

2023



# ANNUAL REPORT



## COUNCIL BLUFFS WATER WORKS

*Safe Drinking Water Is Our Business*

***MISSION STATEMENT:***

***THE COUNCIL BLUFFS WATER WORKS IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE WHILE SUPPLYING ADEQUATE QUANTITIES OF HIGH QUALITY TAP WATER TO MEET ALL THE DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL AND FIRE PROTECTION NEEDS OF OUR CUSTOMERS AND OUR COMMUNITY.***

Front Cover Photo:

Top: Narrows Water Purification Plant and Bottom: Council Point Water Purification Plant

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In 2023, we began updating the Narrows Water Purification Plant. A third well was drilled for the Narrows Water Purification Plant. This new well will help ensure water supply during times of low flow on the Missouri River. Design plans for replacement of the high service pumps were also started. With a historic drought in the region, the Council Bluffs Water Works continued to supply high quality drinking water with no disruption to our customers. The community had the highest pumping year on record in 2023. We have had a streak of highest yearly pumping records broken for the last four consecutive years.

Maintaining our facilities and equipment is the Board's foremost priority. In 2023, the Board approved expenditures to update lighting, purchase two work trucks, purchase a skid loader and rehabilitate several wells around the system. We continue to upgrade our water meters with Automatic Meter Reading Technology. Distribution water main replacement projects continued through 2023 including 16<sup>th</sup> Street from 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Story Street, and others. Water main replacement projects accounted for roughly a third of our total capital improvements program. The above mentioned projects account for just a portion of our investments in 2023, as constant upkeep and maintenance is an ongoing necessity to meet the water supply needs of our customers.

Even with all of the demands for resources required to maintain our water system the Board is committed to maintaining stable water rates. A well maintained public water system is essential to the community's public health, public safety, economic development, and quality of life. The Board of Water Works Trustees and employees will meet the challenge to fulfill its obligation and mission to our customers to provide a safe, dependable, and affordable supply of high-quality drinking water from the tap. Please read this report that details the accomplishments and challenges of the dedicated employees of the Council Bluffs Water Works.

Keith R. Jones  
Chairperson

Trustees:  
Martin L. Brooks  
Caitlin A. Beresford  
Glennay V. Jundt  
Patrick A. Miller

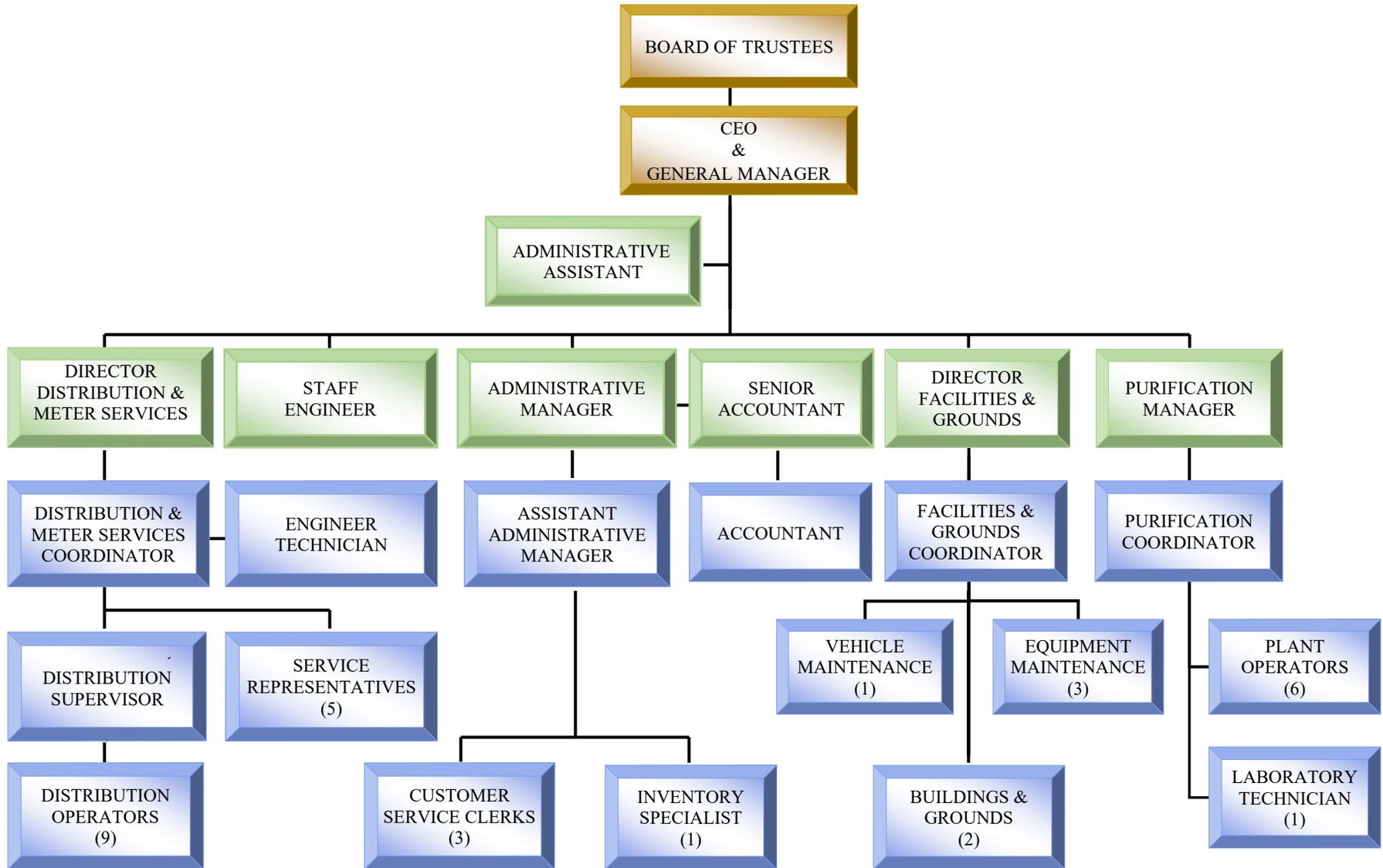
**2023  
RATE SCHEDULE**

Monthly Retail Volume Charges		
	Monthly Billing	
	Inside City (\$/CCF)	Outside City (\$/CCF)
First 1,500 Cubic Feet	\$3.85	\$5.78
Next 28,500 Cubic Feet	\$2.85	\$4.28
Over 30,000 Cubic Feet	\$1.85	\$2.78

Bi-Monthly Retail Volume Charges		
	Bi-Monthly Billing	
	Inside City (\$/CCF)	Outside City (\$/CCF)
First 3,000 Cubic Feet	\$3.85	\$5.78
Next 57,000 Cubic Feet	\$2.85	\$4.28
Over 60,000 Cubic Feet	\$1.85	\$2.78

Cubic foot = 7.48 gallons  
 100 cubic feet (CCF) = 748 gallons

# COUNCIL BLUFFS WATER WORKS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**ORGANIZATION**

**AND**

**PERSONNEL**

## BOARD OF WATER WORKS TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Keith R. Jones	term expires June 30, 2027
Trustee	Martin L. Brooks	term expires June 30, 2025
Trustee	Caitlin A. Beresford	term expires June 30, 2024
Trustee	Glennay V. Jundt	term expires June 30, 2027
Trustee	Patrick A. Miller	term expires June 30, 2028

### *STAFF*

CEO and General Manager:	Brian T. Cady	Iowa Grade IV Operator
	Douglas P. Drummey (retired)	Iowa Grade IV Operator
Staff Engineer	Adam C. Wiegman	---
Administrative Assistant:	Celestine Powell	---

