



WILLMAR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

WILLMAR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES WILL PROVIDE SAFE, RELIABLE & QUALITY UTILITY SERVICES AT COMPETITIVE RATES FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS.

DEC 2021

A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



At one time, Willmar's Power Plant was an icon. However, with changing times, environmental concerns, and the financial impact of keeping it running, the decision was made to shut the Power Plant down. Throughout the process, the Commission has provided an opportunity to anyone interested in repurposing the facility to come forward, the opportunity to come forward ceased September 1, 2021.

We had a number of interested individuals tour the facility and concluding the tour, indicated the building was not suitable for repurposing. We are moving forward with the asbestos cleanup followed by demolition of the building. The current plan is to have the asbestos cleanup completed by early 2023 with demolition to follow.

Design of the NE Water Treatment Plant (NEWTP) is 95% complete. The cost of the NEWTP is estimated at \$21 million. To minimize rate increases, WMU is pursuing grant opportunities at both state and federal levels. These plant improvements are needed to provide additional capacity and water quality for Willmar's water supply.

Willmar Municipal Utilities completed a Facility Needs Study in 2010 with an update conducted in 2016. In 2010, the Commission set a target date to be in a new facility by 2020, the current target date to be in a new facility is 2024/2025.

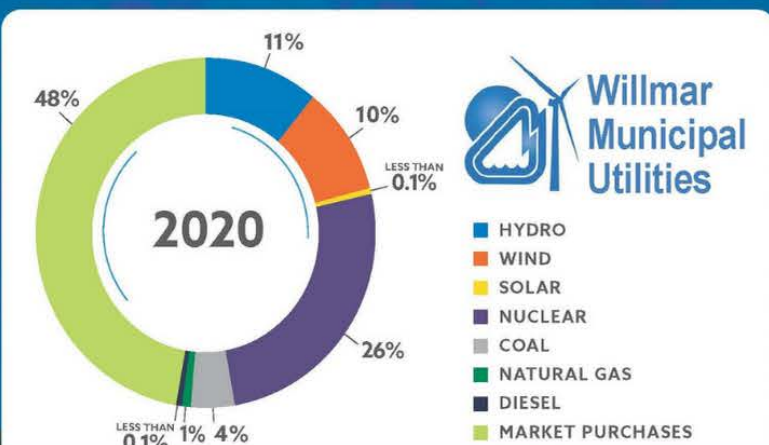
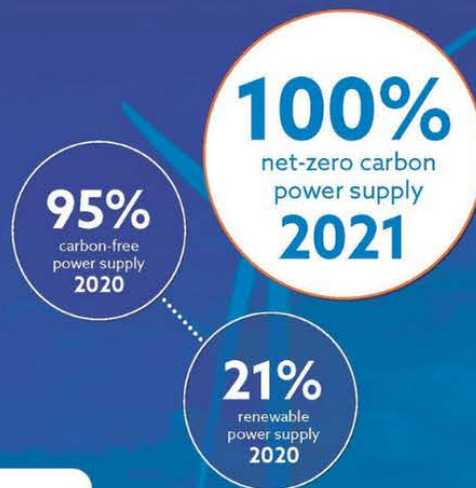
In closing, it is a pleasure to serve the Willmar community, and we welcome your ideas and suggestions on how we can better serve the community.

Thank you for your continued support,
John Harren, General Manager

CREATING A CLEANER ENERGY FUTURE

WILLMAR'S POWER SUPPLY MIX

Below is the makeup of WMU's energy supply. Currently our community has 21% of all of its energy from renewable sources. Additionally, through the purchasing of RECs (Renewable Energy Certificates) we can proudly claim that 100% of our energy is considered Net-Zero Carbon.



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