

# **MUSKEGON MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

March 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

## **LAKETON TOWNSHIP HALL**

**2735 W Giles Rd, North Muskegon, MI 49445**

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the September 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes (pgs.1-2)
3. Directors Report
  - a. Resource Recovery Center Monthly Report, February 2025 (pgs.3-8)
    - Financial Report
    - Farm Report
    - Infrastructure Maintenance & Improvement Projects
    - Statistical Comparisons
4. Greater Muskegon Economic Development Update
5. Communications
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
  - a. Approval of 2026 Meeting Schedule (pg. 9)
8. Presentation- Chris Patterson, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC; Muskegon Municipal Wastewater Management Committee and Contract History
9. Community Updates/Information/Public Comment
10. Adjournment

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September 18, 2025

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## MINUTES

### Members Present

Jared Olsen – Roosevelt Park  
John Duff – Whitehall Township  
Erik Joslyn - Muskegon Township  
Kim Arter - Laketon Township  
Scott Beishuizen – City of Montague  
Dale Lee – Fruitport Township

Sam Janson- North Muskegon  
Heather Cooley - Dalton Township  
Todd Myers – City of Muskegon  
Jeff Marcinkowski – Fruitland Township  
Amanda Faino – Egelston Township

### Others Present

Chris Patterson - Counsel for Management Committee  
Dave Johnson – Muskegon County Resource Recovery Center  
Ben VanHoeven – City of Roosevelt Park

Stephen Kerr – Dalton Township  
Veronica West – Laketon Township  
Jennifer Hodges – Recording Secretary

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Janson called the meeting to order at 10:03 am

#### 2. Approval of the August 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ben VanHoeven, support by John Duff to approve the August 21, 2025 meeting minutes.

**Motion Carried**

#### 3. Directors Report

##### a. Resource Recovery Center Monthly Report, August 2025

Director Johnson reported operating expenses of \$18.9M (83% of budget) and revenues of \$17.0M (74%). Irrigation continues with lagoon levels intentionally drawn down for the force main project, which has also caused algae buildup and related maintenance issues; hay yields remain strong and the 2024 corn crop was sold. Infrastructure projects continue to move forward, with Contract 1 pipe work largely complete, progress on Contracts 2–3, and major regional work underway as Coopersville transitions its system into the new force main, with lift station and storage projects extending into 2026. July flows averaged 9.97 MGD (down 8.4% from last year) and hauled waste declined compared to both last month and last year.

#### 4. Greater Muskegon Economic Development Update

No Update Provided

#### 5. Communications

##### a. Resource Recovery Center Operation and Capital FY26 Budgets

Motion by Heather Cooley, support by Jeff Marcinkowski to accept the changed budget reflecting the \$11.5 million required revenue.

**Motion Carried**

6. Unfinished Business

No unfinished Business

7. New Business

a. City of Coopersville Petition to Join Muskegon County Wastewater System

Scott Beishuizen motioned and Jeff Marcinkowski supported to open discussion; Discussion ensued

Following discussion, Amanda Faino motioned and Jeff Marcinkowski supported to accept Coopersville to become a member of our committee as a new user and to become a voting member later subject to receipt of an executed copy of the contract and flows being received by the County.

**Motion carried**

8. Community Updates/Information/Public Comment

Director Johnson thanked the committee for accepting Coopersville into the system and noted the challenges of coordinating approvals across multiple governing bodies. Recording Secretary Jennifer Hodges asked Director Johnson to please keep legal counsel Chris informed on major steps ahead of time so proposed motions can be prepared in advance if needed.

9. Adjournment

Chair Janson adjourned the meeting at 10:31 am



The Resource Recovery Center exists to improve the public health of Muskegon County citizens by receiving polluted wastewater, cleaning it up, and returning it the environment for reuse and enjoyment. We recognize the weight of our responsibility as stewards both of the environment and of our system infrastructure which enables us to do our job. Our goal is to offer our service to the people of Muskegon County at the best possible rate without compromising our stewardships.

~David Johnson, Director

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Christine Morris / Administrative Analyst

### JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The total operating expenses for the first four months of the 2026 fiscal year were \$5,538,365, or 26% of the FY2026 budget. Total revenues for the same period were \$5,759,537, or 28% of the budget.

