

**NASHWAUK
PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION
REGULAR AGENDA**

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City of
NASHWAUK
FROM TIMBER TO TACONITE

301 Central Avenue, Nashwauk, Minnesota 55769

NPUC COMMISSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

E. Milton Latvala

Chair

Mike Anderson

Commissioner

Mark Marinaro

Commissioner

Brian Ekholm

Commissioner

Tom Martire

Commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the March 17, 2026, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. East Itasca Joint Sewer Project Update.
 - i. Discussion regarding excess capacity.
- b. 3rd Street Utility Project Update (2026 Project)
- c. Tracking water tower restoration (2028 planning with \$600,000 estimate project costs). Water Tower inspection report received from KLM Engineering.
- d. Updates and recommendations from Joe Peterson.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve the purchase of a precision laser level from ACME tools in the amount of \$1,249.00.
- b. Consider the approval of a quote from Iron Oakes Fence in the amount of \$4,243 for a 28' wide 6' high chain link gate at the ponds, as the existing gate was vandalized.
- c. Consider the scope of work from Zielies for powerline vegetation maintenance to remove hazardous trees,

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trimming, cutting, and chipping along 14 spans of the 1st Street powerline in the amount of \$21,569.90.

- d. Discussion regarding the inspection report for the bucket truck.
- e. Discussion regarding use of fire hydrants at Mesabi Metallics.
- f. Discuss request received from Councilor Terry Sullivan regarding 4th Street.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT. Members of the public are welcome to address the Commission. Please provide your name, a brief description of the subject matter, and keep comments to 5 minutes.

8. ADJOURN

City of Nashwauk
Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission
March 17, 2026

Chairman Latvala called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Nashwauk City Hall.

Members present: Chairman Milt Latvala, Commissioner Tom Martire, Commissioner Brian Ekholm. Commissioner Mike Anderson entered the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Members absent: Commissioner Mark Marinaro.

Also present: John Jamnick, April Kurtock, Jason Martire.

Adoption of Agenda

*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm to adopt the agenda of the March 17, 2026, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Commissioner Martire, seconded by Chairman Latvala to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026, Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission meeting.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Approval of Claims

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Martire to approve the claims and file the claims register as official record.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Old Business

East Itasca Joint Sewer Project Update

John Jamnick shared that Lone Pine Township will be holding a Special Meeting on March 18 to pick a due date for bids for the project. Commissioner Ekholm asked about the County resolution within the packet, which provided an extension for sewer upgrades for people within the project area. The County's resolution also provided relief to people in Greenway and Goodland Townships, but they are not within the scope of the Lone Pine project. The Commission discussed the excess capacity within the Nashwauk permit. Engineer Jamnick said that the early fall of 2026 would be the earliest that someone could connect from Lone Pine Township, but realistically next year. Commissioner Anderson shared details from his perspective of how people would connect in Lone Pine. Every connection would need to be addressed individually, as setup of each property is unique. He said that anyone in Greenway and Goodland Townships would need to pay 100% for their projects. Lone Pine residents will be funded in full by the project funds, with the exception that they have to pay to bring their sewer line to the pump. If people don't connect to the system during the project, then they'll need to connect later at their own expense. Commissioner Anderson said the bids need to be to the PFA by June 1st. Easement applications went out to all the Lone Pine property owners. Also, most households will share a grinder pump. If someone doesn't want to share a grinder pump, there will be a cost for that as it runs outside the project parameters. Commissioner Anderson said that Lone Pine has also discussed the capacity within their own allocation of the permit. He said that it could take years for everyone to connect and during that time, they considered selling their capacity to Greenway and Goodland Township residents.

3rd Street Utility Project Update

Nashwauk had received notification about the grant from the EPA over a month ago and was told someone would reach out within a few weeks. No one has reached out. Also, the application to the PFA was amended for the 3rd Street project for funding in 2027.

New Business**MMUA Training**

*Motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Martire to approve Kristina Tunink to attend the Distributed Energy Resources technical specification training hosted by MMUA in Grand Rapids, MN on April 27, 2026; cost of \$950.00.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Adjourn

*Motion by Chairman Latvala, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm to adjourn at 2:06 p.m.

Ayes: all present. Motion carried.

