 8TH - 10AM-NOON | WESTHEIGHT PARK SHELTER, 20TH & NEW JERSEY

LEARN MORE: [bit.ly/westheight-audit](http://bit.ly/westheight-audit)

Questions? Contact: [info@northeastkck.org](mailto:info@northeastkck.org)

## BEFORE BREAKING GROUND: COMMUNITY LAND ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT 101

Recording Available:  
[bit.ly/LandAcquisition101](http://bit.ly/LandAcquisition101)

# What We Do

- **Groundwork USA Mission:** The mission of the Groundwork USA network is to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement, and management of the physical environment by developing community-based partnerships that empower people, businesses, and organizations to promote environmental, economic, and social well-being.
- **Groundwork NRG Local Mission:** Groundwork NRG's local mission is to sustain and revitalize our beloved Northeast KCK community through forward-looking and inclusive action rooted in the principles of equity, community cohesion, institutional transparency, and environmental justice.

# Why We Do It

## EQUITY. ENVIRONMENT. EVERYONE

**Equity:** Revitalization requires transparency and an equitable balance of power between residents, businesses, institutions, and government. Our vision is a Northeast KCK where frontline communities own the conditions of their built, natural, social, and cultural environment.

**Environment:** Northeast KCK has a wealth of social and environmental assets. Through community driven action and strategic investment in people and the natural and built environment, Groundwork NRG envisions a thriving ecosystem where residents are environmental stewards and leaders in the healing and restoration of their community.

**Everyone:** The residents of Northeast KCK represent broad and diverse backgrounds. As culturally and economically distinct new residents move in, we envision a comprehensive community engagement strategy that supports, preserves and elevates our rich multicultural heritage.



# How it Gets Done

- Using a Just Transition Framework
- Front-loading and centering community.
- Focusing on healing and regeneration as active resistance.
- Paying residents for their valuable expertise.
- Co-learning together through peer-learning workshops.
- Partnerships that operate on shared values and uplift resident expertise and resident-led projects.
- Leveraging funding to support neighborhood-identified projects.
- Ensuring the plan is followed and doesn't set on a shelf.

# Green Team Toolkit



**GROUNDWORK NRG**  
CHANGING ECHOES CHANGING LIVES

## Green Team Crew Intro Meeting

Join the youth Green Team this Wednesday, March 3rd at 3pm. We'll be highlighting our spring projects (including how to earn service-learning hours and a workshop stipend) and taking a brief look ahead at summer/fall 2021. Open to all local youth ages 17-21.

To RSVP, contact:  
bbrinkhousatch



## GREEN TEAM TOOLKIT WORKSHOP

**GROUNDWORK NRG**  
*hey Neighbor!*

Supported by:  
The UMKC Health Equity Institute  
Mini-Grant Program for Advancing Health Equity

Open to all Douglas/Summer residents!

Learn about the benefits of green infrastructure and how we can use some of these practices to build climate change resilience while beautifying the neighborhood!

29 April 2021 | 5-7pm  
Located @  
710 Oakland Avenue  
Kansas City, KS

Free seeds, seedlings & gift cards to all participants!

\*PPE will be provided & Covid precautions will be followed.

For more information, contact:  
bbrinkhousatch@northeastck.org

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# Green Team- 710 Oakland

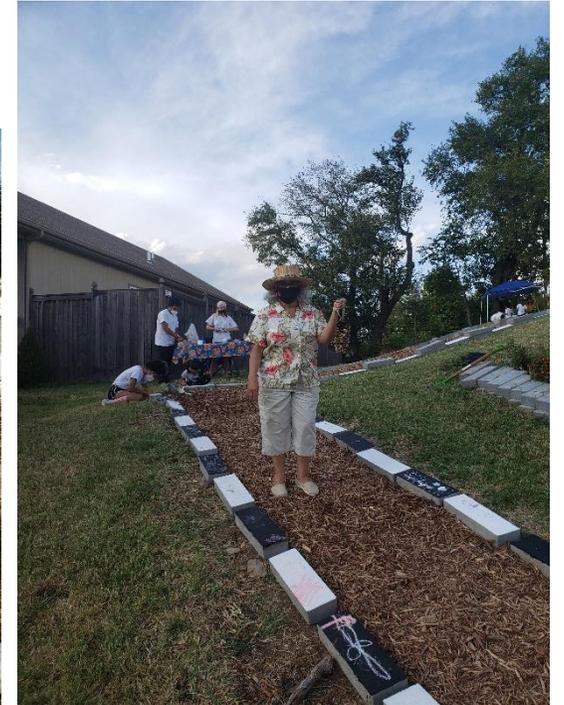
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northeastkck The Green Team were featured in Flatland Magazine for their work in the Douglass-Summer Neighborhood! Read more here: [bit.ly/greenteam-ds](https://bit.ly/greenteam-ds)

June 23



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COME ONE COME ALL!  
LET'S CELEBRATE FALL AT  
OUR DOUGLASS/SUMMER  
COMMUNITY GREEN SPACE!  
@ 710 OAKLAND AVENUE

## GOING GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOMING PARTY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM

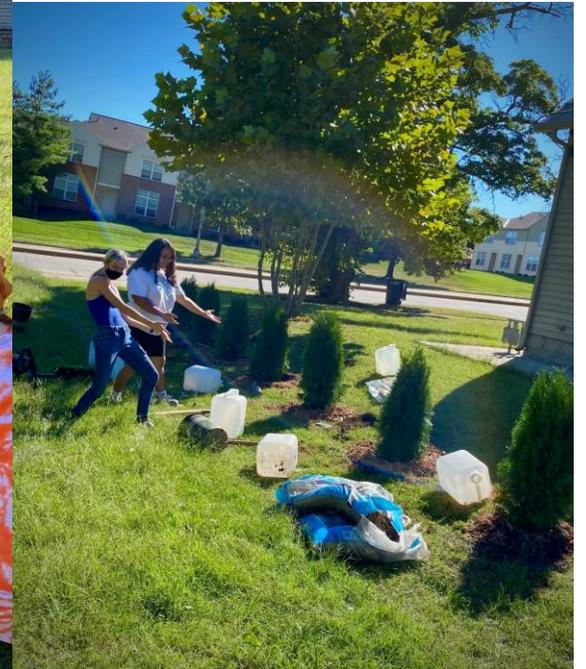
NATURE ACTIVITIES,  
PRIZES, AND FUN!

\*PPE WILL BE PROVIDED & COVID  
PRECAUTIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT  
[WWW.GROUNDWORKNRG.COM](https://WWW.GROUNDWORKNRG.COM)



# Green Team- Turtle Hill Neighborhood Lot Revitalization



# Green Team- Parkwood Park



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September 17



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Health Equity Institute  
Mini-Grant Program for Advancing Health Equity

SATURDAY  
10 23 21  
1:00-2:30 PM

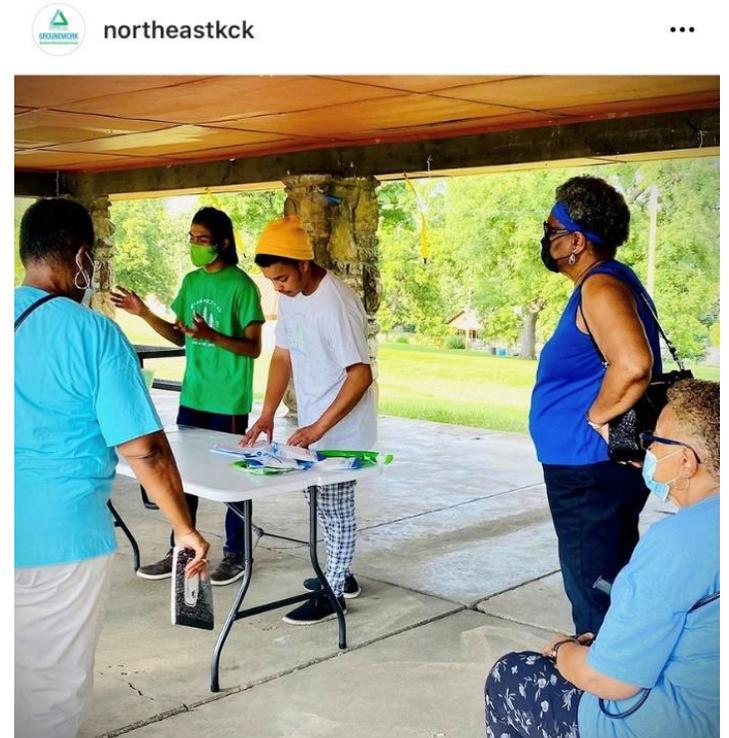
*Green Team  
Toolkit  
Fall Workshop*

@ THE PARKWOOD  
PARK HISTORIC  
BRIDGE

MEET THE GREEN TEAM  
SHARE YOUR MEMORIES OF PARKWOOD PARK  
LEARN ABOUT NATIVE FLOWERS & TREES  
GET CREATIVE WITH NATURE-INSPIRED KIDS' CRAFTS

\*PPE WILL BE PROVIDED & COVID  
PRECAUTIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: EMAIL  
BBRINKHOUSHATCH@NORTHEASTKCK.ORG



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# Peer-Learning: Climate Safe Neighborhoods



MFN EJ Fund has been used to host peer learning sessions on Tuesday nights that focus on exploring the connections between historic disinvestment and present-day climate vulnerability. As far as organizing our neighbors around the climate crisis, such cohorts are where the rubber meets the road. They are where neighbors come together to look at data, share stories, and come up with solutions. Groundwork NRG's Climate Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator is responsible for organizing the workshops. 43 residents participated in over three cohorts over the spring/summer of 2022.