### *PURIFICATION DEPARTMENT*

Purification Manager:	Timothy C. Parker	Iowa Grade IV Operator
Coordinator:	Rodney A. Scott	Iowa Grade IV Operator
Personnel:	Ian J. Cassidy	Iowa Grade III Operator
	Chaseton R. Reed	Iowa Grade III Operator
	Joshua J. Hannan	Iowa Grade III Operator
	Dean W. Redinbaugh	Iowa Grade II Operator
	Christopher A. Anderson	Iowa Grade I Operator
	Malaki M. Bovee	---
	Noah M. Gilliam	---

### *DISTRIBUTION & METER SERVICES DEPARTMENT*

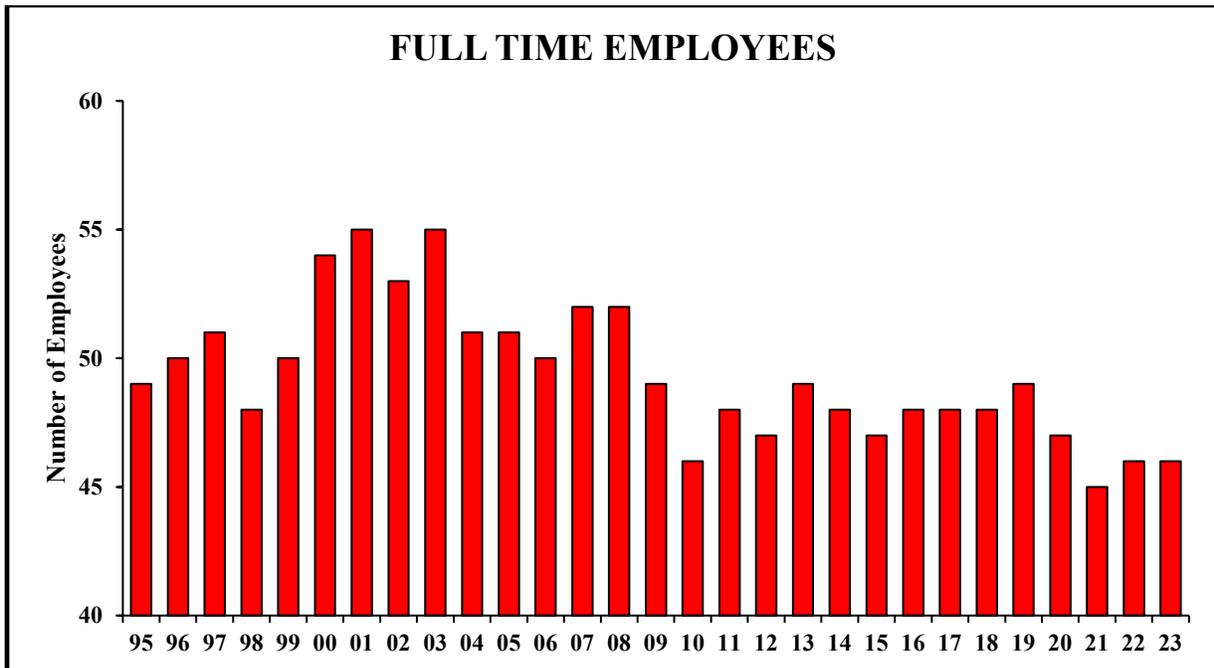
Director:	Douglas L. Adkins	Iowa Grade II Operator
Coordinator:	Kyle W. Newsom	Iowa Grade II Operator
Supervisor:	Jeffry A. Schuster	Iowa Grade II Operator
Engineering Technician:	Karen R. Cedeno-Perdue	---
Distribution Personnel:	Robert D. Hildreth	Iowa Grade II Operator
	Michal J. Tornblom	Iowa Grade II Operator
	Timothy R. Rhoades	Iowa Grade II Operator
	Sammy J. McNeal	Iowa Grade I Operator
	Jeffrey S. Chanley	Iowa Grade I Operator
	Chad D. Underwood	Iowa Grade I Operator
	Tylor L. Story	Iowa Grade I Operator
	Travis M. Black	---
	Brian J. Burnside	---
Meter Personnel:	Russell D. Osbahr	
	Kenny C. McKeighan	
	Chad M. Springer	
	Jordan D. Freeman	
	Dylan W. Campbell	

***FACILITIES & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT***

Director: Robert J. Sekera Iowa Grade I Operator  
Coordinator: Tate M. Brandon Iowa Grade I Operator  
Personnel: James L. Smith Jr.  
Shane E. Ruckman  
Matthew B. Truax  
Cody A. Neighbors  
Aaron L. Young  
Brandon M. Hutzell

***CUSTOMER SERVICE & ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT***

Administrative Manager: Karen A. Wisniski  
Assistant Administrative Manager: Hilleary A. Schrage  
Personnel: Travis P. Anderson  
Lisa A. Hammer  
Loni N. Neve  
Alyssia J. Wiebold  
Araceli G. Navarrete



**HIGHLIGHTS**  
**AND**  
**STATISTICS**

**PURIFICATION DEPARTMENT**

The Purification Department’s primary responsibility is to produce safe drinking water in compliance with all Federal and State Drinking Water Standards. The Council Bluffs Water Works delivered 4,759,636,000 gallons of potable water to our customers in 2023. The Narrows Water Purification Plant produced 3,356,672,000 gallons for an average of 8.5 million gallons per day. The Council Point Water Purification Plant produced 1,402,964,000 gallons for an average of 3.8 million gallons per day. In typical fashion, our peak month occurred during the summer in June, when more than 510,790,000 gallons of water was pumped to the system at an average daily flow of 17.02 million gallons of water per day. The peak day occurred on June 21<sup>st</sup>, when 20,091,000 gallons was pumped to the system.

The Council Bluffs Water Works Certified Bacteriological Laboratory processed a total of 2,551 bacteriological samples in 2023. Of the samples processed, 843 were for the Council Bluffs Water Works, 518 for other public water supplies, 82 pool samples, and 253 “Special Purpose” samples which consist of samples taken after water main breaks. The Purification Department collected 128 samples for disinfection by-product analysis and 250 Total Suspended Solid (TSS) samples for NPDES/Sanitary Discharge Compliance.

Throughout the year, the department ran thousands of tests on water quality parameters to maintain the optimal performance of both the Narrows and Council Point Water Purification Plants. To do so, plant operators carefully adjusted the application of numerous water treatment chemicals, including lime, ferric sulfate, liquid chlorine, soda ash, polymer, powder activated carbon, sodium hydroxide, sodium permanganate, hydrochloric acid, anhydrous ammonia, aqua ammonia, phosphate and fluoride in order to provide our customers the highest quality drinking water.