Secretary



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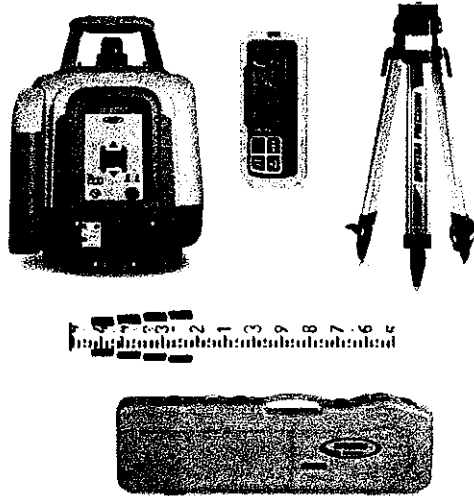
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Spectra Precision Medium-Duty Aluminum Tripod
SKU# 5301-27-BLK-SP
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📉 PRICE DROP
Spectra Precision Protective Carrying...
SKU# Q104163
\$107⁹⁹

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PRODUCT DETAILS

SPECTRA PRECISION LASER LEVEL WITH HL450 RECEIVER, GR151, FLAT HEAD TRIPOD

Iron Oakes Fence

JOB ESTIMATE

29208 Eden Loop Road 218-247-7219 Phone
Bovey, MN 55709 218-259-8490 Mobile

Date: 31-Mar-26

City of Nashwauk
ATT Jason Martire
301 Central Avenue
Nashwauk, MN 55769
Office phone 885-1210
Lance mobile 966-5033
imartire@nashwaukmn.gov

Date of original estimate:

Install a new 28' wide x 6' high chain link gate ³⁴⁶¹⁰ ~~3460~~ Highway 169, Nashwauk, MN

ITEMIZED ESTIMATE: TIME AND MATERIALS

AMOUNT

Materials and Installation:

Gate posts 4" OD x 10' 6" x SS40 galv steel; End posts 3" OD x 12' (or 10' 6") x SS40 galv; Top, mid and bottom rail for the support panels 1 5/8" OD x SS40. The 4" OD gate posts will be set in 54" of concrete; the support posts will be driven 4'. Fabric 2" x 9 ga galv chain link.

Gate: (1) 6' high x 28' long double drive gate, framed with 1 7/8" OD x SS20 galv steel and filled with 2" x 9 ga filler. Hinges to be "Bulldog" industrial hinges, latch to be a DAC "Strongarm" lockable latch.

There will be a top, mid and bottom rail across the two support panels; we will either leave a gap under the support panels to be filled by the City, or drop the bottom rail down to the bottom of the 3" OD support post and fill with chain link. Choice up to the City. Both sides to be trussed with 3/8" threaded truss rods and truss rod hangers.

All materials and labor:

4,243.00

Thank you for requesting a quote on the gate; hopefully the above is acceptable and we provide and install the the gate for the City.

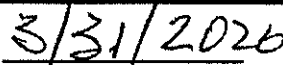
TOTAL ESTIMATED JOB COST

\$4,243.00

This is an estimate only, not a contract. This estimate is for completing the job described above, based on our evaluation. It does not include unforeseen price increases or additional labor and materials which may be required should problems arise. We will contact Gopher One Call to locate underground utilities; the customer is responsible for locating any private utility lines such as LP gas, wiring to garage from house, etc.

Payment Requirements: One half down, balance upon completion. Once signed, this estimate becomes a contract.


(Iron Oakes Representative)

 3/31/2026
(Date)

(Customer Signature)

(Date)

(Customer Signature)

(Date)



April Kurtock

From: Jason Martire
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2026 5:40 PM
To: April Kurtock
Subject: Fw: Zielies - Nashwauk Powerline Vegetation Maintenance
Attachments: 2026 Nashwauk Labor - Equipment Rates.xlsx; City of Nashwauk MN Power line clearing.kmz; First street powerline.jpeg

This is for the next PUC agenda

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From: Josh Bruner <jbruner@zielies.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2026 2:43 PM
To: Jason Martire <jMartire@NashwaukMN.gov>
Cc: Scott Singler <ssingler@zielietreeinc.com>
Subject: Zielies - Nashwauk Powerline Vegetation Maintenance

Good afternoon Jason,

I've attached our labor and equipment rates for your review.

The scope of work we discussed includes trimming, removal of hazard trees, and cutting and chipping along 14 spans located behind First Street in Nashwauk. This work would be completed on a time and materials basis.

Our estimated cost for this project is **\$21,569.90**, excluding any applicable taxes.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you for considering Zielies Tree Service for your vegetation maintenance needs.