# Peer-Learning: Climate Safe Neighborhoods

The participants of Climate Safe KCK workshops are 80% Black, and 20% white. Participants who come to these are deliberately recruited from communities who've been left out of climate conversations until now, and the session content contextualizes the issues within the climate crisis.

Each night the Coordinator presents a problem, like how the already poor air quality along the railyards and highways is exacerbated by the increasing frequency of extreme heat events. Then residents discuss a solution, like the electrification of the nation's freight, and talk about what they like, and what they don't like. They pick it apart and figure out how it might work in their neighborhoods. They bring their expertise as residents of their communities, who are knowledgeable of the challenges their communities face and possibly even the solutions to those challenges.

They are compensated at \$25/hour, for two hours, once a week for four weeks. In the end, everyone walks away with \$200 for their time and expertise. We get paid and so should they. We also provide childcare and dinner. The point is to remove as many barriers to participation as possible.



# NE KCK Heritage Trail

## NE KCK HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT



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### COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS TO ASSIST IN KCK HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT

Groundwork NRS and the City of Wyandotte County and Kansas, City, KS are working with a coalition of COLLABO members to create the NE KCK Heritage Trail project. We are looking for individuals who are interested in the project and can help us reach our goal of 100 ambassadors.

As part of the engagement process, COLLABO is looking to identify five Community Ambassadors who will be the primary point of contact for the project. Ambassadors will be responsible for promoting the project to their neighbors and participating in community events. Ambassadors will be selected based on their ability to reach a diverse group of community members and their interest in the project.

- Have access to transportation and the internet access
- Ability to attend meetings in person or via Zoom
- Participate in community events and projects
- Provide a minimum of 2 hours of time per week (10:00 am - 12:00 pm)
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- Assist in developing and implementing the project

The Community Ambassador must have the ability to communicate and collaborate with others. They must be able to work with a variety of people and be able to work with diverse groups of people.

If you are interested in this unique opportunity, please send a letter of interest by Tuesday August 31, 2021. Adam Rosa, Principal COLLABO adam.rosacollaboplanning.com

## NE KCK HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT



### REPRESENTANTES DE LA COMUNIDAD Para asistir en la planificación del Sendero de Herencia de KCK

Groundwork NRS y el Gobierno Unificado del Condado de Wyandotte y Kansas City, KS están trabajando con el consorcio de planificación COLLABO para crear un Sendero de Herencia para KCK que integre el uso de la tierra, la infraestructura ecológica y el acceso al empleo, con opciones de transporte sustentables, planificación participativa y con reverencia a la profunda historia cultural de KCK.

Como parte del proceso de participación, COLLABO busca a cinco representantes de la comunidad que son residentes actuales de NE KCK para ayudar al equipo de planificación y para servir en el Comité Directivo del proyecto. Los representantes recibirán un estipendio de \$400 al mes entre septiembre de 2021 y abril de 2022 por su participación en la creación del Plan. Se espera que los representantes contribuyan aproximadamente 20 horas de trabajo al mes. Los representantes comunitarios deberán:

- Tener acceso a transporte y acceso a Internet / correo electrónico
- Asistir y ayudar a dirigir 3 reuniones comunitarias
- Invadir a su vecindario y estimular conversaciones personales con los residentes sobre el proyecto
- Participar en conferencias telefónicas y reuniones semanales con el equipo cada otro viernes de 10:00 am-12:30 p.m.)
- Participar en aproximadamente 5 reuniones del Comité Directivo del proyecto
- Crear sus ideas y sugerencias durante todo el proceso.
- Ayudar en el desarrollo de proyectos primarios, que se identificarán a través de la participación de la comunidad.

El Representante de la Comunidad debe tener excelentes habilidades de comunicación y organización y ser capaz de trabajar con una variedad de personas. Esta será una gran oportunidad para aprender sobre el proceso de planificación, infraestructura y alcance comunitario.

Si está interesado en esta oportunidad única, envíe una carta de interés antes del viernes 10 de septiembre de 2021.

Adam Rosa, Principal COLLABO adam.rosacollaboplanning.com

### NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR

In May 2021, the Planning Team, along with local residents, stakeholders and partners, took a day-long neighborhood tour of the Northeast KCK community. The tour, led by longtime resident and historian Mr. Chester Owens, provided the group important insight on the rich history and culture of the neighborhood, along with discussions of potential project opportunities and challenges. The tour included an narration by Mr. Owens, going "steamed" privately to each venue in the park. The group stopped several times during the tour for conversations and additional insight.

The tour began at Kaw Point, the point where the Kansas River (aka Kaw River) joins the Missouri River. The Lewis and Clark expedition party camped at Kaw Point in June 1804, on the way from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.

The group then proceeded to the West Bottoms area, previously home to the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange and Kansas City Stockyard.

The next stop on the tour was John Garfield Park, a result of a land-use planning project with continuing environmental justice concerns.

For lunch, the team met at Parkwood Park, a vital community open space, and learned about the establishment of Parkwood Pool.

Following lunch, the tour stopped at the Quindaro (low-rise, an important settlement established by abolitionists in late 1855 as a free zone port-of-entry and as part of the resistance to stop the westward spread of slavery).

Summer Academy is the next stop on the tour. Summer Academy is a nationally ranked magnet school in Kansas City, Kansas which prepares students for high-level economic and academic pursuits. Named for abolitionist Charles Sumner, it started in 1803 during a period of racial tension as a segregated school for black students, which offered vocational training, but emphasized college-preparatory training.

With close proximity to Summer Academy, the group toured the School Avenue Garden, a project currently underway as part of Groundwork NRS's Green Team program.

Throughout the driving portion of the tour, Mr. Owens narrated about important people, places and events of the Northeast KCK community, and provided valuable direction for the Planning Team in their efforts to organize the Heritage Trail Project.



### COMMUNITY CONVERSATION FEEDBACK



## NE KCK HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT

# FALL FEST

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23**  
**NOON – 2:30PM**  
**PARKWOOD PARK SHELTER**

We're here to listen to your priorities and goals

All-ages event!

Learn about the NE KCK Heritage Trail Project

Share your memories and ideas

Green Team Workshop and gobble Plan 1:00 - 2:30

The NE KCK Heritage Trail Project includes the planning and design of a physical trail - bridging Historic Kaw Point to the Quindaro Townsite and highlighting the rich culture and history of NE KCK along its route.

Free pumpkins and carving contest

Trick-or-treating, free snacks, and refreshments

Free raffle for a bicycle and other prizes

If event is canceled due to weather, meeting will be held online at the same time.

For more details, please visit [www.northeastkck.org/kck-heritage-trail](http://www.northeastkck.org/kck-heritage-trail)

### COMMUNITY CONVERSATION 3 - JOHN'S JAVA AND JAZZ

On the afternoon of August 12, 2021, social scientist and business owner Jeffrey Hollinger hosted a Community Conversation at John's Java and Jazz, located at 2028 12th St. Street, Jeffrey's grandfather John E. Dickens Sr. purchased the building in 1940 to support his father's work as a "F. Dickens & Sons Barber Shop." His grandfather, Dorothy, is a well-known local color. John's parents, James Sr. and Mary, started a bar and a "barbershop" in the building. Over the years, several family members have operated businesses in the building, including a barbershop, a bar, and a jazz parlor in December 2018.