**2023 Water Quality Facts and Figures**

**Narrows Water Purification Plant**

Total Gallons Pumped to System	3,356,672,000
Average Gallons Pumped to System (daily)	9,196,000
Maximum Gallons Pumped to System (single day)	15,603,000
Average Gallons Used Per Person Per Day	208
Source of Water	Missouri River & Missouri River Alluvium
Finished Water Chemical Analysis	
pH	9.42 Standard Units
Alkalinity	65 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Hardness	155 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Calcium	91 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Magnesium	64 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Non-Carbonate Hardness	90 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Total Chlorine	2.45 mg/L as Cl <sub>2</sub>
Fluoride	0.66 mg/L as F <sup>-</sup>
Turbidity	0.08 Nephelometric Turbidity Units
Annual Average Temperature (Fahrenheit)	57.7 degrees

**Council Point Water Purification Plant**

Total Gallons Pumped to System	1,402,964,000
Average Gallons Pumped to System (daily)	3,844,000

Maximum Gallons Pumped to System (single day)	5,577,000
Average Gallons Used Per Person Per Day	208
Source of Water	Missouri River Alluvium
Finished Water Chemical Analysis	
pH	7.5 Standard Units
Alkalinity	166 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Hardness	151 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Calcium	106 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Magnesium	45 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Total Chlorine	2.28 mg/L as Cl <sub>2</sub>
Fluoride	0.67 mg/L as F <sup>-</sup>
Turbidity	0.07 Nephelometric Turbidity Units
Annual Average Temperature (Fahrenheit)	58.2 Degrees

The following chemicals and quantities were used to treat our water:

#### **Narrows Water Purification Plant**

<u>Water Treatment Chemical</u>	<u>Tons Used</u>	<u>\$ Cost</u>
Lime	1,773	\$ 443,169
Ferric Sulfate	175	239,228
Soda Ash	129	59,478
Liquid Chlorine	88	192,061
Sodium Hexametaphosphate	4	22,420
Sodium Silicofluoride	8	32,580
Polymer	21	36,570
Potassium Permanganate	10	53,344
Powdered Activated Carbon	4	11,307
Anhydrous Ammonia	10	<u>29,367</u>
Total Water Treatment Chemical Cost		<u>\$1,119,524</u>

#### **Council Point Water Purification Plant**

<u>Water Treatment Chemical</u>	<u>Tons Used</u>	<u>\$ Cost</u>
MCI310 Antiscalant	18	\$ 42,219
Aqueous Ammonia	17	9,375
Citric Acid	12	38,046
Hydrofluosilicic Acid	18	14,412
Hydrochloric Acid	265	145,568
Ortho-polyphosphate	6.0	11,430

Anionic Polymer	7.0	35,284
Kleen MCT – 105, Low pH	0.026	156
Sodium Bisulfite	9.0	9,093
Sodium Hydroxide 30%	162	46,821
Sodium Hydroxide 50%	82	44,940
Sodium Permanganate	53	165,774
Sodium Chloride	86	<u>26,103</u>
Total Water Treatment Chemical Cost		<u>\$589,221</u>

***DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT***

The Distribution Department is responsible for the maintenance and operation of all underground facilities in the water distribution system and fire hydrants, including 316.82 miles of water main, 7,325 valves and 3,016 fire hydrants. The department responds to emergency call-outs 24/7 under all weather conditions to repair water main breaks and restore water service to Water Works’ customers in a timely manner.

In 2023, the Distribution Department continued with the leak survey of our entire system and maintained all fire hydrants as a part of our annual hydrant maintenance program. Additionally, our personnel responded to 185 emergency call-outs throughout the year during all hours and weather conditions to ensure continued water service to our customers.

The Distribution Department’s water main replacement efforts this year continued in support of city street and sewer replacement projects. Water mains were also added in new developments. Department personnel repaired approximately 2,604 square yards of Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) paving, and 352 square yards of asphalt overlay was installed by various contractors.

This year the department:

- Made 115 small taps, and 13 purification taps
- Replaced/Killed 41 lead services
- Checked 77 service leaks
- Turned on/off 40 services
- Repaired 40 service lines and 25 curb boxes
- Replaced 30 services from the main to stop box
- 1 service was moved for construction by Water Works personnel
- 24 services were connected by contractors
- Killed 11 services at the main and 12 at the curb stop
- Answered 7,528 requests for service line or main location
- Turned 622 large valves, rebuilt 17, replaced 4 and added 7 new valves
- Repaired 85 main breaks, moved 2 water mains
- Repaired 40 valve boxes
- Made 12 large taps (4 inches and above)
- Removed 11 fire hydrants from service which were obsolete, damaged or for main replacement
- 6 hydrants were replaced by Water Works personnel
- 12,759 hydrants were listened to while performing leak survey
- Checked 1,894 hydrants
- Repaired 146 hydrants
- Relocated 2 hydrants
- Flushed 550 hydrants
- Thawed out 2 fire hydrants
- Flow tested 27 fire hydrants

Observed installation of 6,998 feet of new mains installed by contractors.

Mains installed by the Distribution Department were:

1,288 feet of 6 – inch main  
44 feet of 8 – inch main  
17 feet of 10 – inch DIP main  
157 feet of 10 – inch C-900 main

Mains installed by contractors were:

554 feet of 6 – inch main  
863 feet of 8 – inch main  
3,614 feet of 10 – inch main  
2,446 feet of 12 – inch main  
5 feet of 16 – inch main

### ***METER SERVICES DEPARTMENT***

The Meter Department’s primary function is to read over 22,000 water meters on a monthly and bi-monthly basis, repair and replace meters as needed, complete disconnect and reconnect orders, collect delinquent accounts and respond to service call requests as needed.

In 2023, the Meter Department continued to upgrade and exchange 319 water meters as part of our meter replacement program. While continuing to maintain and upgrade the Water Works’ 22,000 plus water meters, we installed an additional 121 radio read devices to improve meter reading efficiency.

In addition to the meter exchanges this year the department:

Replaced 102 dead meters  
Removed 2 meters for demolition  
Repaired 31 leaking meters  
Replaced 69 frozen meters  
9 curb boxes were raised  
Installed 135 touch pads  
Installed 153 radio reading devices  
Exchanged 52 radio reading devices  
Exchanged 128 radio reading batteries  
Set 104 new addresses with meters  
Set 14 new addresses with large meters  
Exchanged 78 small meters  
Exchanged 4 large meters  
19 meters were exchanged for the Meter Exchange Program  
There were a variety of 536 non-scheduled orders  
34 meters were tested for accuracy or malfunction  
Wired 73 new construction homes  
Rewired 110 existing customer homes  
Monitored 257 new construction homes  
Checked 28 homes for low water pressure  
Surveyed 107 accounts for leaks  
Set and Removed 102 Hydrant Meters  
Performed 3,691 final readings  
Read 4,351 RMMS (Reading Meter Management System)  
Researched 145 high bill orders  
Verified 5 meter readings  
1,084 notes were left to read the meter  
Turned on 201 delinquent accounts for Customer Service  
7,553 cards were left for delinquent accounts  
Turned on 802 water services  
Turned off 527 water services

Pump Stations were inspected 1,245 times  
Investigated 9 water main leaks  
Investigated 15 service leaks  
There were 145,874 meter readings

### ***FACILITIES & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT***

The Facilities and Grounds Department is responsible for the maintenance of all facilities, equipment, buildings and grounds, including the Narrows and Council Point Water Purification Plants, Administration Building, five (5) Booster Pump Stations, four (4) Ground Storage Reservoirs, and five (5) Elevated Storage Tanks. The eleven (11) locations account for approximately 217 acres of land spread throughout the city, along with the equipment at and within those facilities, including but not limited to HVAC systems, pumps and their control systems, telemetry and process monitoring equipment. The Facilities and Grounds crew takes pride in maintaining the appearance of all Water Works' properties and facilities.

The department maintains the organization vehicle and equipment fleet with over forty (40) pieces of equipment including automobiles, service trucks, dump trucks, backhoes, tractors, mowers, compressors, welders, trailers and specialty equipment used for concrete and water main repair.

Power and fuel are essential to our operations. It took 10,640,714 kWh of electricity at a cost of \$793,787.18 to process and distribute over four billion gallons of water. We also used 14,696 gallons of lead free gasoline at a cost of \$43,268.68 and used 10,045 gallons of red diesel fuel at a cost of \$33,125.38 to fuel the Water Works fleet. We used 49,765 thousand cubic feet (MCF) of natural gas at a cost of \$46,296.82 to heat our buildings and structures.