## FARM REPORT

Mike Clover / Farm Manager

### 2026 GROWING SEASON

This month our grain center operator has been busy shipping 90,000 bushels of stored corn to Sietsema Farms. Sietsema offered the best pricing for our corn for the month of March. Although we were contracted for March, they needed the corn sooner, so they've decided to pickup early. Currently 100% of our stored soybeans are sold to Zeeland Farm Service. They plan to start hauling them in March.

With the latest State of the Union Address and the recent disturbances in Mexico, I've been studying the grain markets closely. They're extremely volatile at this time. I will continue to use all of the resources available to make the best grain marketing decisions.

I've been working with our John Deere dealer in preparing for the arrival (March 24) of our new corn planter. We took our tractor to the dealer so that they could install a few upgrades on it. These upgrades are needed to make the tractor fully compatible with the new corn planter. The upgrades include adding two new touch-screen displays for the operation of the planter and mounting some fertilizer tanks. Our two new high-speed disks are also scheduled to arrive next month on March 3.

## INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Doug Noyes / RRC Engineer & Project Manager

### SOUTHEAST REGIONAL FORCE MAIN

**Contract 5: West Randall Lift Station** | Grand River Construction

Because some of the station piping failed a leak test, the startup of the West Randall Lift Station has been delayed so that the leaking parts can be replaced. The current expectation is that startup of the station will occur on April 13.

## STATISTICAL COMPARISONS

Amelia Amstutz / Operations Supervisor

### FLOWS AND LAGOON LEVELS

In January we received an average of 10.1 MGD through the pipe (Fig. 1). This is the same average as January of last year.

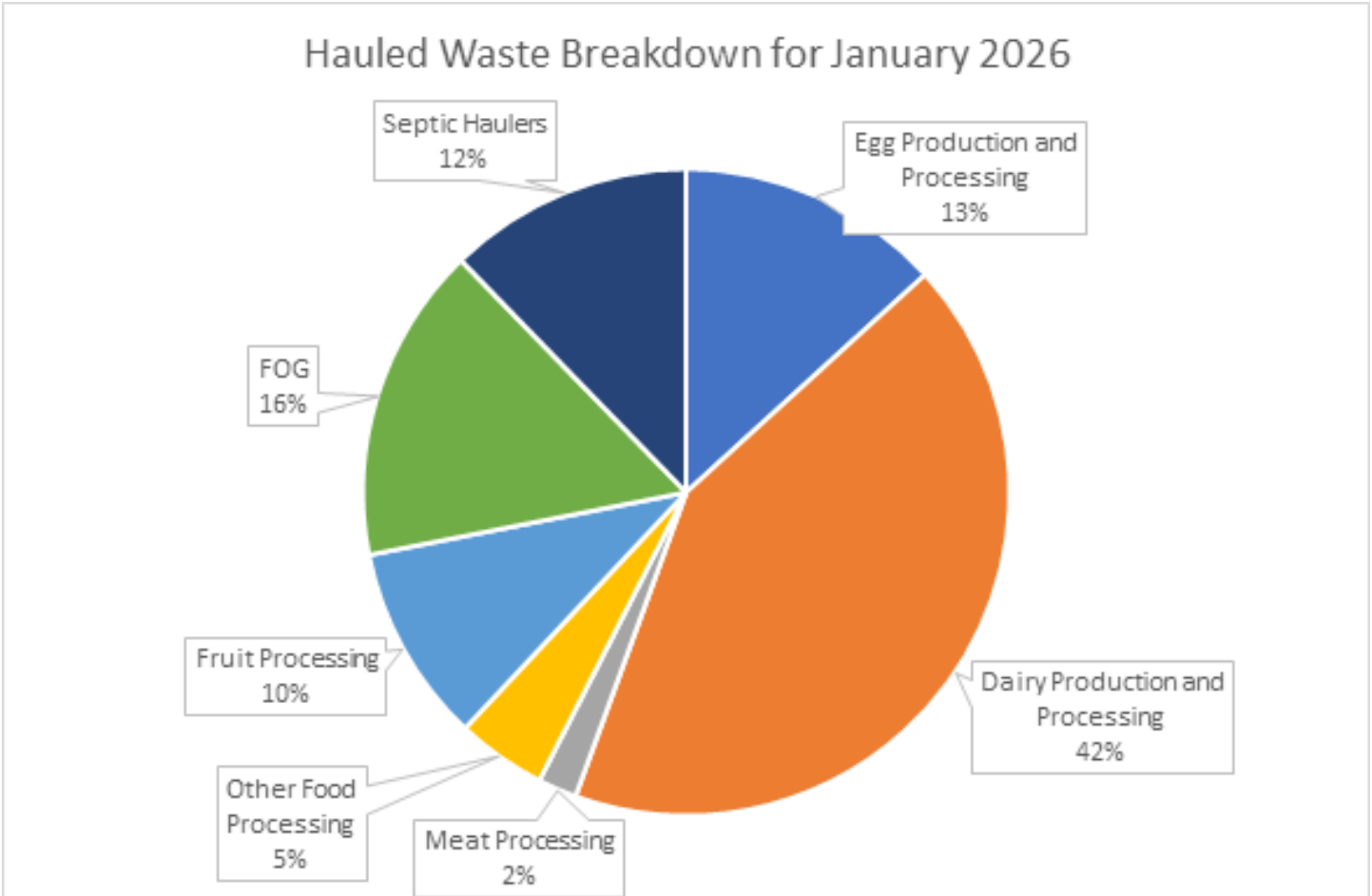
The hauled waste volume decreased this month to 7.1 MG (Fig. 2), which was 26.8% lower than the volume we received in January of 2025. Of this 7.1 MG, 15% is flow that will soon be coming to us through the Southeast Regional Force Main.