Following a lunch catered by the restaurant, several neighbors participated in the conversation through the community conversation. The Community Conversation on August 12th included elements related to all of the pillars of the KCK Heritage Trail Project, with the exception of Healthy Economic Development.

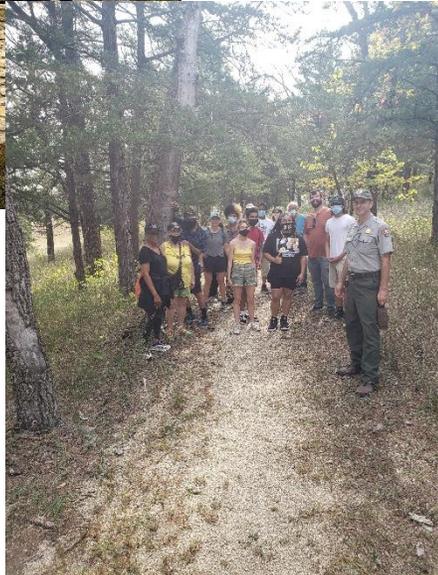
The Community Conversation was recorded by a videographer in order to capture the story of that working session. Feedback from the Community Conversation is summarized in the preceding page.

# NE KCK Heritage Trail

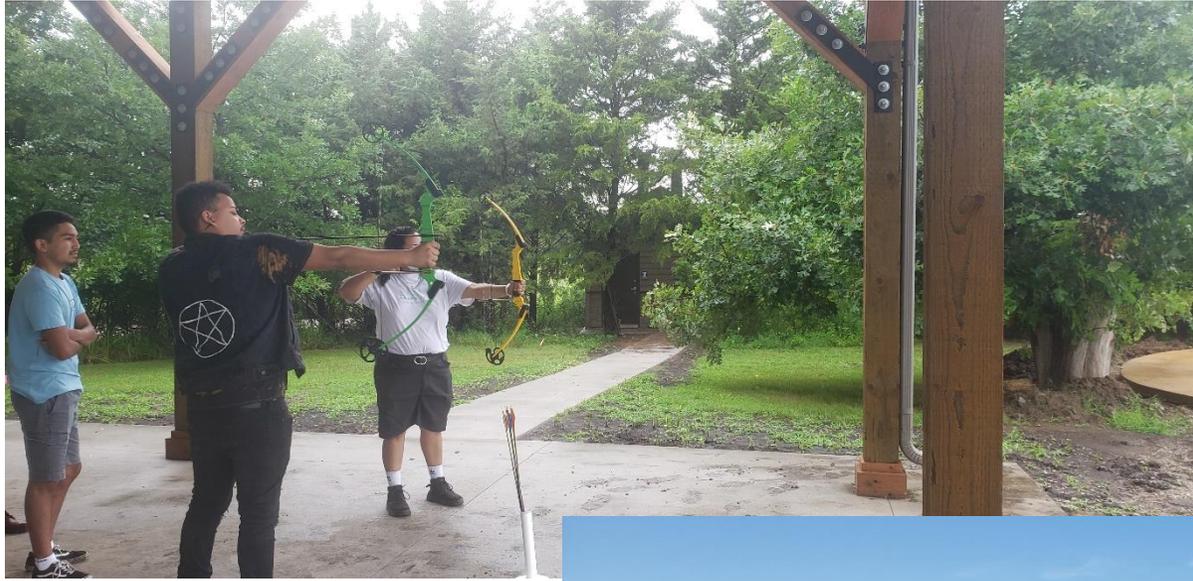
The NE KCK Heritage Trail was a priority project of the Northeast Area Master Plan. Groundwork NRG partnered with the local government's planning department and applied for Planning Sustainable Places grant dollars to fund a planning process that included four guiding pillars, Environment, History, Mobility, and Economy. Over the course of the year-long planning process, we hosted 6 Porch Conversations, 5 Steering Committee Meetings, Hired 4 Community Ambassadors, & held 3 Community-Wide Events.



# Having Fun- Tall Grass Prairie National Preserve



# Having Fun- Marais de Cynges Wildlife Refuge



# Org Highlights

- 3 Food Distribution Events: Gave out over 1,500 food and milk boxes
- Canvassing for the Tax Sale initiative:
  - Over 260 doors knocked across the county
  - Raised over \$80,000 in funding to keep residents in their homes.
- 4 Neighborhood Clean-Ups: Douglass/Sumner & Turtle Hill Neighborhoods
- Green Team- Dream Team:
  - Planted over 40 trees, and more than 100 native flowers, and broadcast over 1,000 square feet of native perennial seed.
  - Green Team youth installed solar street lamps, constructed new trails and footpaths, and installed bird feeders and bird baths to support wildlife habitats.
- NEKCK Mutual Understanding Sessions: 2 Virtual Meetings with all Unified Government Departments to increase collaboration and transparency.

# Challenges

- As always, dismantling white supremacy.
- Creating buffers to avoid displacement and other negative consequences of gentrification.
- Pushing on institutions to be more equitable in funding applications and decisions.
- Community skepticism.
- Local government culture of bias.

# What's Next?

- Implement the NE KCK Heritage Trail plan
  - Incorporate early action projects with secured dollars
  - Seek additional funding
  - Continue co-creation and design
- Push for better policy
  - Development without Displacement
  - Equitable scorecard for development
  - No more tax sales!
- Grow resident experts
  - Build the table and put bread on it
- Explore innovative ally-ship with entities that share our values

# Remember

Put it into action, but don't get ahead of the community!



It's ALWAYS about the PEOPLE, not the THING!

# Hit Us Up

- [www.northeastkck.org](http://www.northeastkck.org)
- FB/IG: @northeastkck
- info@northeastkck.org



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# **July 2022 Financial Results**

## **September 7, 2022**

## 2022 Billed kWh (YTD Jan - July)

Electric	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD	
Residential	342,041,284	328,245,835	
Commercial	566,449,357	538,096,296	
Industrial	305,518,283	258,745,884	
	1,214,008,924	1,125,088,015	7.9%

Residential – Up 4%    Commercial – Up 5%    Industrial – Up 18%

## 2022 Billed CCF's (YTD Jan - July)

Water	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD	
Residential	1,943,510	1,966,596	
Commercial	1,439,877	1,359,129	
Industrial	1,064,772	1,007,777	
	<b>4,448,159</b>	<b>4,333,502</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

Residential – Down 1%

Commercial – Up 6%

Industrial - Up 6%

## Revenues – July 2022

	(CY) 2022 July	(PY) 2021 July		Budget 2022 July	(CY) 2022 July	
Electric	\$ 35.201	\$ 24.351		\$ 26.414	\$ 35.201	
Water	5.055	4.670		4.686	5.055	
<b>Combined</b>	<b>\$ 40.256</b>	<b>\$ 29.021</b>	<b>38.7%</b>	<b>\$ 31.100</b>	<b>\$ 40.256</b>	<b>29.4%</b>

***Actual Compared to 2022 Budget***

Electric - Up 33%

Water – Up 8%

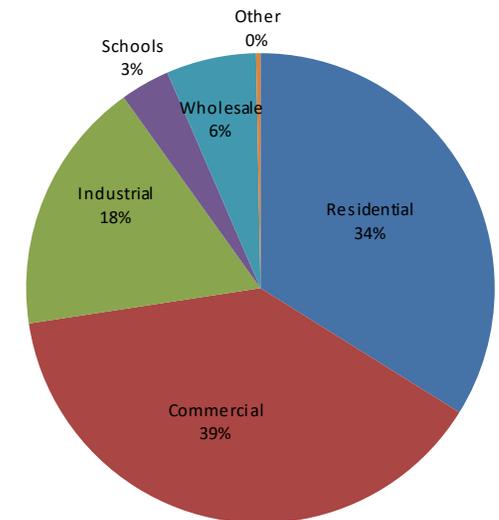
## Revenues – 2022 YTD

	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD		Budget 2022 YTD	(CY) 2022 YTD	
Electric	\$ 179.152	\$ 164.667		\$ 158.984	\$ 179.152	
Water	29.771	28.605		29.454	29.771	
Combined	\$ 208.923	\$ 193.272	8.1%	\$ 188.438	\$ 208.923	10.9%