### ***CUSTOMER SERVICE & ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT***

#### **Customer Service**

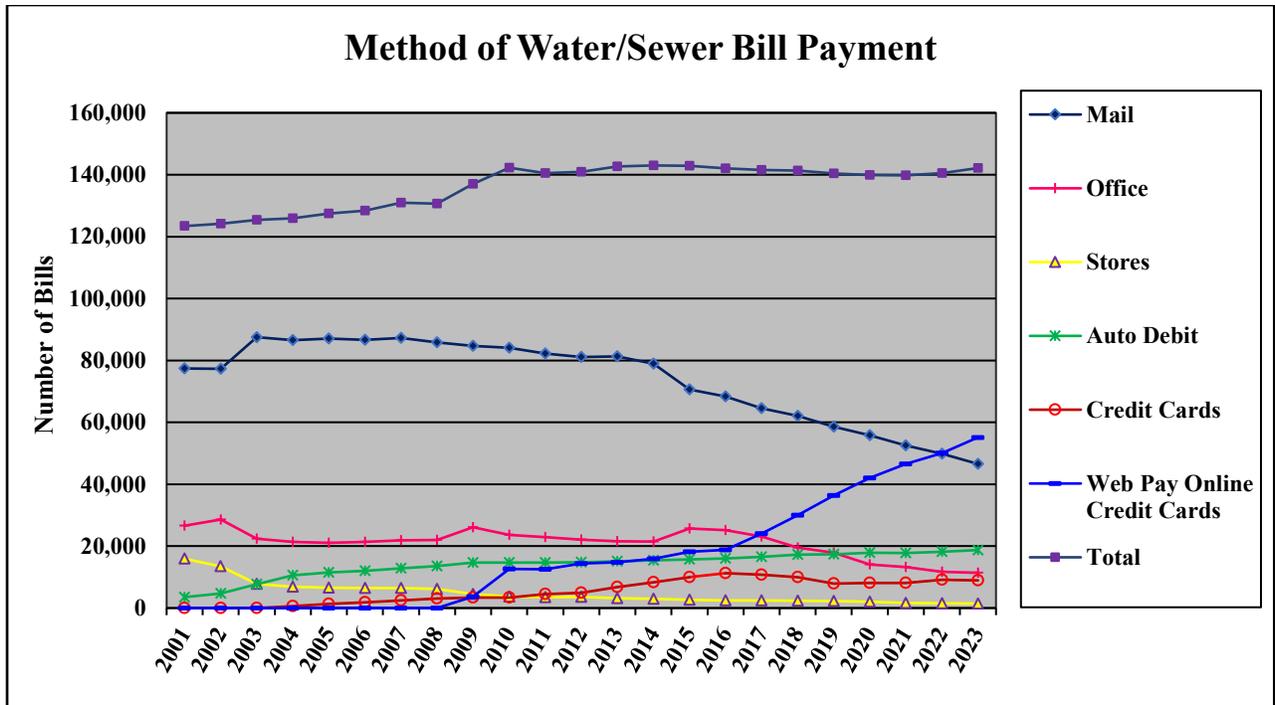
Our Customer Service Representatives do an excellent job assisting Water Works customers with their questions concerning their bills, turning on/off services, signing up for service and paying bills whether it is by telephone or in person. If Customer Service is requested to send a Service Representative to the customer's location, a service order is prepared for the Meter Department and then processed when the order is completed.

In 2023, the department mailed out 142,549 water bills, emailed 26,984 water bills and sent 37,190 reminder notices and 20,649 shut-off notices to customers. There were 142,163 payments processed. There were 18,738 automatic bank payments. There were 8,407 service orders processed for final readings, high bills, dead meters, or to install new meters. There were 386 meters installed or replaced. Customer Service Representative made 653 payment arrangements with customers. 189 water bills were paid on the day of shut-off and 909 services were discontinued for non-payment. There were 138 returned checks that had to be collected from customers. 2,567 service contracts were processed to transfer, reinstate or add new customers to the system.

The Council Bluffs Water Works continues to see an increase in the number of customers paying their bills on our website. There were 8,895 credit card payments and 55,140 online web credit card payments.

The Accounting Department processed \$25,297,276.59 in receipts and payments in 2023, including processing water and sewer bill payments and making the daily bank deposits. The department is responsible for processing accounts payable invoices, checks, payroll, the budget, fixed assets and other information for the general ledger. The department prepares monthly reports for the Board and other departments. The most recent audit found no irregularities or deficiencies in accounting practices and procedures.

Department personnel oversee the daily operations of the storeroom and warehouse. The Inventory Specialist is responsible for the purchase, storage and allocation of material and resources needed for all departments with an inventory value at \$2,011,883.86.



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Council Bluffs Water Works has 22,382 active service accounts: 20,503 residential; 1,879 are commercial or industrial.

Last year, total production was 4,759,636,000 gallons.

Residential customers consumed 1,089,865,172 gallons in 2023. The average residential customer used 53,156 gallons at a cost of \$301.12 per year or \$25.09 per month.

Our top ten customers consumed 2,161,790,312 gallons, 45% total production.

**SERVICES PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA**

669 outside-City customers paid \$737,675.83 for 143,185,152 gallons of water.

The City of Crescent paid \$95,639.00 for 28,181,648 gallons of water.

Regional Water paid \$199,722.34 for 52,212,644 gallons of water.

In total, outside City Customers paid \$1,033,037.17 for 223,579,444 gallons of water. This represents 6.7% of metered water sales and 4.7% of total water production.

**SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA**

The Council Bluffs Water Works provided 63,099,036 gallons of water to the City free of charge, having a value of \$254,840.90. Also, on behalf of the City, the Council Bluffs Water Works collected \$18,028,519.54 in sewer use fees.

**TOP TEN CUSTOMERS**

	<u>2023 Rank</u>	<u>2022 Rank</u>
1. Google, Inc. (Council Bluffs)		1
2. Tyson Foods, Inc.		3
3. ConAgra Frozen Foods		2
4. Plumrose USA, Inc.		4
5. City of Council Bluffs		7
6. MidAmerican Energy		5
7. Tetra, LLC		6
8. Bunge Corporation		10
9. Iowa Western Community College		9
10. Regional Water		8

