



UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

September 11, 2025 at 5:15 PM

Water Utility Shop 2520 Barrett Ave./Zoom Webinar

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/83013202186>

Or Call In: 1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 830 1320 2186

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Campbell opened the meeting at 1715 on 09/11/25

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. *Gunalchéesh!*

C. ROLL CALL

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

G. AGENDA TOPICS

1. Alaska Water & Sewer Rates

Brian McGuire presented an overview of statewide Utilities rates and comparisons to Juneau Utilities. It was shared that Juneau's rates remain midrange compared to other Alaska communities. Communities with EPA 301(h) waivers (primary treatment only) have lower costs. Juneau, Fairbanks, and Ketchikan have secondary/biological treatment, requiring higher investment and operational costs. Staff shared a link to the Utilities Division website, which houses the rate study, presentations, and reports by FCS Group. Public interest in rate increases was also noted, including local discussion on Facebook.

2. Treatment Plant Update: gasoline spill

Chad Gubala discussed the impact of the May 17th petrochemical fume incident at the Mendenhall Treatment plant. No source was identified, and the discharge was believed to be a short duration and close to the plant. The EPA started a criminal investigation. The plant recovered within a week, and future prevention measures were discussed.

3. Additional Water Source Update

1. Dr. Gubala also discussed an additional water source study, looking into alternative water sources for Juneau. Next steps included exploring river run and canal based systems as additional supply options.

4. Legislative Priorities

Denise Koch, director of Engineering and public works, discussed upcoming Legislative Priorities. Boards and commissions were asked for the top two priority projects.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE - October 9th, 2025

I. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:52