\*\*Dollars in millions

### Variance – YTD comparing Budget to Actual for 2022

<u>Electric:</u> <i>Up 13%</i>		<u>Water:</u> <i>Up 1%</i>	
Residential	\$1.5M	Residential	\$ 42K
Commercial	\$8.0M	Commercial	\$326K
Industrial	\$2.4M	Industrial	(\$23K)
Schools	\$158K	Wholesale	\$66K
Wholesale	\$7.0M		



## Operating Expenses – July 2022

	(CY) 2022 July	(PY) 2021 July		Budget 2022 July	(CY) 2022 July	
Electric	\$ 22.251	\$ 17.215		\$ 17.898	\$ 22.251	
Water	2.920	3.240		3.200	2.920	
<b>Combined</b>	<b>\$ 25.171</b>	<b>\$ 20.455</b>	<b>23.1%</b>	<b>\$ 21.098</b>	<b>\$ 25.171</b>	<b>19.3%</b>

***Actual Compared to 2022 Budget***

Electric – Up 24%

Water - Down 9%

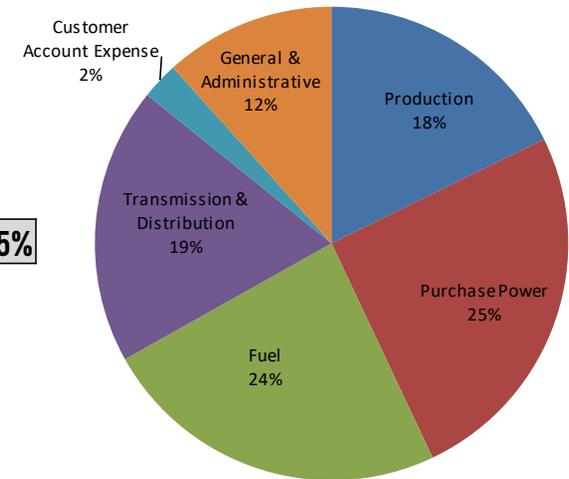
## Operating Expenses - 2022 YTD (Total)

	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD		Budget 2022 YTD	(CY) 2022 YTD	
Electric	\$ 137.269	\$ 123.888		\$ 121.856	\$ 137.269	
Water	21.105	20.646		22.835	21.105	
Combined	\$ 158.374	\$ 144.534	9.6%	\$ 144.691	\$ 158.374	9.5%

\*\*Dollars in millions

### Actual Compared to 2022 Budget

- Electric - Up 13%
- Water - Down 7%



## Operating Expenses – 2022 YTD less Depreciation

	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD		Budget 2022 YTD	(CY) 2022 YTD	
Electric	\$ 118.919	\$ 106.015		\$ 103.182	\$ 118.919	
Water	16.299	15.761		17.920	16.299	
Combined	\$ 135.218	\$ 121.776	11.0%	\$ 121.102	\$ 135.218	11.7%

\*\*Dollars in millions

Variance – YTD comparing Budget to Actual 2022

### Electric:

Purchased Power	\$ 6.6M
Fuel	\$13.5M
Production	(\$823K)
T&D	(\$4.0M)
G&A	(\$2.0M)

### Water:

Production	(\$927K)
T&D	(\$228K)
G&A	(\$503K)

## Change in Net Position – July 2022

	(CY) 2022 July	(PY) 2021 July
Electric	\$ 8.160	\$ 2.900
Water	1.232	0.446
<b>Combined</b>	<b>\$ 9.392</b>	<b>\$ 3.346</b>

Budget 2022 July	(CY) 2022 July
\$ 4.155	\$ 8.160
0.833	1.232
<b>\$ 4.988</b>	<b>\$ 9.392</b>

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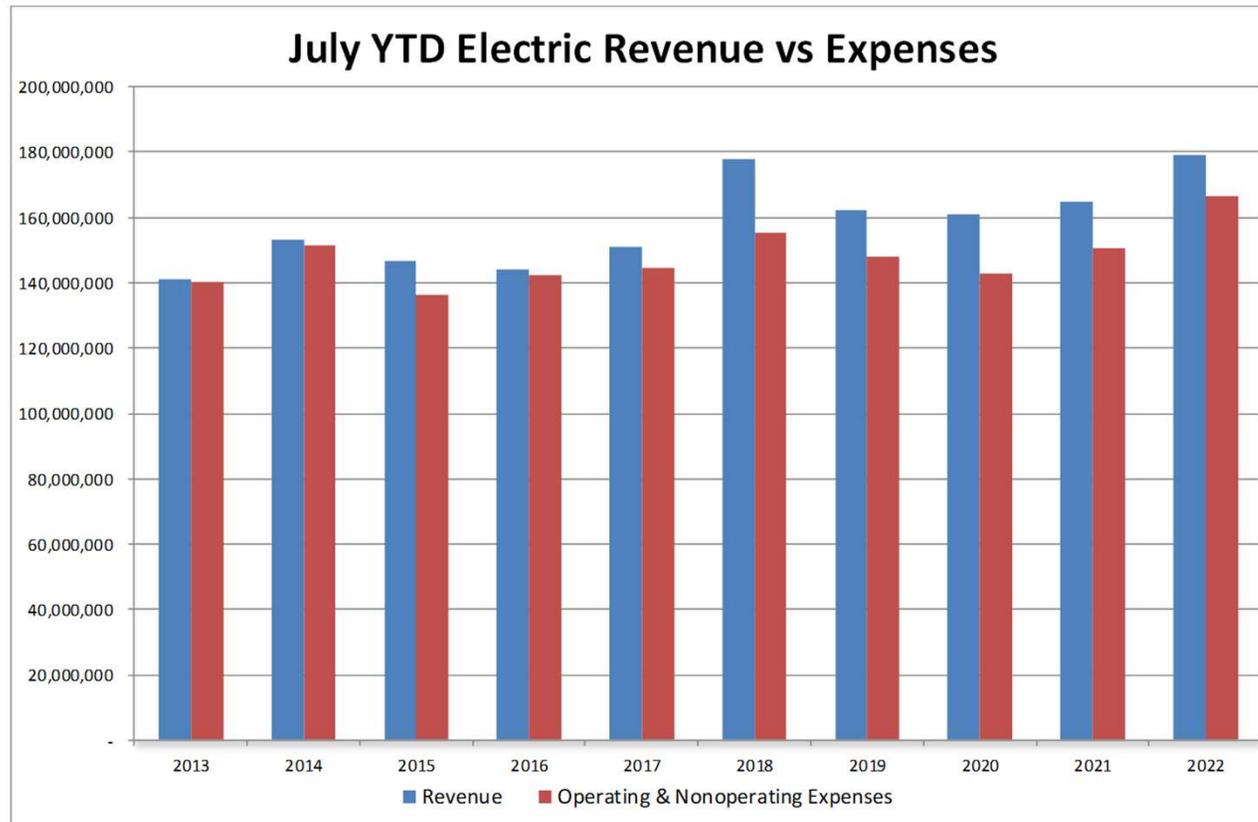
## Change in Net Position – 2022 YTD

	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD
Electric	\$ 12.744	\$ 14.216
Water	4.704	3.839
<b>Combined</b>	<b>\$ 17.448</b>	<b>\$ 18.055</b>