Best regards,

Josh Bruner

Division Manager
ISA Certified Arborist
MN-4583A

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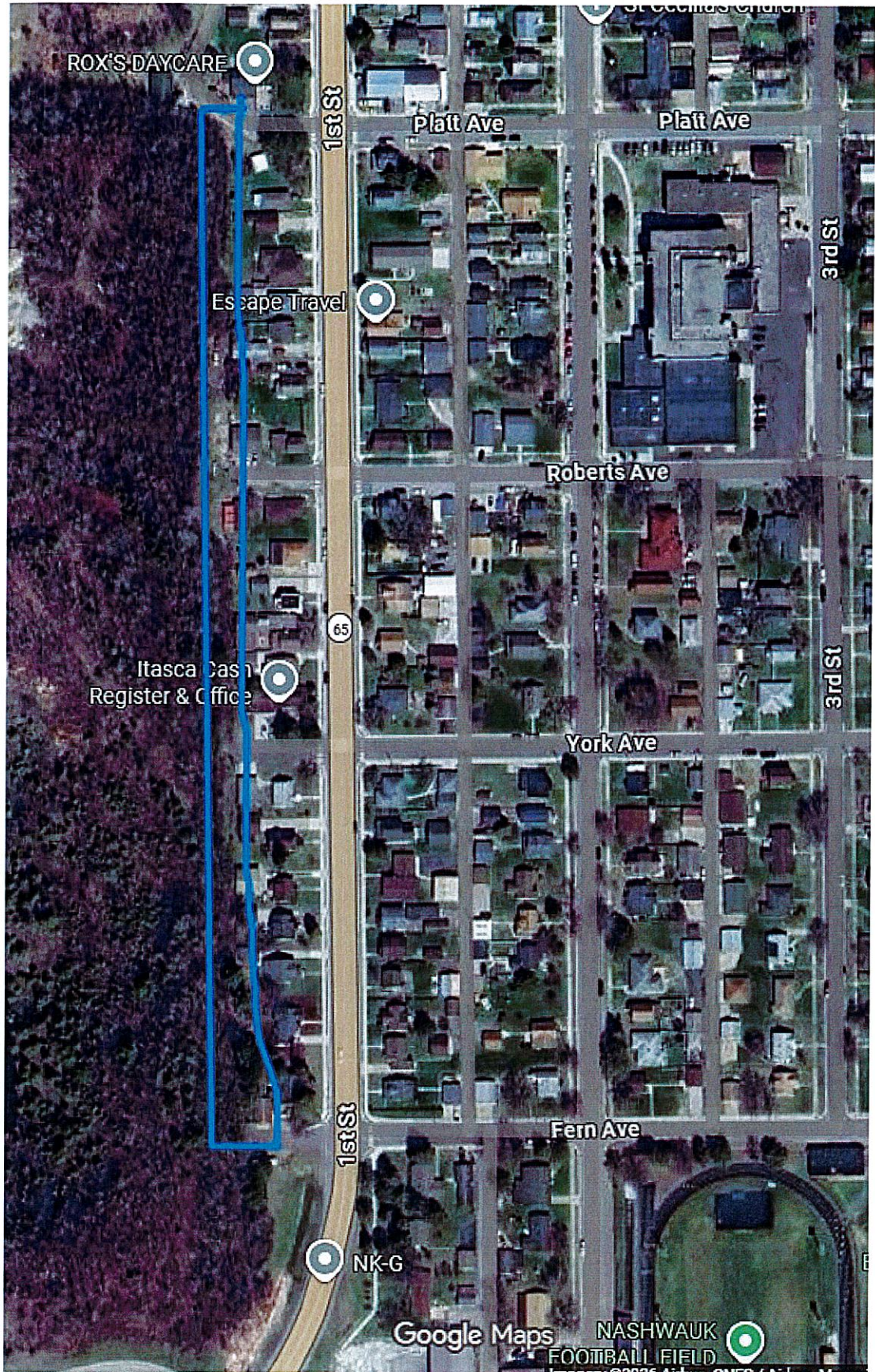
ZIELIES

2026 Nashwauk - Hourly Labor and Equipment Rates

All Rates Effective from: January 1st 2026 to December 31st 2026

Personnel Rates	Regular	Overtime	Doubletime
General Foreman	\$93.50	\$109.10	\$145.47
Planner	\$80.10	\$104.08	\$135.21
Foreman	\$80.10	\$104.08	\$135.21
Journeyman Trimmer	\$71.41	\$92.65	\$120.21
Equipment Operator	\$71.41	\$92.65	\$120.21
Tree Trimmer 2 (TT2)	\$61.01	\$82.74	\$107.16
Tree Trimmer 1 (TT1)	\$54.78	\$73.89	\$95.37
Hotsaw/Feller Buncher Operator(s) to receive \$40/day worked in tool rent			