Our hauled waste comes from a variety of sources. Dairy production and processing is the largest contributor with 42% of our January hauled waste volume from companies like Fairlife and Continental Dairy, Mead Johnson (baby formula) and House of Flavors (ice-cream). This month we also received waste product (milk/whey) from Foremost Farms. Fats, Oils and Grease made up 16% of our January total. Egg production and processing came in third (13%) with both egg wash water and egg beater processing water contributing to this stream. Septage haulers (12%), had lower flow this January than in the past few years, but we have had a very hard winter. Surprising to most is that fruit processing flow

(10%) coming from Old Orchard, Gray and Company, and Matern remains relatively consistent during the winter. Meat processing flow was higher this month (2%) with waste from Hillshire Brands Company added to the regular contribution from West Michigan Beef. The pie chart below portrays this information graphically.

Elevations on the west and east sides of the storage lagoon were in the process of equalizing in January, so calculations for a hypothetically equalized lagoon

system were again made. The hypothetically equalized elevation of the lagoon was calculated at 683.6 ft, which is the equivalent of 1,446 MG, which is down 38.5% from last year (Fig. 3). In order to increase the amount of water available for irrigation in the summer, we continue to direct the water from the Sullivan and Laketon Pump Stations into the storage lagoon. That is why the slope of the line for 2026 is steeper than those of 2024 and 2025.



Hangin' out with Dad!

Congratulations to RRC Chemist Austin Phillippe and wife Meg on the birth of Beckett Jay Phillippe on February 19!

Another successful effort in achieving Wildlife Habitat Council certification at the RRC! Our certified projects include our nest box monitoring program, our nature trail, and our pollinator patch featuring native Michigan wildflowers and grasses.

Special thanks to RRC Laboratory Supervisor Anita Friend for her efforts in submitting the in-depth application for certification!



February 02 2026

Dear Anita Friend:

I am pleased to inform you that the Muskegon County Wastewater Management System – Muskegon County Wastewater Facility application has been reviewed and the program has met the criteria for WHC Certification®. This achievement recognizes the specific efforts of your program and your company's commitment to conservation.

Certification tier: Certified Silver  
Certification renewal due: 2027

Your program will be recognized at the 2026 Tandem Global Conference, June 2-3 in Austin, where you will receive a certificate recognizing your accomplishment, and have a photo opportunity with Tandem Global leadership.