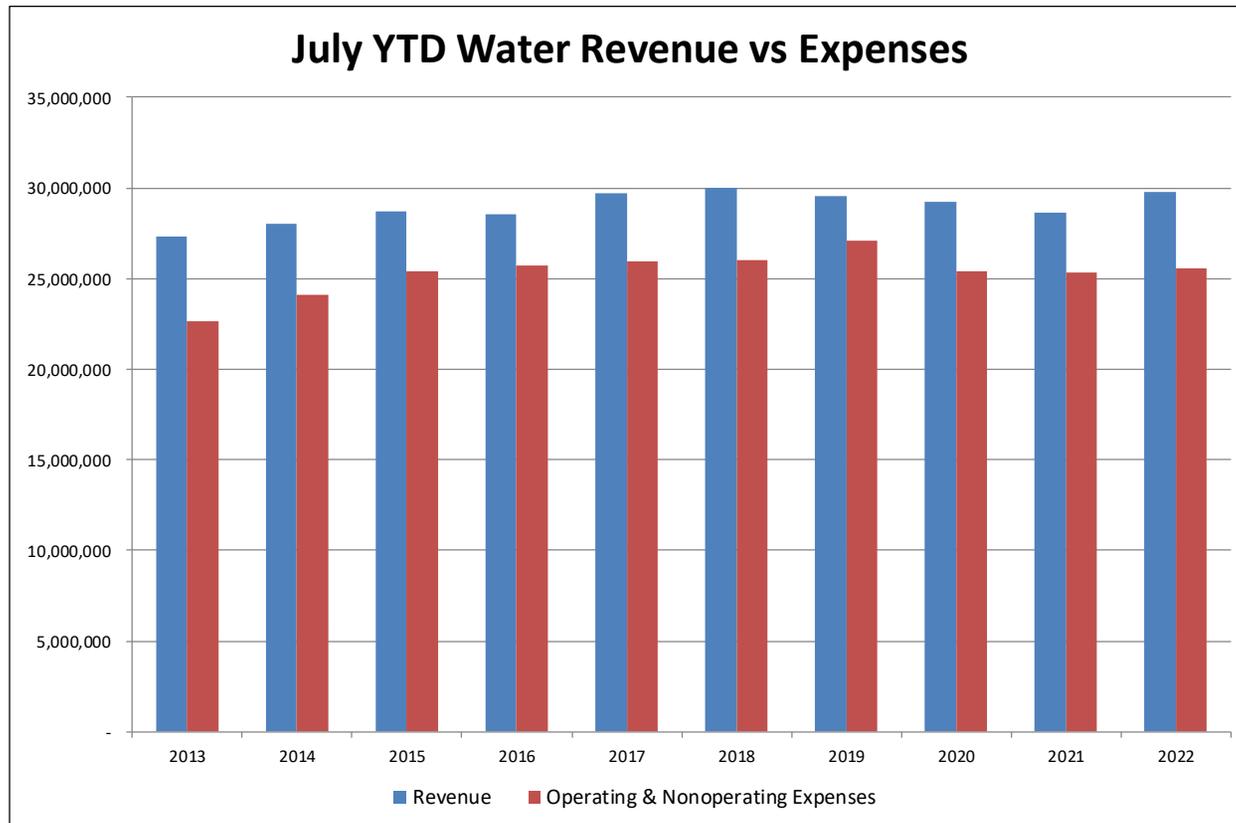
Budget 2022 YTD	(CY) 2022 YTD
\$ 9.639	\$ 12.744
2.726	4.704
<b>\$ 12.365</b>	<b>\$ 17.448</b>

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# Financial Results – 10 Year Trend

