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**Green Bay City Council Unanimously Approves Wholesale Water Sales from Green Bay Water to Pulaski**

**GREEN BAY, WIS. - [March 8, 2023]** – The City of Green Bay Common Council members unanimously granted [Green Bay Water](#) approval to move forward as a wholesale water provider to the [Village of Pulaski](#)—a move that will provide Green Bay Water customers with additional rate stabilization, and assist Pulaski in meeting their own long-term water quality and quantity needs.

The vote was taken just before midnight at Tuesday's late-night common council meeting, following prior unanimous approval by the Village of Pulaski board in September 2022, and unanimous approval by the Village of Hobart board—an important partner in this collaboration, as Hobart owns the transmission mains necessary to connect Green Bay Water with Pulaski in the most cost-efficient way.

Pulaski made the decision to choose Green Bay Water last year after extensive professional research from financial and engineering consultants, who made recommendations.

Keith Chambers, the president of the Pulaski Village Board, said, "We're grateful to the people of Pulaski and the knowledgeable consultants who gave us the recommendations that led to our decision to choose Green Bay Water. The unanimous vote from Green Bay City Council is the green light we need to begin work on a water decision that will affect the future of this incredible community."

In looking towards the future, Chambers acknowledges the many challenges that Pulaski faced concerning their water source, including—

- The two existing groundwater wells cannot meet the quantity demands of the Village
- The water has quality issues, including regular discoloration and high concentrations of iron and manganese
- The water supply has limited the Village's firefighting response to more significant incidents
- Constructing a third new well did not guarantee a long-term solution for quality or quantity

"We at Green Bay Water made a similar choice in the 1950s when we converted from wells to Lake Michigan and are indebted to our forefathers for making this choice, since the dependability, quality and quantity of our Lake Michigan system continues to enrich our community and those around us," said Green Bay Water General Manager Nancy Quirk.

Green Bay Water currently has the ability to pump, treat and distribute 42 million gallons of water per day, but uses half of that capacity on an average day — so there is plenty of room for growth. As Wisconsin's third-largest drinking water supplier, we also have the best regional backup system in Northeast Wisconsin, with two water lines in Lake Michigan that bring water to our Lake Station in Kewaunee, two raw water lines that bring water to the filter plant, two mains that carry water into the city, and eight backup wells that keep the system from being without water in the rare case of an emergency. The Utility serves as a wholesale water provider to the City of Green Bay, Village of Ashwaubenon, Village of Wrightstown, Village of Hobart—and now, the Village of Pulaski.

The Village of Pulaski has about 1,300 residential and 180 business customers. The estimated project cost is \$11.5 million, and the Village will apply for grants and take other cost-cutting measures to keep expenses down. Chambers says they hope to have Green Bay's Lake Michigan freshwater running through the pipes of his community by late 2025. "Pulaski has a bright future," Chambers remarked. "If we want to invest in our collective future, providing access to clean water should be our top priority. For us, it is a day of great pride."

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