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Rolla Board of Public Works - New Board Member

At the Rolla City Council meeting on Monday, November 18th, Fred L. Stone was appointed to serve on the Rolla Board of Public Works to fill the unexpired term of Ted Read. (exp. Aug 2027).

Fred Stone brings experience in facilities planning, operations, and infrastructure management to the Rolla Board of Public Works. As Associate Vice Chancellor for Facility Planning and Operations at Missouri S&T, Fred leads a comprehensive division responsible for the university's design and construction management, facilities maintenance, custodial services, groundskeeping, and environmental health and safety. His leadership ensures that the campus operates efficiently and sustainably, providing a safe and inspiring environment for students, faculty, and staff. His division also spearheads initiatives to promote environmental stewardship, compliance with safety regulations, and effective resource management.



Fred has over 15 years of experience in facility and project management, during which he has directed the successful completion of numerous large-scale construction initiatives. He has cultivated strong partnerships between the university, city officials, and industry leaders, including serving as a director for the Move Rolla Transportation Development District. His contributions have supported Missouri S&T's growth and strengthened the university's ties to the Rolla community.

Fred holds a Bachelor of Science in Metallurgical Engineering and an MBA from Missouri S&T. His dedication to operational excellence and sustainable development aligns seamlessly with the mission of the Rolla Board of Public Works to deliver reliable and efficient electric & water services to the Rolla community. Mr. Stone began serving on the Rolla Board of Public Works in January 2025.

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We're thrilled to offer you a chance to win $50 credit on your RMU utility bill!

How to Enter: Simply ensure that we have your current email address and phone number on file. That's it! You don't need to sign up for e-bills, although you can if you like. We just want to make sure we have your up-to-date contact information.

To enter, simply stop by our office, give us a call or, easier still, email us at info@rmurolla.org with your name, account number and updated phone number.

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Monthly Draws for 2025: We'll be holding this drawing every month for the rest of 2025. Each month, one lucky RMU customer will win a $50 credit just for having their email on file. Please note that RMU staff members are not eligible to win.

Good luck and thank you for keeping your contact information up to date!

RMU THROUGH THE YEARS

Well #1 - 7th and Walnut 1929-1931



According to J.B. Bronson's account in *The History of the Electronic and Water Systems in Rolla, Missouri*, the town awarded a contract to H.W. Steinsick for an 8-inch well to be drilled on the south side of 8th Street in 1906. He encountered many issues drilling the well and it was abandoned. Finally, in 1907, he completed a well to 800 feet and records show it pumped 200 gallons per minute. In 1924, the well was only producing 100 gpm and the quality of the water had diminished. This well was plugged about 1935 and the underground reservoir filled in about 1942.

In 1928, the decision was made to drill a new well, which would feature a new turbine type electric driven pump, at a lot on the north side of Seventh & Walnut Streets. The specifications for the well were prepared by the Missouri Geological Survey and Well #1 was completed in 1931 at a depth of 1,765 feet. This well was a dependable supply for about 30 years, finally plugged in 1966 after being abandoned due to low production. In 1932, Well #2 was drilled and established at Fourth and Rolla Streets.

Currently, RMU has a total of 19 wells throughout Rolla. The timeline below shows how the number of meters and usage has grown throughout the decades.

	1945	1960	1975	1990	2005	2020
ELECTRIC METERS	2,211	4,106	4,534	6,402	8,446	9,622
WATER METERS	1,754	2,739	3,410	4,571	6,660	7,808
KWH SOLD	5,920,456	23,654,089	101,786,398	182,666,770	313,277,554	291,303,085
GALLONS SOLD	125,709,073	272,338,100	583,457,000	656,257,000	793,587,000	610,436,000

Upcoming Projects

RMU crews expect to be working in the following areas in the near future; however, crews could work in other areas of Rolla as situations dictate.

ELECTRIC

- Adrian Avenue & Strobach St
- Lions Club Drive
- 6th & Railroad tracks

WATER

- 7th Street between Pine & Rolla Streets
- Scottsvale Drive
- Belmont Drive