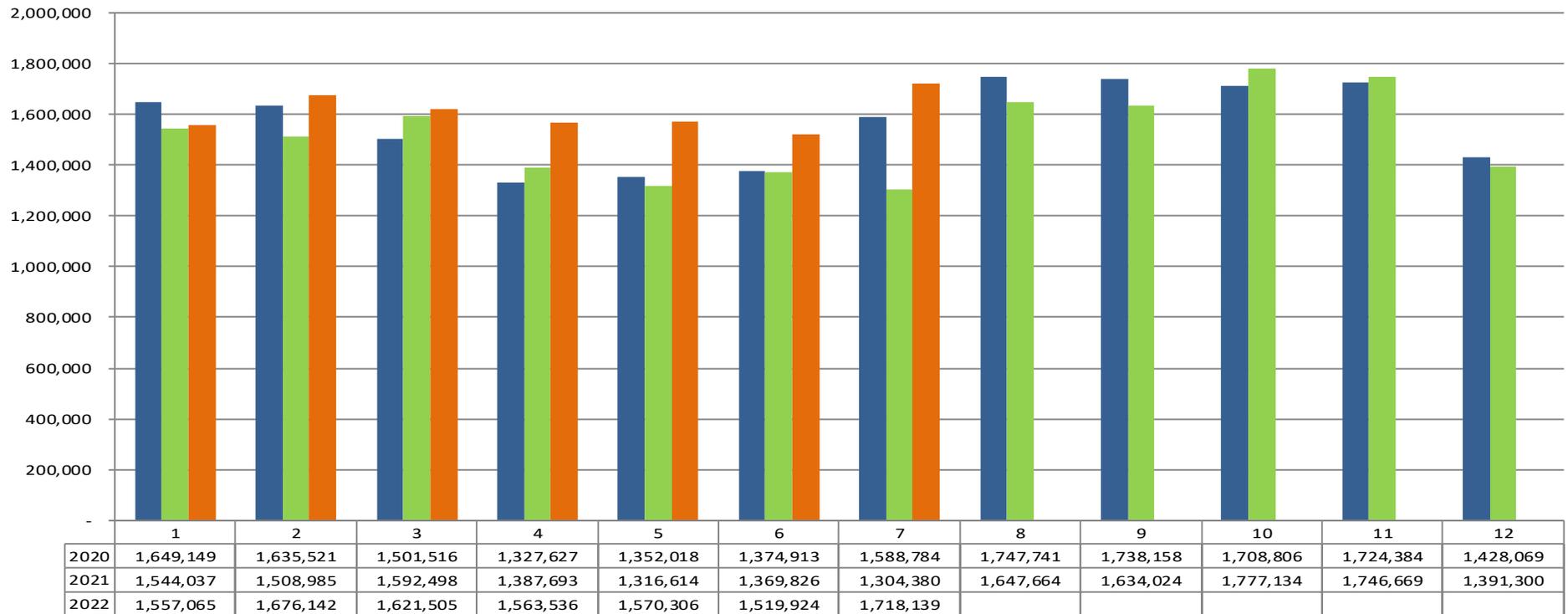


# Financial Results – 10 Year Trend



# Financial Results

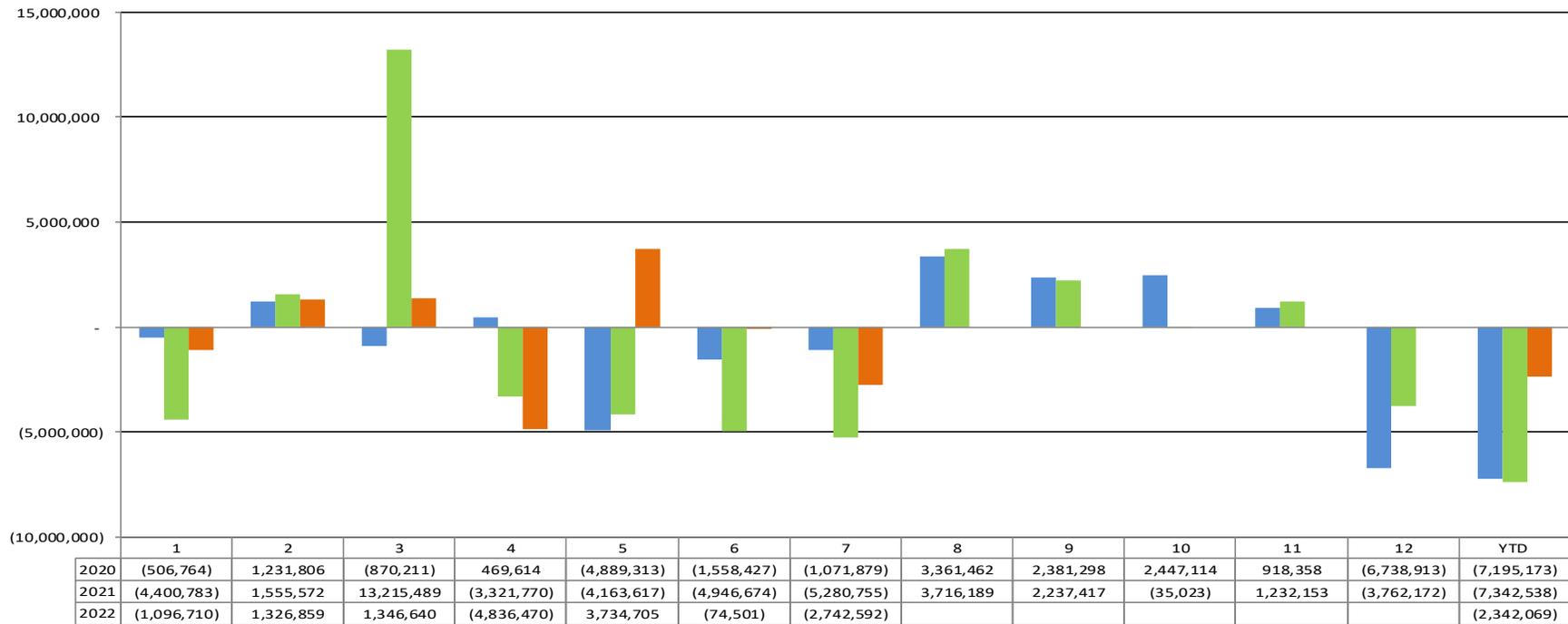
**Average Daily Collections**



■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022

# Financial Results

### Historical Monthly Cash Comparison



■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022

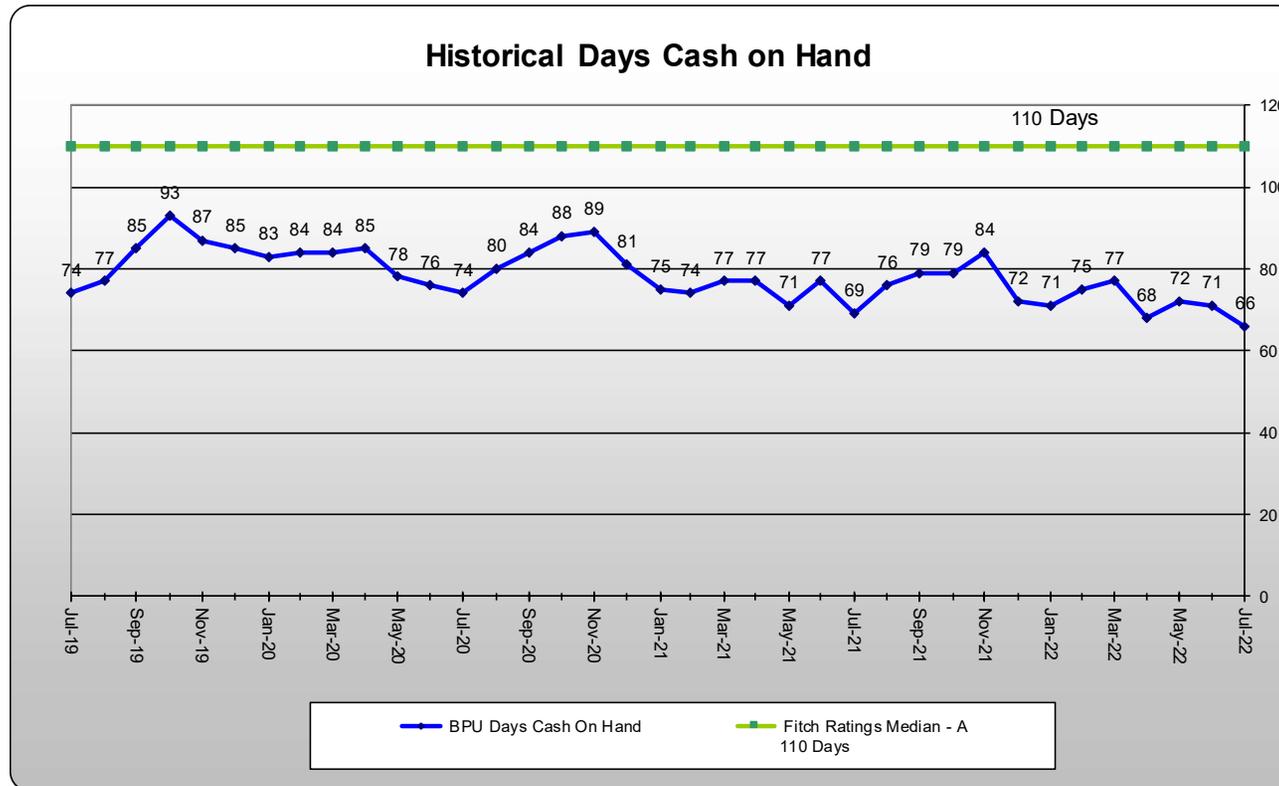
## Cash Position

	(CY) 2022 July	(PY) 2021 July	2022 June
Combined (E&W) Days Cash-on-Hand	\$ 41.93 66	\$ 40.89 69	\$ 44.35 71

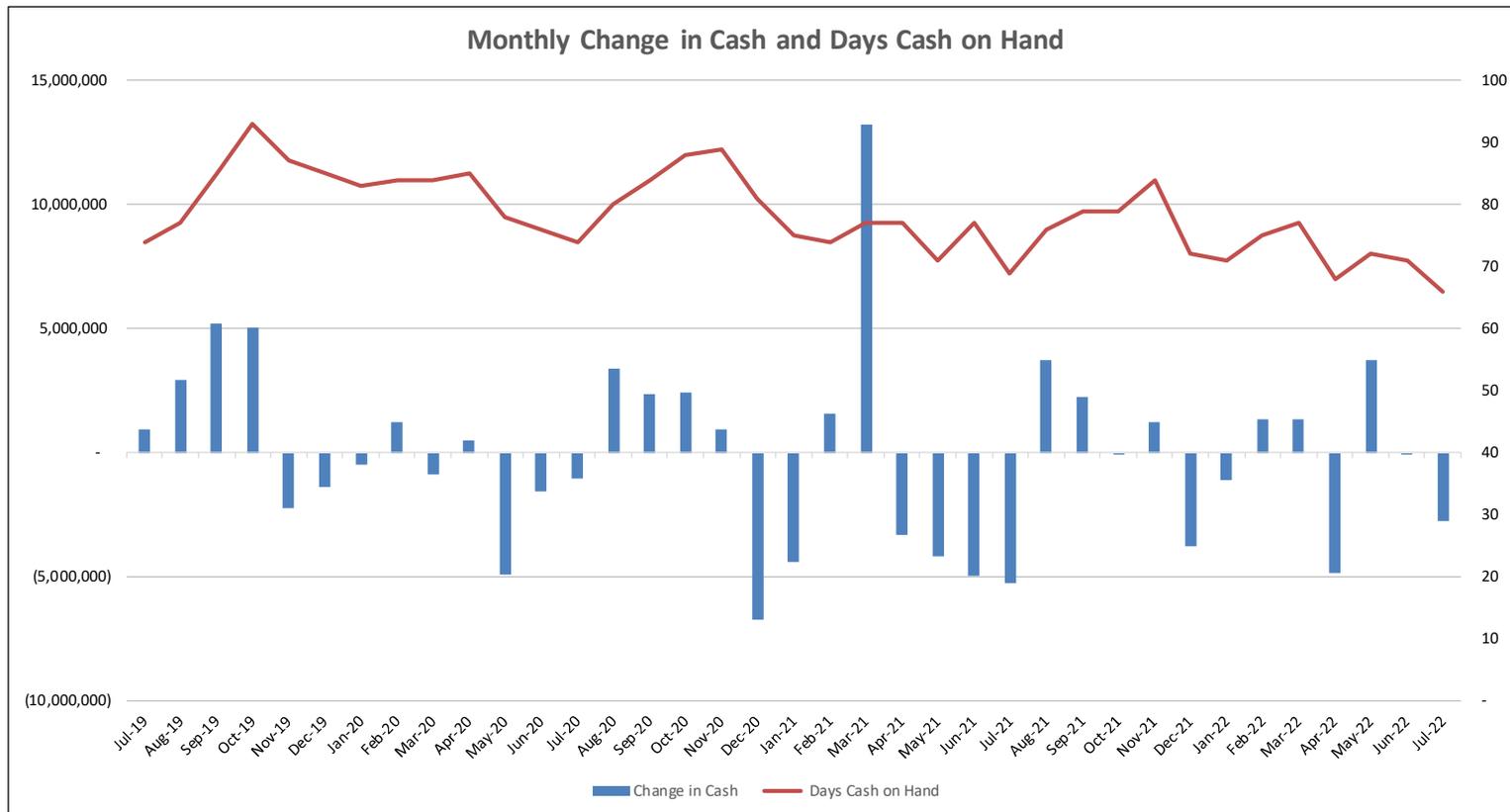
1 Day = Approximately \$550K-\$600K

\*\*Dollars in millions

# Financial Results



# Financial Results



## Balance Sheet: Notables

	(CY) 2022 July	(PY) 2021 July
Fuel Inventory	\$ 3.361	\$ 5.354
Bond Dollars 2016C (Elec T&D)	\$ 0.710	\$ 0.708
Bond Dollars 2020A (Elec)	\$ 0.798	\$ 8.201

\*\*Dollars in millions

## Capital Spending

	(CY) 2022 YTD	(PY) 2021 YTD	2022 Budget	
Electric	\$ 12.71	\$ 10.20	\$ 28.09	
Water	4.55	3.79	22.28	
Common	1.91	2.41	5.85	
<b>Total YTD Capital</b>	<b>\$ 19.17</b>	<b>\$ 16.40</b>	<b>\$ 56.22</b>	<b>Remaining 66%</b>

