

About The District

The Greater Augusta Utility District is a standalone quasi-municipal entity. Its roots go back to 1903, when the Augusta Water District was formed to take over a private water company. Today, the District is a regional public utility that owns, operates and maintains the water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in Augusta; drinking water delivery in Manchester and East Winthrop; the wastewater system in Hallowell; and regional wastewater collection and treatment for the communities of Monmouth, Winthrop and Manchester.

We are proud to continually make progress towards our fundamental goals (see inside for details). Please contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns. On behalf of all the employees of the Greater Augusta Utility District, thank you for your support!

—Brian Tarbuck, General Manager | BTarbuck@GreaterAugustaUtilityDistrict.org



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Greetings.

In 2020, the Greater Augusta Utility District served approximately 6,514 customers, 5,442 of whom had drinking water connections, 5,200 had sewer connections and 4,588 were stormwater customers.

Our mission is twofold:

- 1. To provide fresh, clean, plentiful water; and
- 2. To remove and treat stormwater and wastewater efficiently and effectively.

Fulfilling that mission in 2020 was challenging in ways we could not have imagined because of COVID, the greatest healthcare crisis of our time. Inside the office, out in the field and at our wastewater treatment plant, the realities of the pandemic complicated everyone’s job.

The good news—the great news—is that the District’s extraordinary staff rose to the occasion and maintained the professionalism and dedication that their jobs require. I want to take this moment to thank all of our employees: they went above and beyond to make sure that they and our customers stayed safe.

As always, serving you and your ratepayers is our top priority. We appreciate your support through the years, and we invite you to contact any member of the Board of Trustees at any time.

—Ken Knight | Chair, Board of Trustees





2020 HIGHLIGHTS + ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Infrastructure/Projects

- Completed project work on Cony Circle, Winthrop Route 202, mile-long pipe replacement, Columbia Street, Murray Street and Prospect Street.
- Completed new 1-million-gallon Combined Sewer Overflow Tank.
- Implemented new sludge dewatering press at wastewater treatment plant.

Process Improvements

- Used Zoom to continue monthly Board meetings and joint planning with the City of Augusta and other municipalities.
- Continued Professional Development opportunities for the District staff.

Safety/Preparedness

- Implemented COVID protocols for remote working, masking, monthly billing, and wastewater sampling.
- Implemented annual safety training.
- Carried out Dig Safe & Natural Gas Training for the road crew.

Administrative/Financial

- Held successful public hearings and Board adoption of new rate adjustments.
- Ended 2020 with 1,826 paperless customers (out of 6,514) and 1,316 customers using the “autopay” system.
- Met monthly with GAUD Board of Trustees and with City of Augusta and other municipalities, as needed, to discuss relevant issues.
- Adopted changes to GAUD Charter.

Outreach

- Continued key information delivery to GAUD customers through “GAUD by the Numbers” print and digital materials, regular updates to the GAUD website, social media posts, statement stuffers, newsletters, televised board meetings, and the 2019 Drinking Water Quality Report.

STATEMENT OF NET FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash & cash equivalents \$4,061,040

Accounts receivable:

Customer service \$492,151

Unbilled \$945,619

Intercommunity trunkline—operations \$73,366

Other \$20,173

Inventory \$163,132

Prepaid expenses \$172,906

Total current assets **\$5,928,387**

Noncurrent assets:

Other assets:

Cash held by ME Municipal Bond Bank \$431,094

Total other assets **\$431,094**

Capital assets:

Work in process \$7,168,568

Operating property \$157,012,976

Less accumulated depreciation (\$61,001,303)

Net capital assets **\$103,180,241**

Total noncurrent assets **\$103,611,335**

Total assets **\$109,539,722**

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable:

Trade \$171,746

Construction/retainage \$338,869

Accrued payroll \$73,051

Accrued interest \$118,058

Unearned revenue \$12,253

Current portion of notes payable \$2,892,195

Total current liabilities **\$3,606,172**

Noncurrent liabilities:

Accrued compensated absences \$232,229

OPEB liabilities \$2,900,612

Net pension liability \$1371,878

Notes payable \$24,269,688

Total noncurrent liabilities **\$28,774,688**

Total liabilities **\$32,380,579**

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred credits \$447,928

Deferred inflows of resources related to other post employment benefits \$144,736

Total deferred inflows of resources **\$592,664**

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions \$305,058

Deferred outflows of resources related to other post employment benefits \$221,716

Total deferred outflows of resources **\$526,774**

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets \$76,709,682

Unrestricted \$383,571

Total net position **\$77,093,253**

KEY 2021 PROJECTS

- Replace water pipe and sewer pipe on Highland Avenue
- Begin project to replace failed sewer pipe under Kennebec River
- Survey Front Street, Green Street and Drew Street for 2022 projects
- Continue to monitor PFAS developments
- Continue to pursue disposition of Carleton Pond property