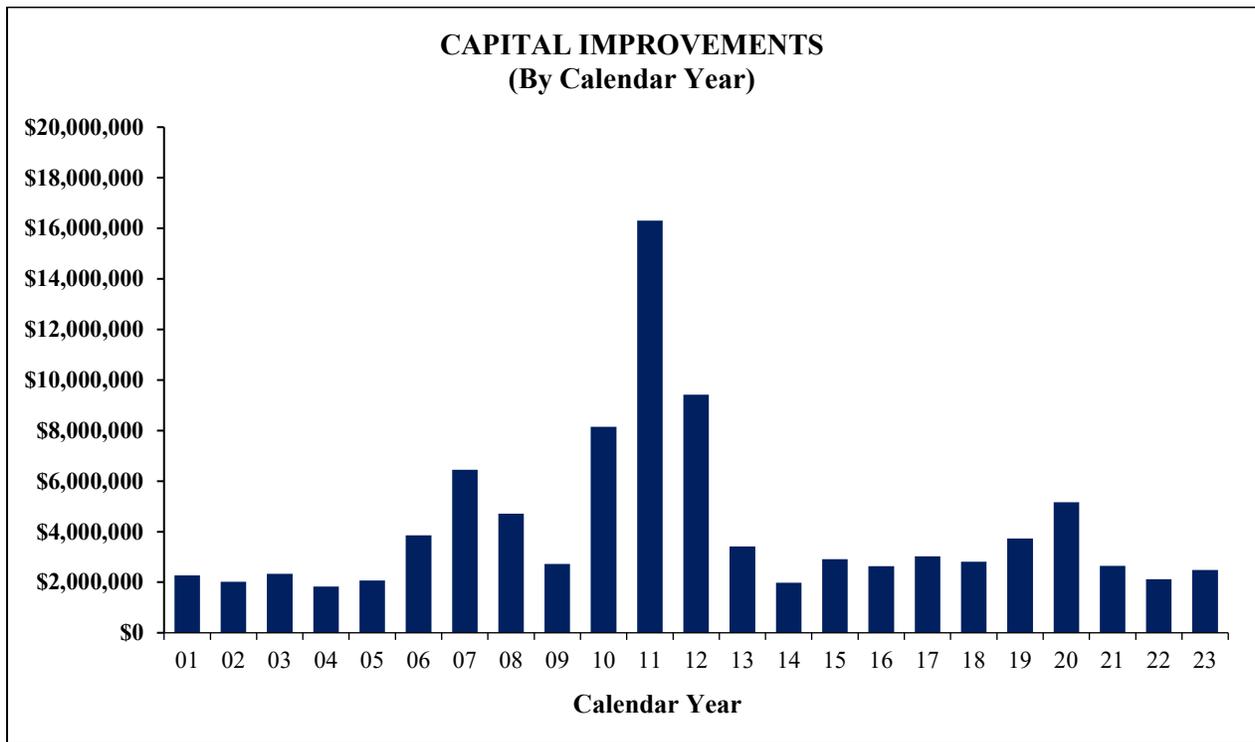
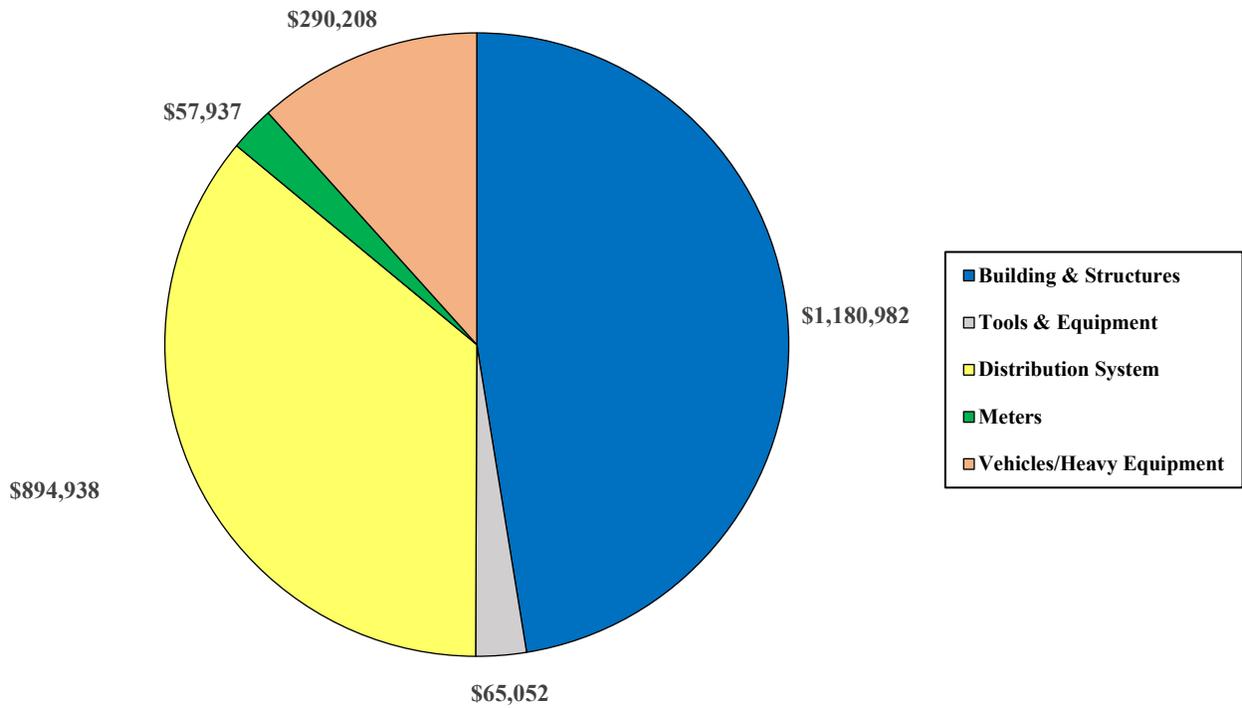
The Council Bluffs Water Works has 316.82 miles of water mains consisting of:

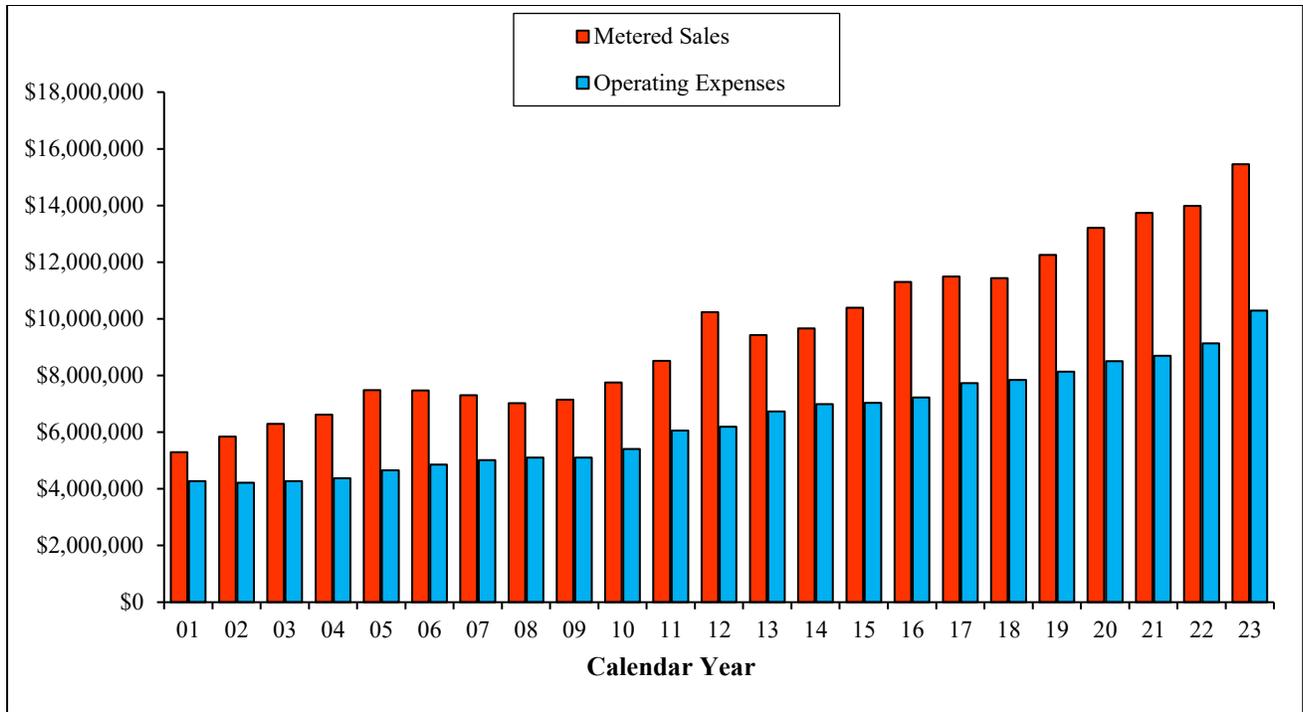
1-inch main	788	feet
1 ½ -inch main	139	feet
2-inch main	1,224	feet
3-inch main	67	feet
4-inch main	37,129	feet
6-inch main	571,633	feet
8-inch main	392,834	feet
10-inch main	171,310	feet
12-inch main	250,922	feet
16-inch main	172,788	feet
18-inch main	99	feet
20-inch main	7,957	feet
24-inch main	21,925	feet
30-inch main	14,707	feet
36-inch main	29,294	feet