\*\*Dollars in millions

Major projects in 2022:

- Piper OH Feeders - \$921K
- Fisher UG Feeders - \$3.2M
- Annual Underground - \$2.2M
- NC Fire Protection Upgrade - \$502K
- Water Leak, Valve, System Imp. - \$1.2M
- Water Transmission Imp. - \$1.2M

## Debt Coverage

### Debt Coverage with PILOT

	(CY) 2022 July	(PY) 2021 July
Electric	2.38	1.80
Water	1.99	2.00
Combined	2.50	2.00

### Debt Coverage w/o PILOT

	(CY) 2022 July	(PY) 2021 July
Electric	1.72	1.22
Water	1.54	1.55
Combined	1.83	1.40

Financial Guideline Target 1.6 to 2.1 times with PILOT

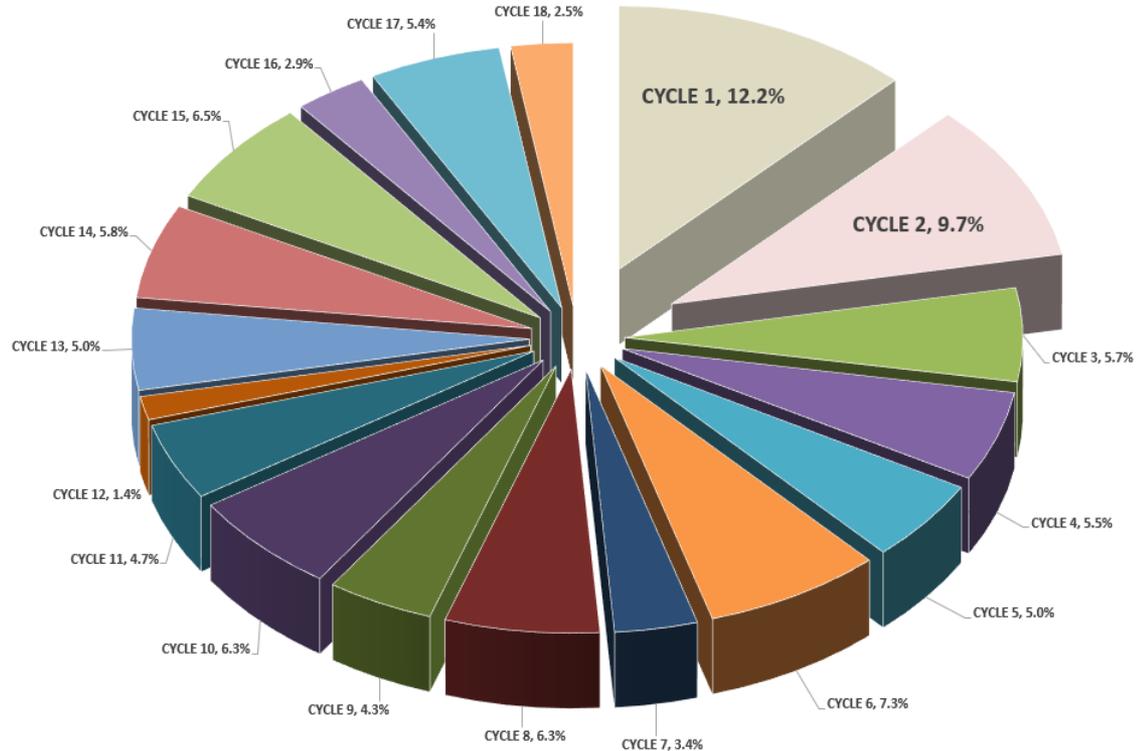
# Customer Accounting Overview

September 7, 2022

# Customer Accounting

## Residential & Small Commercial Billing

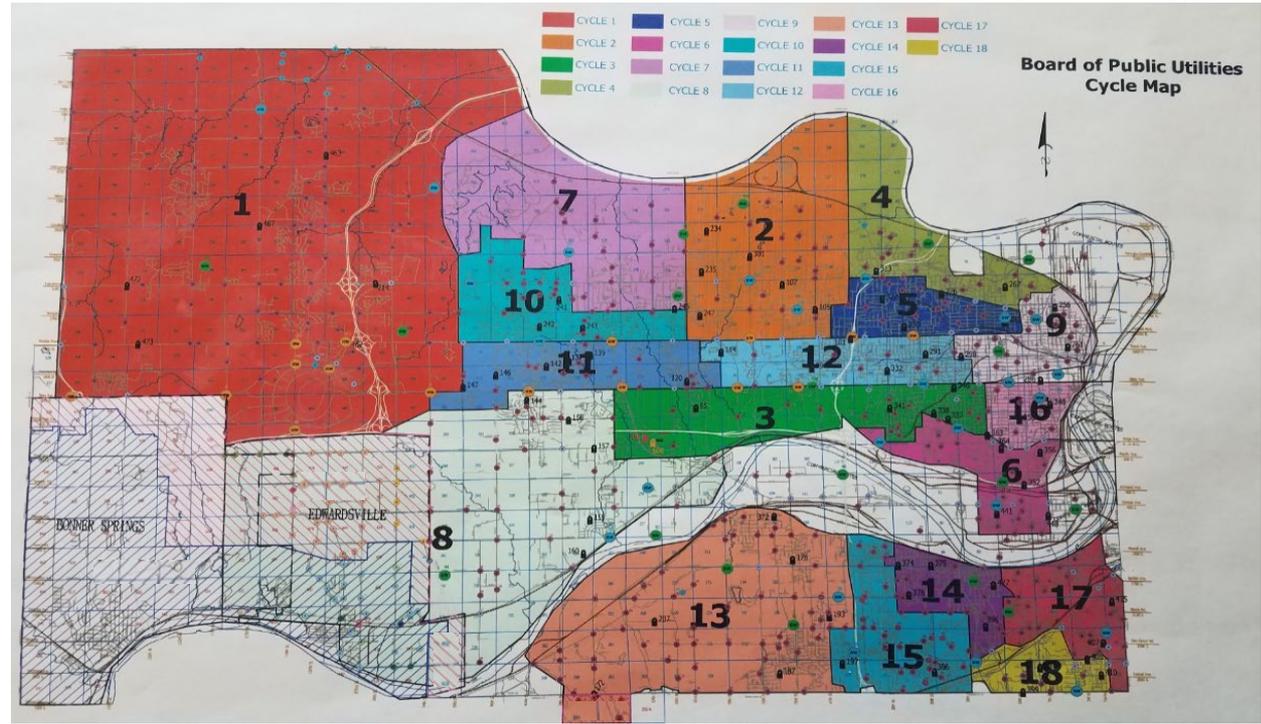
- Approximately 60,000 accounts are billed for \$30M monthly
- There are 18 different bill cycles each month
- Cycles 1 & 2 account for over 20% of the monthly amount billed



# Customer Accounting

## Billing Cycles

- Cycle 1 represents the Piper & Legends area  
~7,500 accounts
- Cycle 2 covers the area West of N 42<sup>nd</sup> to N 62<sup>nd</sup> St and from the river south to Parallel & consists of  
~5,000 accounts





# Customer Accounting Team

## Stefi McKinney - Supervisor Customer Accounting

- Lead Billing Clerk
- Billing and Account Maintenance Representatives
- Utility Billing and Adjustment Clerk
- Processor
- Pre-Billing Maintenance Clerk



# Customer Accounting/Billing Functions

- Bill Accounts for Utilities used and UG Services
- Equalized Payment Program (EPP)
- Net Metering
- Wastewater (Water Pollution)
- FlexPay Reconciliation
- Manage Account Deposits, Tax Exemptions, Fees & Adjustments

# Equalized Payment Program (EPP)

- Program allows customers to budget their utility costs on a monthly basis.
- In order to qualify, customers must have:
  - At least 12 months of billing history at their current location
  - A zero (\$0.00) account balance
- How program works:
  - Monthly amount is calculated by taking the total amount billed over the last 12 months and dividing that amount by 12
  - The EPP amount is re-calculated every 6 months
    - Any outstanding debit/credit is rolled into the next EPP amount
  - Failure to pay the amount on time may result in removal from EPP
  - If at any time a customer is removed from EPP, or asks to be removed, the account will settle up and the outstanding debit/credit will be due with the next bill

# FlexPay Billing

- FlexPay accounts are billed on a daily basis and are not billed a deposit.
  - FlexPay accounts don't receive a monthly bill.
- Customer Accounting reconciles the FlexPay account balance to our Customer Information System every month.
- Any adjustments to the account are made in the FlexPay system.

