

Last Wednesday (10/18/06), Manitowoc Public Utilities Commissioner Jim Morrow, MPU General Manager Nilaksh Kothari and I spent a portion of our day on the road inspecting the route of the pipeline installed to provide water to the members of the Central Brown County Water Authority (CBCWA).

Except for the transmission pipeline that will make the river crossings beneath the Fox and Manitowoc Rivers, the project is complete in regard to laying the pipe.

Above ground facilities and the buildings housing them, like metering stations and transitional plumbing from transmission to distribution, were, similarly, very near completion.

In Manitowoc, the water intake, pumphouse, reservoir and transmission pumps and microfiltration facility will all be completed by mid-November.

In the State of Wisconsin, the relationship between the six member communities of the CBCWA and Manitowoc remains a good model for regional cooperation. Seven communities working together to provide safe and abundant drinking water to their combined populations of well over 100,000 people at the lowest possible cost is actually pretty darn cool!

A huge thank you is due, too, to a less visible group of individuals who have spent countless hours on this and other projects at MPU.

This group meets for several hours each month in addition to spending lots of time in preparation for each meeting.

The people referred to here are the impressive volunteers of the Manitowoc Public Utility Commission.

The Chair of the Commission is Mark Seidl. Mark is a numbers person who also manages Information Technology for Shipbuilders Credit Union.

Dan Hornung is an engineer who also owns Bloodhound, a software sales and support company headquartered in Manitowoc.

Dave Luckow is the Plant Manager at Busch Agricultural Resources, Incorporated – the “Bud” plant here in Manitowoc.

Jim Morrow is a “never-retired” engineer well known for his career with Manitowoc Cranes and Heiden, Inc.

The final citizen member of the MPU Commission is Attorney Arden “Archie” Muchin who’s name is known, even venerated, throughout all areas of Manitowoc’s legal system.

This group is responsible for policymaking at our Public Utility, and have mostly been responsible for bringing our utility to its current, up to date, competitive status.

The Chairman of the Public Utilities and Licensing Committee of the Common Council, Alderwoman Dolly Stokes and the Mayor are the last two members of the seven person MPU Commission.

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Manitowoc Public Utilities, our citizen owned utility, is one of our City's greatest assets.

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