Equipment Descriptions	Rates
4x4 Supervision Pickup	\$21.09
4x4 Crew Pickup	\$19.38
350-550 Pulling Truck	\$23.80
750 Service Truck	\$27.16
Chip Truck with chip box	\$25.96
Truck Tractor W/Lowboy Trailer or equivalent	\$160.97
Squirt Boom Bucket Truck	\$32.99
60/70 Bucket Truck 2X4	\$38.26
60/70 Bucket Truck 4X4	\$40.76
Puddle Jumper Off Road Bucket	\$43.41
Add on rate for aerial device running service orders throughout the system	\$3.60
Backyard Lift	\$55.04
Tracked Carrier or Skidder with Aerial Basket	\$74.95
Jarraff Mechanical Trimmer	\$79.18
12" Chipper	\$12.54
ASV/Skidsteer Mower	\$73.16
Geoboy	\$95.24
Mini-Excavator with Flail Attachment	\$109.15
Large Excavator with Flail Attachment	\$297.79
Marsh Master or Fat Truck	\$87.60



Inspection Report

Truck Number 274
 Report Number 26-600-8
 Test Date 3/18/2026
 Location Nashwauk Public Utilities
 Temp 16 deg Humidity 90%
 Wind 4 mph
 Weather

Customer **NASHWAUK PUBLIC UTILITIES**
301 CENTRAL AVE.
NASHWAUK, MN 55769

Equipment Data

	<i>Bucket/Manlift</i>	<i>Chassis</i>
<i>Manufacturer</i>	REACH ALL	GMC
<i>Model</i>	9050	7000
<i>Serial Num</i>	4798	1GDL7D1GXLV508765
<i>Mfg Date</i>	3/2/1983	10/1/1989
<i>Hours/Mileage</i>		/141300
<i>Description</i>		

Tests Performed

<i>Test Type</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Visual</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Functional/Operational</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Boom, dielectric</i>
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Acoustic Emmissions</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other, dielectric</i>

- ATC performed maintenance (see report for details)
 Repairs Recommended Immediate Repair Required

Remarks

Test and Report Limitations

This report is provided to you with the understanding that American Test Center's responsibility is solely to conduct the test and assist you with an interpretation of the results; the decisions you make thereafter concerning the equipment are your exclusive responsibility, and American Test Center is not responsible for those decisions or their consequences.

WARNING! These tests determine the state of the equipment at the time the tests were performed only! Any overloads, accidents, or abuse of this equipment after the test could result in the test performed no longer being valid, as structural damage may have occurred even though the equipment visually may appear intact and usable after said overloads, accidents, or abuse. Furthermore, fiberglass-reinforced materials experience a normal aging process whether abuse occurs or not. Therefore, the unit must be retested at regular intervals to assure its structural integrity.



Jack Alton 715-501-5462

Results reviewed with:

Please note! This signature indicates you have reviewed the results of this report with the test technician.

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Defect Comments, review with tech on site

Class 1 Defects: Serious, recommend shut down and out of service

Sign and date

Pedestal

Other

Pedestal data placard is faded, illegible. Refer to MFG for proper replacement.

General

Platform (bucket) capacity chart

Platform capacity is not marked at the platform.

Class 2 Defects: Caution, use with Caution

Sign and date

Lower Boom

Hydraulic lines & components

Multiple lower boom hydraulic hoses have damaged jackets, exposed braids. Marked with red tape.

Platform

Mounting bracket/rotators

Bottom of the bucket is chipped and damaged. Refer to MFG recommendations.

Class 3 Defects: Repairs needed, recommend soon or next maintenance

Sign and date

Outrigger

Controls

Left side outrigger control valve is wet with oil.

Lower Boom

Lift cylinders

Lower boom lift cylinder is wet with oil.

Platform

Hydraulic lines & components

Multiple hydraulic hoses at the boom tip/platform have damaged jackets, weather cracked.

Step / non-skid

Platform side step is missing non-skid.

Jib

Load Line Condition

Jib load line is frayed, has broken stitches.

Other

1 Jib hydraulic hose has a damaged jacket.

Class 4, Inspection Detail

Outrigger

Attachment welds Mag particle test of outrigger attachment welds showed no defects.

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Class 4, Inspection Detail

Outrigger

Attachment bolts 3/4" grade 8 bolts torque checked at 230 ft-lbs. No defects noted.