Sincerely,

Hannah Taylor  
Senior Manager, Certification  
Tandem Global

Figure 1

# 2024 - 2026 Total Piped Wastewater Monthly Flow

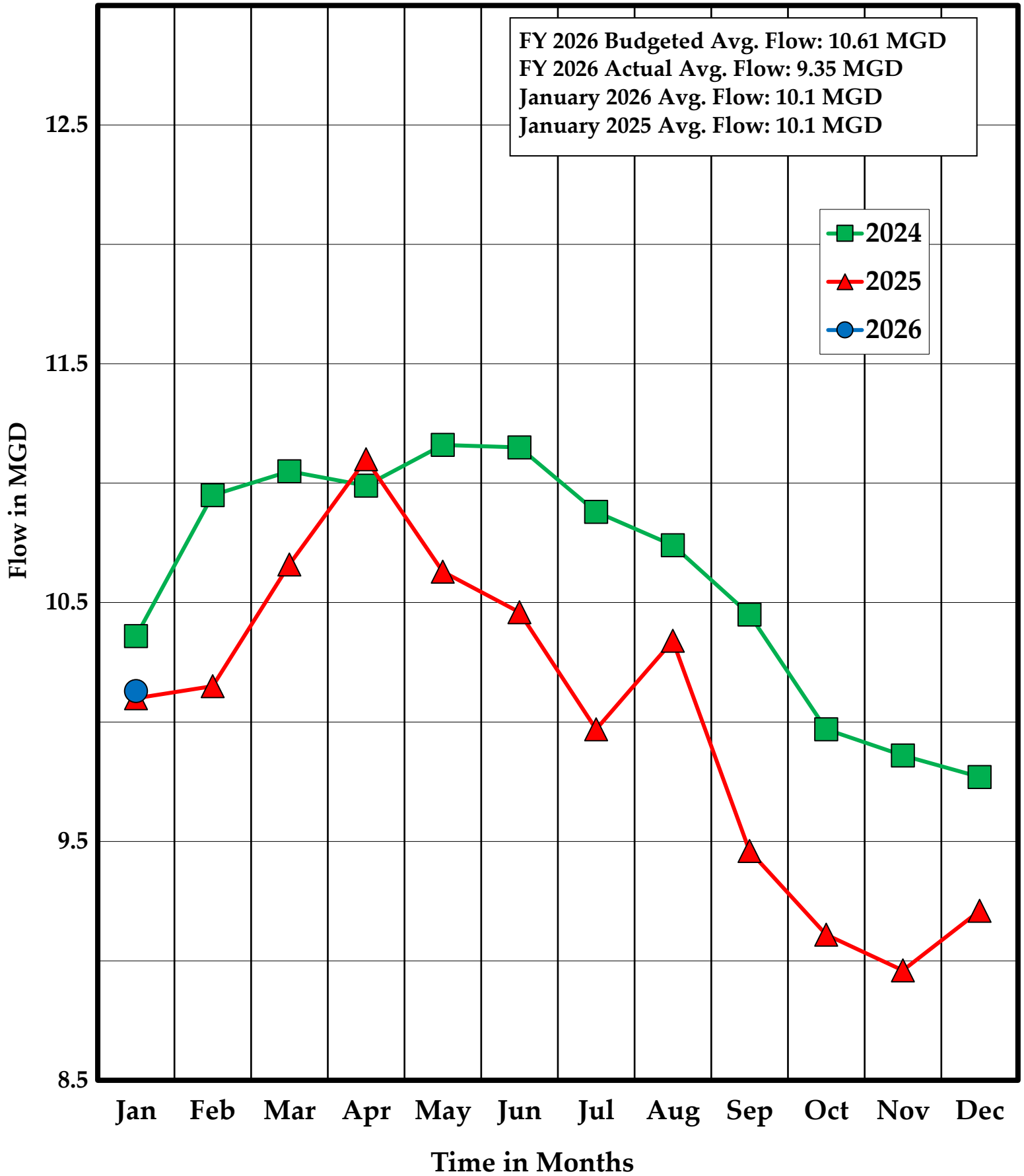


Figure 2

## 2023 - 2025 Hauled Waste Monthly Volume

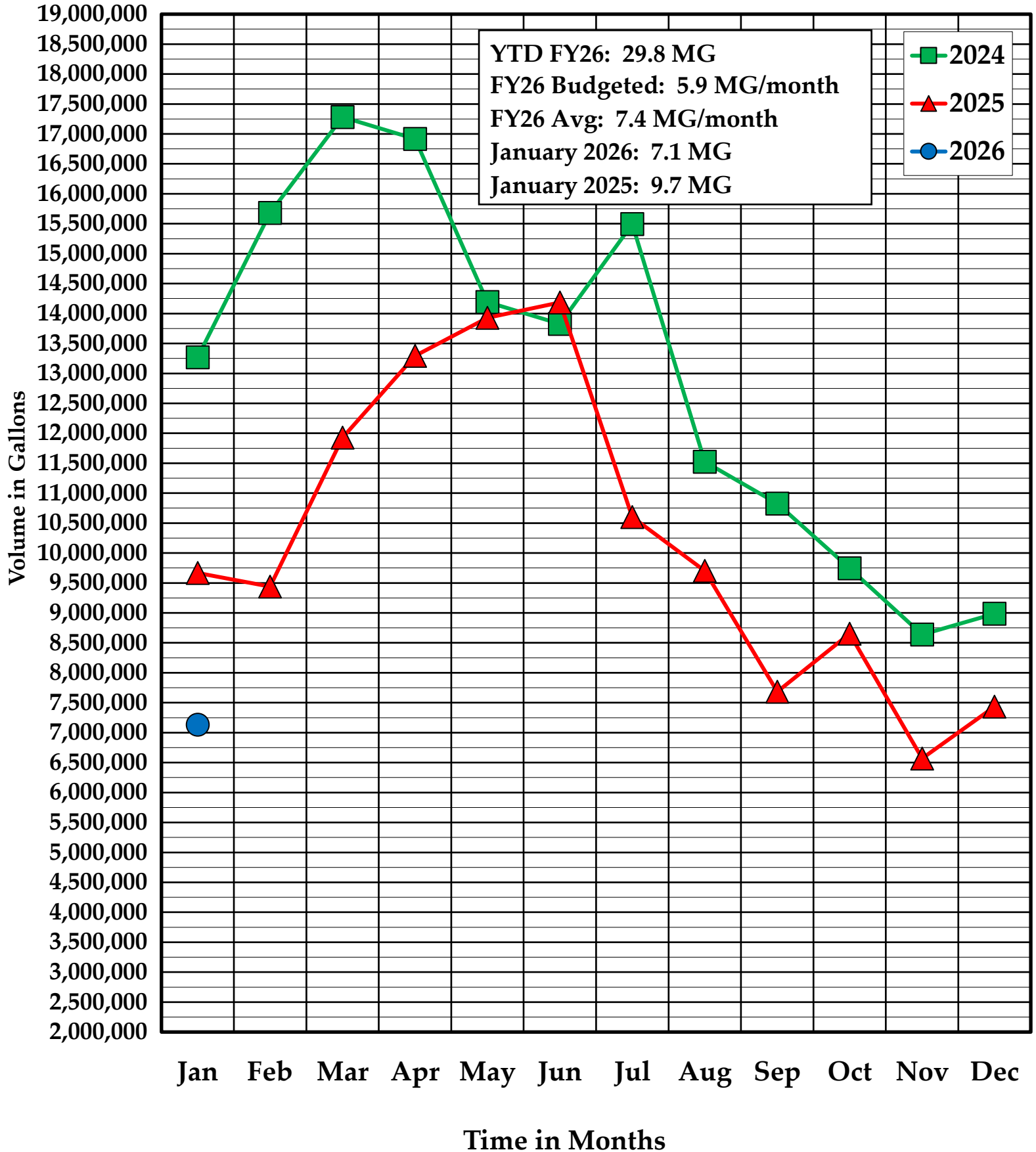