# Net Meter Billing

- Customers can see their generated power on their monthly bill
  - Their overall usage is summed to display on the usage graph
- Currently around 200 Net Meter accounts

## BPU Billing Details

### ELECTRIC



Electric Customer Charge	\$22.00
Electric Consumption Charge	\$93.76
Energy Rate Component \$0.04498	\$65.22
Environmental Surcharge \$0.01006	\$14.59

**Total Electric Charges \$195.57**

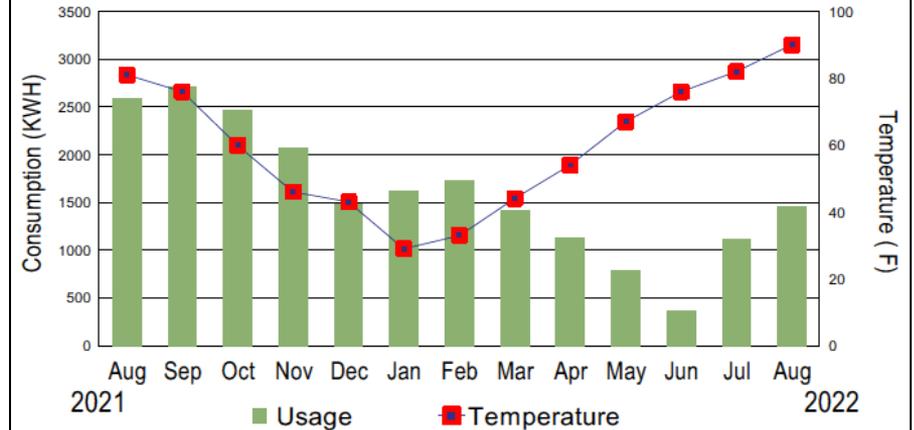
### Electric Usage Information

Service Period: 07/03/22-08/03/22

Rate: 100

Read Date	Meter No.	Previous Read	Current Read	Current Usage
08/03/22	33512223	2966	4931	1965 KWH
08/03/22	33512223	1506	2021	515 CRKWH

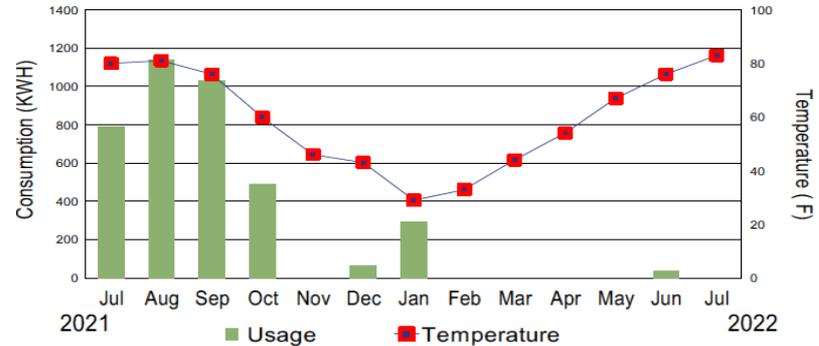
## Electric Usage History



# Net Meter Billing

- Customer can generate more energy than they consume
- Despite no consumption, customers still have monthly meter charges
- Customers save other charges when they generate more than they consume

Electric Usage History



## BPU Billing Details

### ELECTRIC

Electric Customer Charge \$22.00

**Total Electric Charges \$22.00**

### OTHER

Electric Residential Revenue \$3.64 CR

**Total Other Charges \$3.64 CR**

## Electric Usage Information

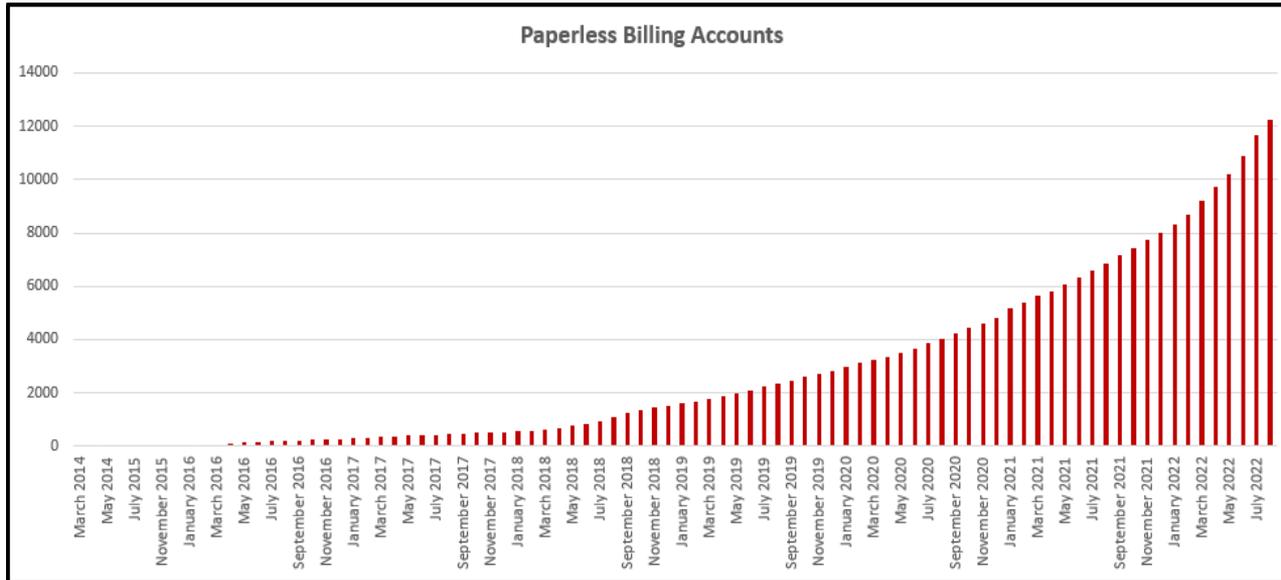
Service Period: 06/24/22-07/24/22

Rate: 100

Read Date	Meter No.	Previous Read	Current Read	Current Usage
07/24/22	33512232	1254	1964	0 KWH
07/24/22	33512232	1340	2131	0 CRKWH

# Paperless Billing

- Launched late 2015; Over 12,000 accounts on paperless billing
- BPU is saving ~\$100,000/year with Paperless Billing



# Wastewater Leak Adjustment

- The wastewater yearly average for accounts is calculated & applied every April.
- If the customer had a leak during the recalculation period, the customer could potentially receive an adjustment.
  - Customer needs to wait for 3 months after the leak was fixed.
  - Customer needs to call the UG (Wastewater Dept.) to notify them of the leak & that it is fixed.
  - Customer Accounting provides a report of the customer's water usage, wastewater billing & wastewater average to the UG upon request.
  - If a reduction is approved, UG will advise Customer Accounting of the new average.
  - Customer Accounting updates average, calculates credit and communicates account information to the UG.

*Thank  
you*

# KDHE LOAN UPDATE

September 7, 2022



# Update Project Cost & Amended Loan Amount

KDHE Loan Projects (2021 – 2024)	Original Cost Estimate with loan	Current Estimate	Difference
•7 MG Argentine Reservoir - \$10,000,000 ( 2021- 2023)	\$10,000,000	\$14,500,000	\$4,500,000
•Replace Aging Distribution Mains - \$ 9,000,000 (2021-2024) 15 miles	\$9,000,000	\$12,000,000	\$3,000,000
•T-Main 90 <sup>th</sup> and Parallel to I 435 & France Family Drive - \$2,000,000 (2021-2023)	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000
•Electrical Improvements at NWTP & Pumping Stations - \$1,500,000 (2022-2023)	\$1,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000
•Replace 24 inch Main at 12 <sup>th</sup> Street & Kansas River - \$2,500,000 (2021-2023)	\$2,500,000	\$6,500,000	\$4,000,000
•KDHE Loan Amount - \$25,000,000	<b>\$25,000,000</b>	<b>\$39,500,000</b>	<b>\$14,500,000</b>

## Revised KDHE Loan Parameters

- \$39,500,000 Principal
- 30 Year Loan
- Projected Interest rate - 1.50 %
- Projected First Payment - 8/1/2024
- Number of Payments - 60 (twice per year)
- Update \$39.5 Million Loan - Annual Payment - \$1,639,910
- Original \$25 Million Loan - Annual Payment - **\$1,060,562**



# Questions

- Thank You