Cylinder hoses/fittings/control valves Hydraulic hoses and valves inspected for leaks and wear, none found.

Chassis

Aerial sub-frame & mounting No defects found on aerial subframe mounting.

Suspension components No defects found on suspension components.

PTO No defects noted on PTO.

Hydraulic components & lines Hydraulic hoses and valves for Aerial device inspected for leaks and wear, none found.

Pedestal

Mounting bolts/welds Pedestal mounting welds were inspected for damage and wear. No defects noted.

Structure/diagonal brace Mag particle test of pedestal critical welds showed no defects.

Hydraulic swivel joint/hoses Hydraulic swivel joint inspected for leaks and other defects, none found.

Hydraulic components & lines Hydraulic hoses and valves inspected for leaks and wear, none found in accessible areas.

Swing drive gearbox mounting bolts 5/8" grade 8 bolts torque checked at 120 ft-lbs. No defects noted.

Lubrication - swing pinion/bull gear Bull gear/pinion is properly lubricated.

Rotation Bearing

Upper bearing attachment weld/bolts 5/8" grade 8 bolts torque checked at 120 ft-lbs. No defects noted.

Lower bearing attachment weld/bolts 5/8" grade 8 bolts torque checked at 120 ft-lbs. No defects noted.

Turntable

Hydraulic components & lines Hydraulic hoses and valves inspected for leaks and wear, none found.

Bucket leveling cables/chains Visual inspection of bucket leveling cables/chains.

Compensating chain & links Visual inspection, note replacement interval, list make/model/date.

Lower control operation/guards Boom controls are clearly labeled, functioning properly, and return to the neutral position when released.

Boom Heel Pins Heel pins at base of boom inspected for defects and proper operation, all ok.

Lower Boom

Structure welds Boom structural welds inspected for defects, none found.

Leveling cables/chains Visual inspection of accessible sections of bucket leveling cables/chains.

Leveling rods Visual inspection of bucket leveling rod, limited access, no defects found in accessible areas.

Insulator Accessible areas of lower FRP insulator visually inspected, for cleanliness and defects.

Insulator mounting Seal at insulator mounting is intact, no defects found.

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Class 4, Inspection Detail

Elbow

Structure welds Accessible structural welds inspected for defects, none found.

Hydraulic lines/components Hydraulic hoses and valves inspected for leaks and wear, none found.

Upper Boom

Structure welds Boom structural welds inspected for defects, none found.

Leveling cables/chains Visual inspection of accessible sections of bucket leveling cables/chains.

Leveling rods Visual inspection of leveling rods, limited access to components, no defects found in accessible areas.

Insulator Accessible areas of upper FRP insulator visually inspected, for cleanliness and defects.

Insulator mounting Seal at insulator mounting is intact, no defects found.

Hydraulic lines & components Hydraulic hoses and valves inspected for leaks and wear, none found in accessible areas.

Platform

Leveling Visual inspection of platform leveling showed no defects.

Controls/operation/guards Platform controls are clearly labeled, functioning normally, and return to neutral position when released.

General

Operators manual Operators manual available during inspection.

Electrical hazard placards installed Electrical hazard stickers are properly installed and legible.

ATC Tool Calibration Torque Wrench, PRECISION C4D600F, serial number 18697, calibration due on 5/21/2026

ATC Tool Calibration Torque Wrench, PRECISION C3FR250F, serial number 102819, calibration due on 5/21/2026

ATC Tool Calibration Mag Particle, CONTOUR B300, serial number 021, calibration due on 5/21/2026

ATC Tool Calibration Ultrasound, DAKOTA CMX DL+, serial number 9326, calibration due on 5/21/2026

ATC Tool Calibration Dillon, DILLION 5000, serial number E05261, calibration due on 5/21/2026

ATC Tool Calibration Hipot, VON C-1, serial number 100427, calibration due on 5/21/2026

Pin Joint

Outriggers Pin retainers are properly installed, no defects found.

Boom pivots Pin retainers are properly installed, no defects found.

Lift Cylinder attachments Pin retainers are properly installed, no defects found.

Extend Cylinder attachments Pin retainers are properly installed, no defects found.

Elbow pivot Pin retainers are properly installed, no defects found.

Platform (bucket) Pin retainers are properly installed, no defects found.