Number of Hydrants: 3,016

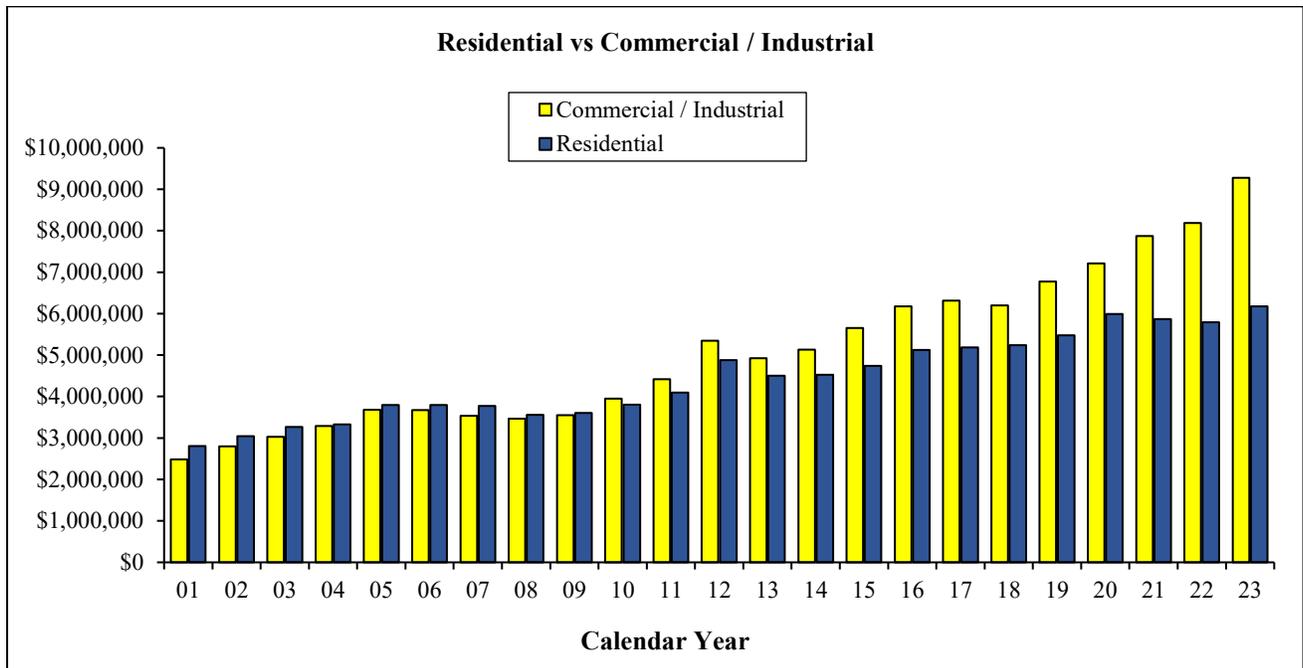
Number of Valves: 7,325

**2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
TOTAL \$2,489,117**





**METERED SALES vs OPERATING EXPENSES**



**WATER REVENUE**

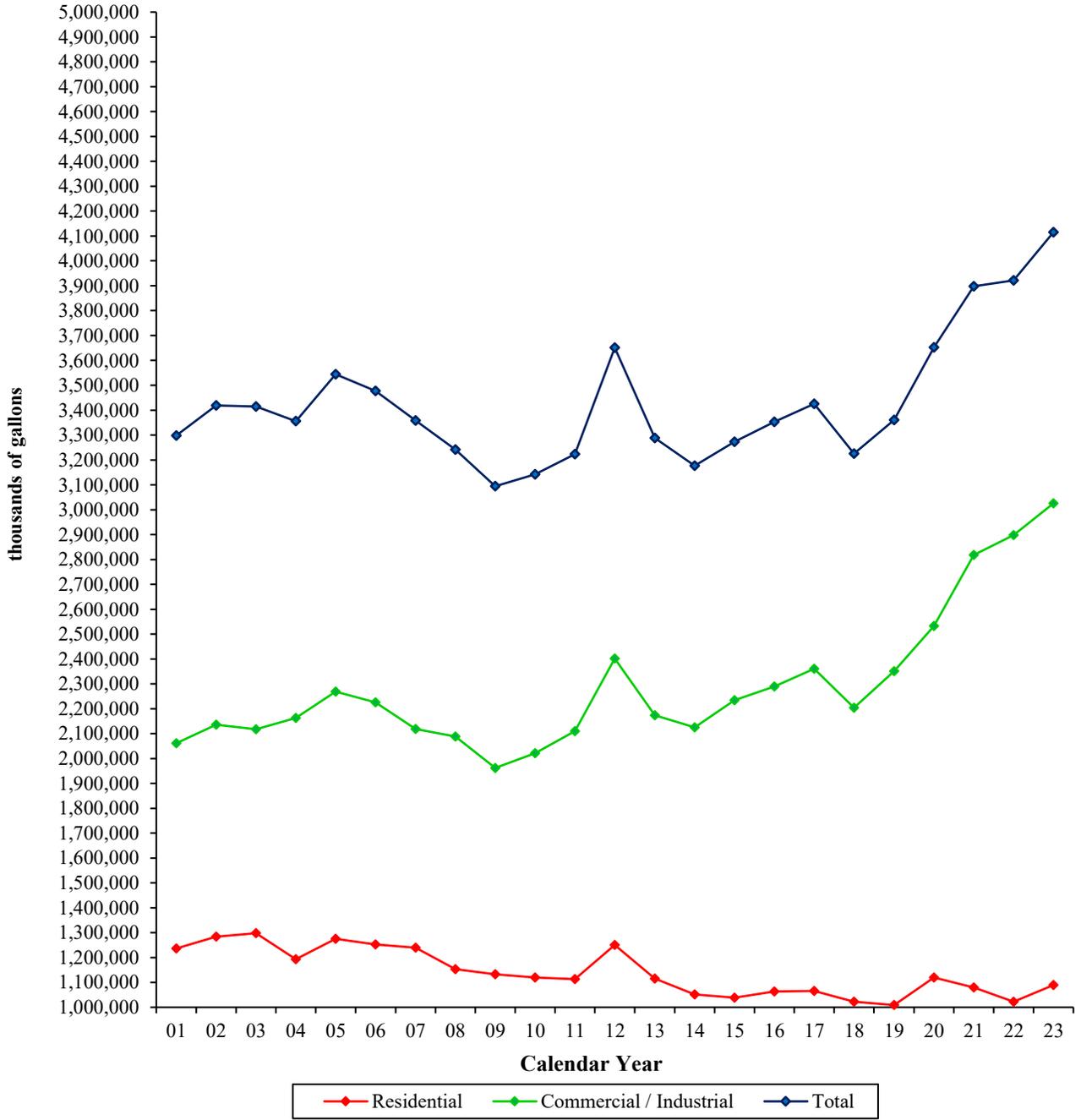
**COUNCIL BLUFFS WATER WORKS**  
**PUMPAGE & METERED CONSUMPTION**  
**(1,000's Gallons)**  
**2023**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>PUMPAGE TOTAL</u>	<u>METERED CONSUMPTION TOTAL</u>	<u>CONSUMPTION COMMERCIAL &amp; INDUSTRIAL</u>	<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>
January	338,642	268,842	193,000	75,842
February	298,019	272,626	197,174	75,452
March	334,072	275,387	203,564	71,823
April	349,954	296,242	223,437	72,805
May	468,529	338,680	260,736	77,944
June	510,790	436,056	321,095	114,961
July	468,873	417,061	301,980	115,081
August	476,945	413,585	297,158	116,427
September	464,058	412,983	318,629	94,354
October	397,350	394,688	280,773	113,915
November	332,800	312,177	227,083	85,094
December	319,604	277,129	200,962	76,167
Totals 2023	4,759,636	4,115,456	3,025,591	1,089,865
Ratio		86.5%	63.6%	22.9%
Totals 2022	4,625,952	3,921,238	2,898,401	1,022,837
Ratio		84.8%	62.7%	22.1%
Totals 2013	3,972,141	3,288,658	2,173,679	1,114,979
Ratio		82.8%	54.7%	28.1%