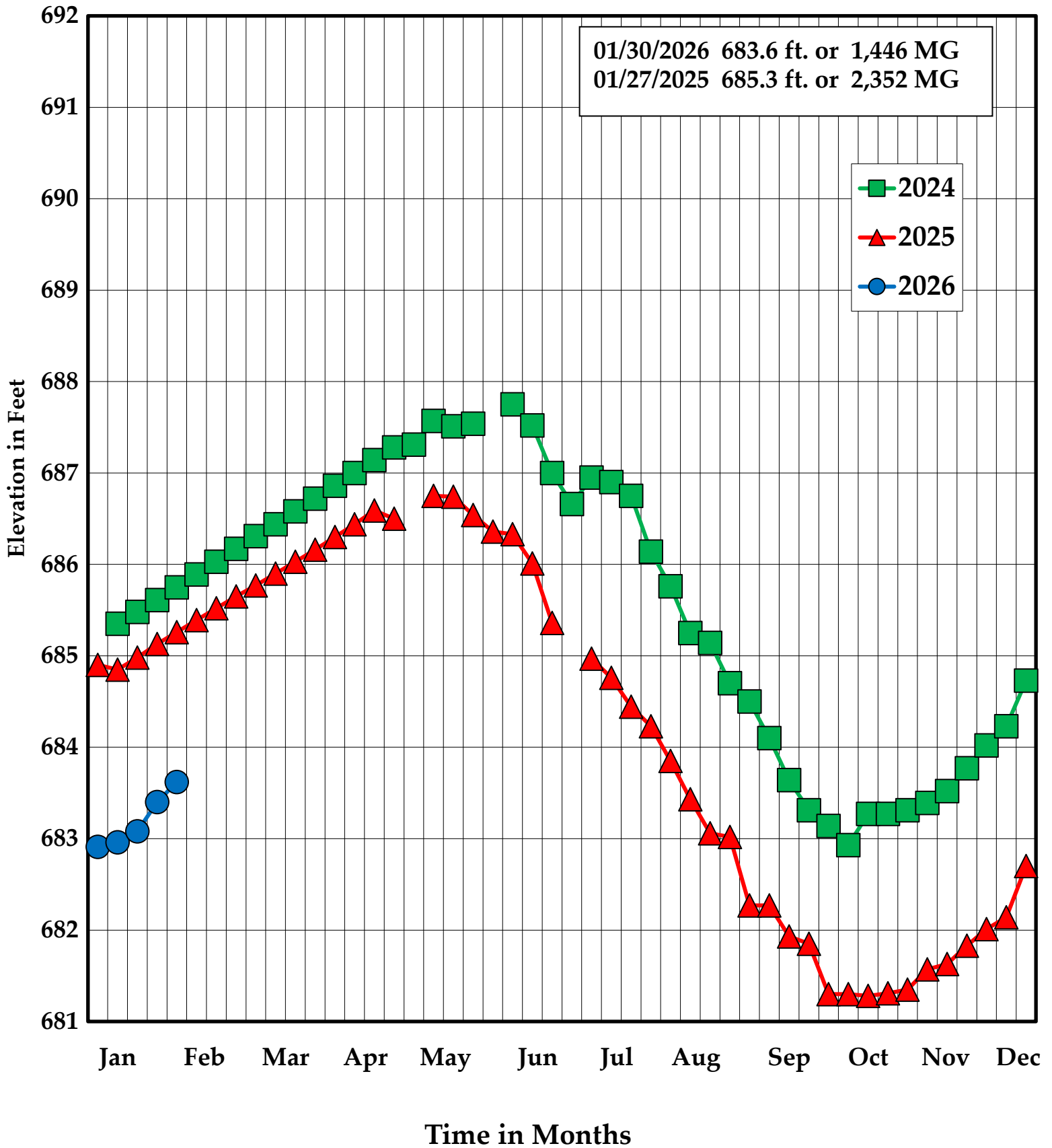


Figure 3

## 2023 - 2025 Metro Lagoon Elevation



MUSKEGON MUNICIPAL  
WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR YEAR 2026

All meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.

January 15, 2026

February 19, 2026

March 19, 2026

April 16, 2026

May 21, 2026

June 18, 2026

July 16, 2026

August 20, 2026

September 17, 2026

October 15, 2026

November 19, 2026

December 17, 2026