Acoustic Emissions

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Class 4, Inspection Detail

Acoustic Emissions

Structural components AE test performed at 150% rated load and 5 test points. No irregularities noted in the results. Rated load: 400 lbs Test load: 600 lbs

Mag Particle

Critical welds Mag particle test of accessible critical welds, no defects found.

Fluid Levels

Hydraulic tank Hydraulic system has proper oil level.

Measurements

Bearing vertical movement Bearing vertical movement measured 0.041", measurement taken from pedestal to turntable

Backlash Backlash measured 0.027", measurement taken from rotation bearing/swing drive.

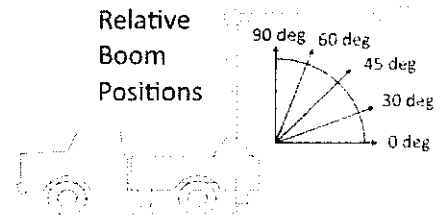
Boom Dielectric Test Results

Boom Design Voltage **46C**

Current Type **DC**

	Upper	Lower
Applied kV	56	50
Measured uA	8	12
Allowed uA	56	100
Boom position (deg)	0	90
Test Time (min)	3	3

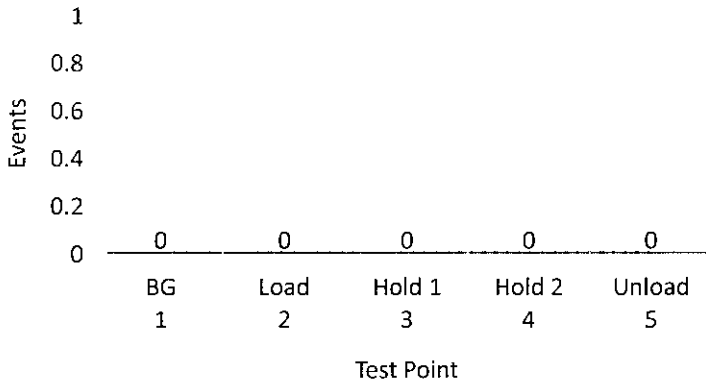
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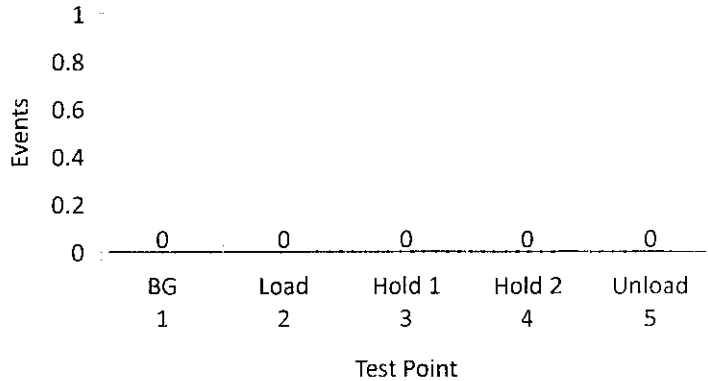
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Acoustic Emissions Test Results