**COUNCIL BLUFFS WATER WORKS**  
**METERED SALES (\$)**  
**2023**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL &amp; INDUSTRIAL</u>	<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>
January	\$ 1,011,740	\$ 586,205	\$ 425,535
February	1,024,947	594,591	430,356
March	1,050,728	620,095	430,633
April	1,109,625	663,298	446,327
May	1,266,369	806,996	459,373
June	1,618,314	989,623	628,691
July	1,588,911	974,008	614,903
August	1,541,622	908,972	632,650
September	1,517,753	978,892	538,861
October	1,476,213	946,403	629,810
November	1,186,882	703,132	483,750
December	1,060,145	607,176	452,969
Totals 2023	\$ 15,453,249	\$ 9,279,391	\$ 6,173,858
Ratio		60.0%	40.0%
Totals 2022	\$ 13,980,349	\$ 8,188,117	\$ 5,792,232
Ratio		58.6%	41.4%
Totals 2013	\$ 9,429,669	\$ 4,927,302	\$ 4,502,367
Ratio		52.3%	47.7%

# RESIDENTIAL VERSUS COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL CONSUMPTION



## ***HISTORY***

Construction of the Council Bluffs Water System began in 1881 by the American Construction Company of New York City, which had been granted a 25-year franchise by the City of Council Bluffs. Under the franchise, the American Construction Company was to construct and operate a water system. The system constructed was very inferior, and during the life of the franchise, practically no improvements or extensions were made. As a result, along with the poor service rendered by the water company, the renewal of the franchise was rejected by the voters in 1906. In 1911, the City acquired the water system through condemnation proceedings at a cost of \$510,000. On June 1, 1911, the control of the Council Bluffs Water Works came under the Board of Water Works Trustees, which had been appointed by the Mayor. Their first task was to reconstruct or replace practically the entire system. The utility remains under the control of a five-member Board of Trustees, appointed by the Mayor on alternate terms of six years each. Many physical changes have occurred within the water system itself. The system in 1911 consisted of obtaining water from the Missouri River near North 37<sup>th</sup> Street, settling in large reservoirs, disinfecting, and pumping. Disinfection was begun in 1910 which eliminated illness and deaths from typhoid. In 1952, a conventional lime softening water treatment plant, known as the Narrows was constructed at North 25<sup>th</sup> Street. The Administration Building was relocated to North 25<sup>th</sup> Street in 1974. In the ensuing thirty years many other improvements have been made including the construction of the 2,000,000 gallon Valley View Reservoir, a Distribution/Meter Department Office and Warehouse Complex, a 1,500,000 gallon Clearwell, a modern Chlorine Handling Facility, 3 Elevated Storage Tanks, two Pump Stations and one storage reservoir. In 2010 Board began construction of a new groundwater source of supply and integrated membrane water treatment plant known as Council Point, on the south side of the City. This new source of supply began serving the City in 2013.

## ***GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM OPERATIONS***

The Narrows Water Purification Plant's main source of water is the Missouri River. Four low service pumps are located at the intake pump station. #1 pump is rated at 12.5 million gallons per day (MGD) and is a dual drive pump (electric or gas engine). #2 pump is rated at 5.5 MGD. #3 pump is a variable speed with a maximum capacity of 9.0 MGD. #4 pump is also variable speed with a maximum capacity of 12.5 MGD. Any single pump can be run from a standby generator if commercial power fails.

The secondary source of water is the Missouri River Alluvium. Two wells at a depth of 150 feet have a capacity of 4.5 MGD each.

Traveling screens at the Intake Pump Station remove large debris before it is pumped to twin preliminary settling basins where the sand and heavy silt settle out. Polyelectrolytes are added when necessary to enhance the settling process. Well water is blended with the cold river water in the winter to minimize icing problems within the basins. Water then flows by gravity through the remaining treatment steps.

There are two independent treatment trains at the purification plant. Typically, the plant operates in a split treatment mode where lime is added to approximately 70% of the water to elevate the pH sufficiently to precipitate magnesium and calcium ions. This softened water is blended with un-softened water as needed to adjust the pH and hardness of the water. Soda Ash and Ferric Sulfate are added as required to complete the coagulation and softening process. A series of mixers and flocculators ensure a complete chemical reaction prior to the clarification basins. Solids are recycled to the mixers as a catalyst for the chemical reactions.

Water then flows to 8 gravity multi-media filters. Each filter has a rated capacity of 3.0 MGD. The filters remove any remaining particles. The filters have a granular activated carbon cap that remove dissolved organic compounds and taste and odor causing compounds by adsorption.

Chlorine is added as a disinfectant before and after the filters. Fluoride is added as a prophylaxis. The water then flows through two 1.5 million gallon baffled clearwells to ensure inactivation of microorganisms. Ammonia is then added to convert the chlorine to chloramines to stabilize the chlorine residual and control disinfection by-products.

There are four high service pumps that deliver water to the City. Two of the pumps have a capacity of 10 MGD, one is 7.5 MGD and the smallest is 6 MGD. Pumps can be run in any combination to meet demand. Typical plant discharge pressure is 90 – 100 pounds per square inch. A 500 kW and 100 kW generators provide emergency backup power to the plant in case of commercial power failure.

The Council Point Water Purification Plant's source of water is nine wells in the Missouri River alluvium to a depth of 100 feet. The groundwater is pumped to the pretreatment building where it is first aerated to oxidize iron followed by chemical addition to oxidize manganese. Insoluble iron and manganese is removed by ultrafiltration. Dissolved minerals are removed by reverse osmosis. Chlorine is added as a disinfectant. Fluoride is added as a prophylaxis. Finished water is stored in a 3.0 million gallon clearwell. There are four high service pumps that deliver water to the City, each with variable frequency drives and capable of delivering 4.0 MGD. The plant is automated and controlled by the water plant operators from the Narrows Water Purification Plant.

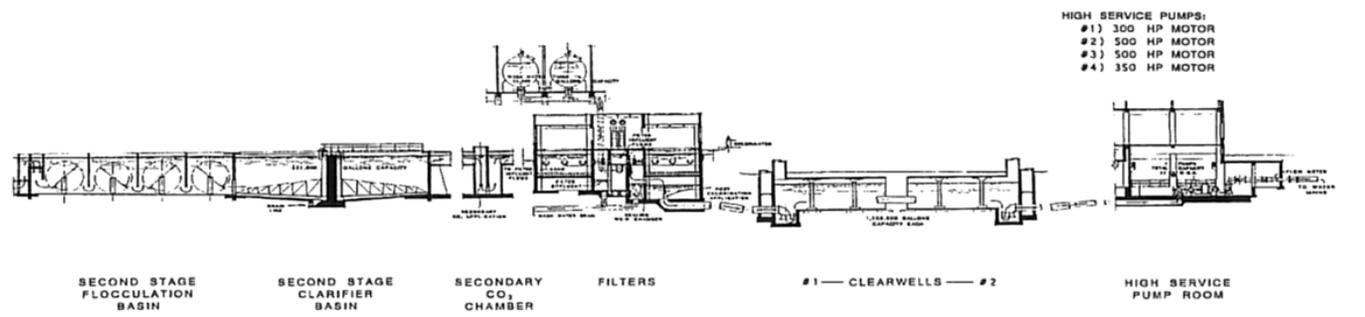
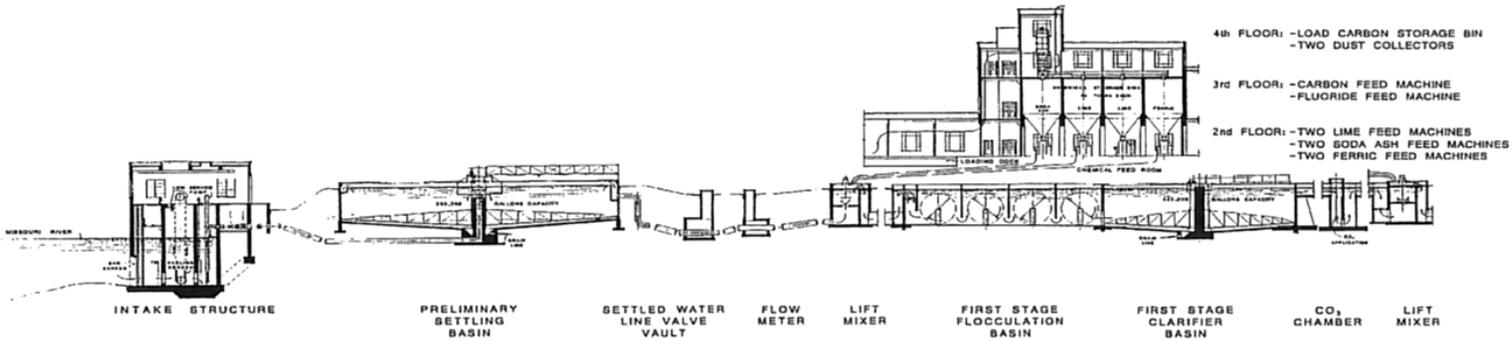
The distribution system has three pressure zones. The first zone is the flat (western and southern) sections of the city and is served by three 2 million gallon reservoirs and one 3-million gallon reservoir. Three of the reservoirs are located downtown and one is located in the southeastern part of the city.

Four booster pump stations and 4 elevated storage tanks with a combined capacity of 1.2 million gallons serve the second pressure zone (bluffs). Lincoln Pump Station has three pumps rated at 600, 750 and 750 gallons per minute (GPM), one is dual drive (electric or gas). Lincoln Pump Station delivers water to the northern section of the City and pumps to a 500,000 gallon elevated tank at Buena Vista Circle and a 200,000 gallon elevated tank at Simms Avenue. Glen Pump Station has three pumps rated at 1500, 800 and 2500 GPM, the largest being a dual drive. This booster pump station delivers to the eastern section of the city and pumps to a 200,000 gallon elevated tank at Memorial Park and a 300,000 gallon tank on Greenview Drive. The Valley View Pump Station has two pumps rated at 750 GPM and 1500 GPM. A gas fired generator provides emergency backup power. This new pump station supports the rapidly growing eastern sections of the city. Oak Street Pump Station has three pumps rated at 400, 700 and 700 GPM, one is a dual drive. This pump station supports both the northern and eastern sections of the bluffs.

A third pressure zone of the distribution system serves the eastern portions of the system. The Airport/Bentree pump station has three variable speed pumps each with a maximum capacity of 600 gallons per minute and pump to a 400,000 gallon elevated tank on Highway 6. A gas fired generator provides emergency backup power.

A Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System monitors all pump station and tank operations from the Water Treatment Plant located on North 25<sup>th</sup> Street.

# WATER TREATMENT PROCESS





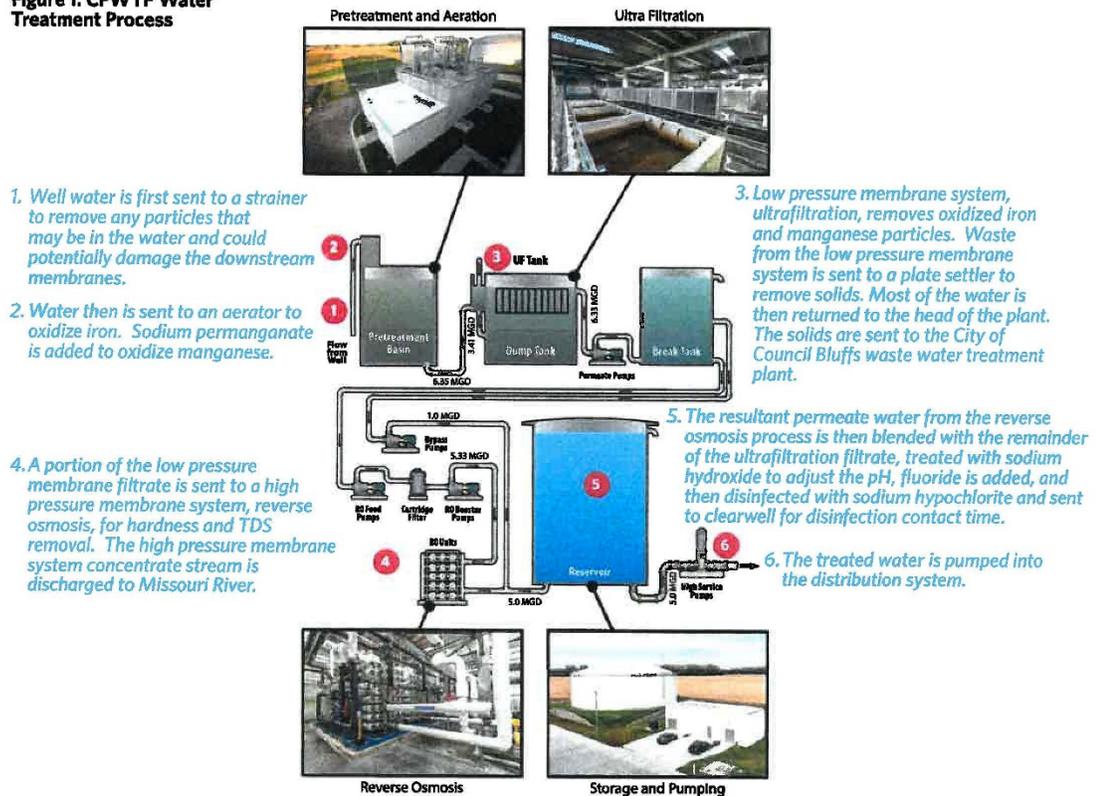
### Unique Application of Different Technology, Techniques, Materials or Equipment

The CPWTP uses a process which employs the use of semi-permeable membranes (low pressure followed by high pressure) to separate impurities from well water, as shown in Figure 1 below. **While membrane technology is not a new technology, the application of low pressure membranes followed by high pressure membranes is a unique application that is a model for other communities to follow.** This process has very limited application in the United States and is a unique combination of technology that will serve as a model for other Iowa communities.

The CPWTP includes a level of automation that allows remote operation of the facility. Every component of the facility from the raw water supply to the membrane processes and chemical systems is automated, allowing operation from the Narrows WTP through the CBWW SCADA system. The facility is also monitored from the Narrows WTP through CCTV. The processes in operation at the facility can be easily shutdown, started up, and varied, allowing a quick response to system needs. This automation has allowed CBWW to maintain efficient staffing of their treatment facilities, therefore reducing the costs to their customers.

Another unique application of technology is the **on-site chlorine generation**. Salt (very similar to table salt) is delivered to the site and stored as brine solution in large storage tanks. The brine solution is exposed to high level of electrical current in the generators to make a dilute concentration of liquid sodium hypochlorite. The concentration of the chemical is low and the amount generated can be limited to the amount consumed every day or two, so the quantities on site are smaller and the risks from gaseous or liquid chlorine to the employees and neighboring area are greatly reduced.

**Figure 1. CPWTP Water Treatment Process**





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