Elbow (Steel) in position 1



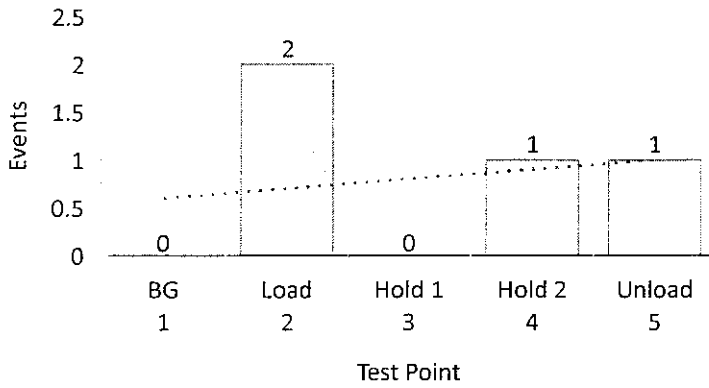
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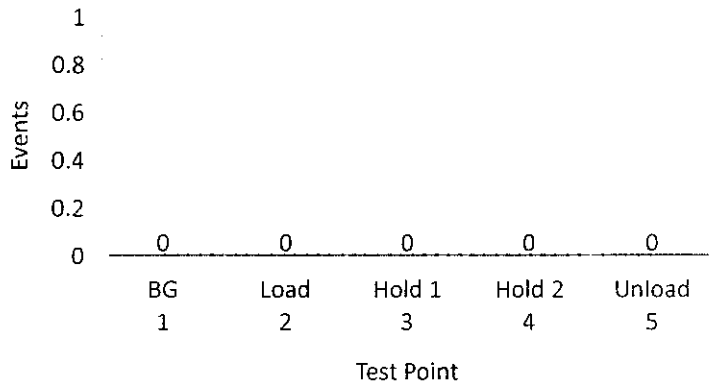
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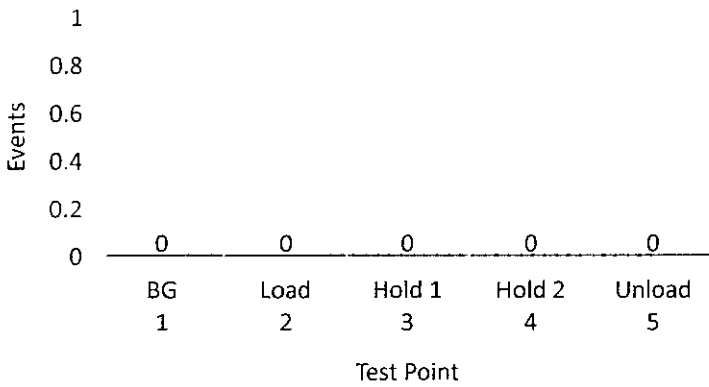
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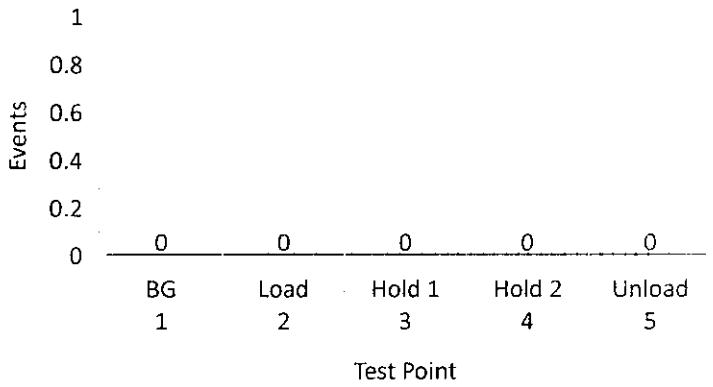
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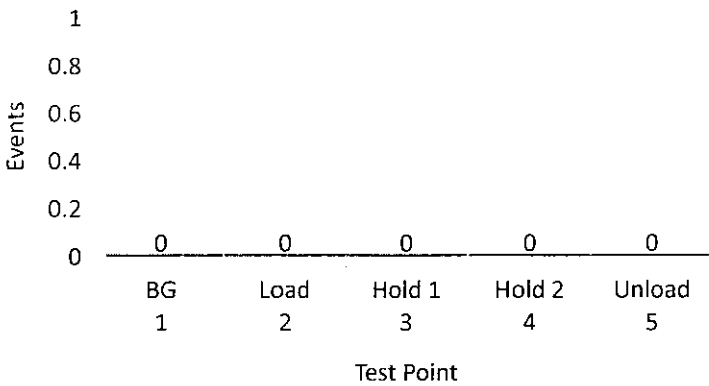
Lower (Steel) in position 1



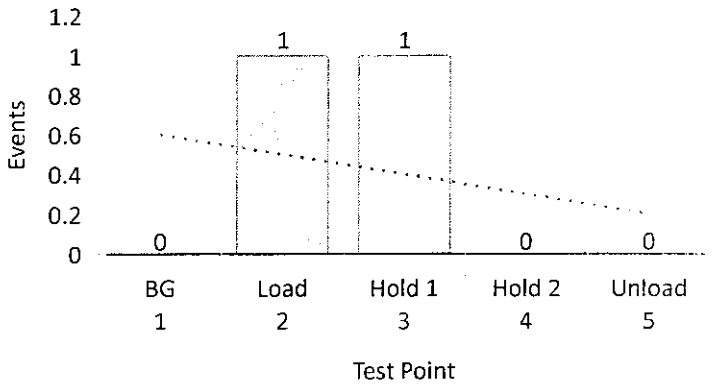
Lower (Steel) in position 2



Pedestal (Steel) in position 1



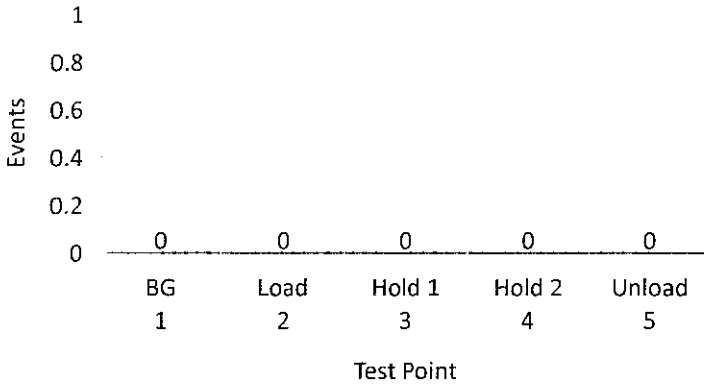
Pedestal (Steel) in position 2



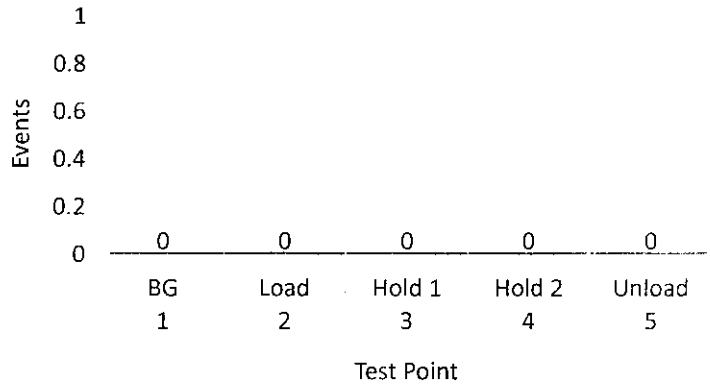
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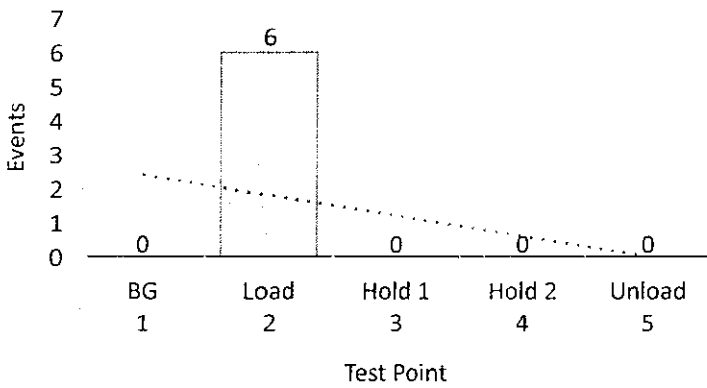
Turntable (Steel) in position 1



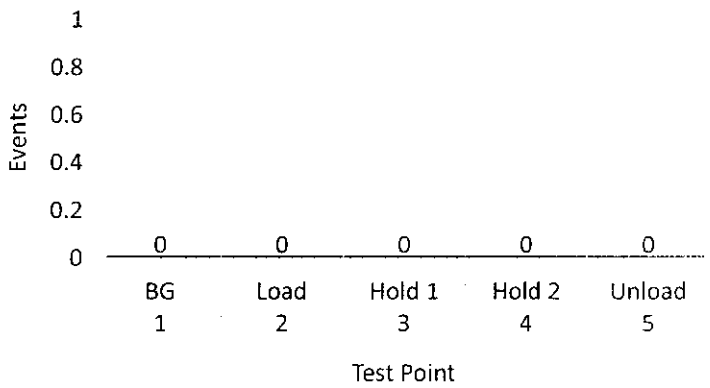
Turntable (Steel) in position 2



Upper 1 (FRP) in position 1



Upper 1 (FRP) in position 2



April 20, 2026

Nashwauk Public Utilities Commission:

Members,

I am requesting that the public utilities commission complete a survey of the homeowners on 4th street from the 200 block of Deering Avenue to Platt Avenue, end of the 300 block to determine the extent, if any the damage to their properties this past summer during the heavy rains. It's obvious there were issues in that area but to my knowledge only one resident expressed formally a complaint of damage to their property. A couple of other people did express concern to me about the water but didn't share they had damage. It would be nice to know what each of the residents in that area experienced if anything during the storm before a costly plan to address the problem is formulated and implemented. Questions such as did you get water in your basement and if so, how much? Do you have a back-flow valve? a sump pump? where is the sump pump diverting water? Rain gutters? The citizen that did approach the council was told we would look into this and try to come up with some solutions. At the meeting it was explained to me that the type of solutions being requested were a public utilities issue which is why I am requesting this survey be sent by the PUC. I will try to attend the meeting to further discuss. Thanks for your attention to this matter

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