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**Lanesboro Public Utilities
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 28, 2025 – 7:30 a.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room**

Members: ☒ Brian Roelofs ☒ Jon Pieper ☐ Elliott Riggott
Staff: ☒ Mitchell Walbridge ☐ Darla Taylor ☒ Jerod Wagner ☐ Michelle Marotzke
Guests:

Regular Meeting

Member Pieper called the regular meeting to order at 7:38 a.m.

- A. Agenda Approval:** Member Pieper entered a motion to approve the agenda; Member Roelofs seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Public Comment:** No public comments were shared.
- C. Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Accounts Payable
 - b. Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 18, 2025
 - c. September 2025 YTD Budget ReviewMember Pieper entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Member Roelofs seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- D. Staff Update:** Public Utilities Supervisor Jerod Wagner shared a staff update with the commission members.
 - Biosolid land application is currently underway.
 - Supervisor Wagner attended a UMMEG/GLU meeting focused on strategic planning and future partnerships between the two entities.
 - Utility staff are addressing concerns related to solar distribution on existing lines. This has had an impact on solar interconnection applications.
- E. City Council Update:** The City Council anticipates receiving recommendations for ordinance amendments regarding utility rates.

Continued Business

- A. SolSmart Certification Program:** Due to the absence of distribution mapping for current solar capacity on the electric grid, Member Roelofs entered a motion to table the discussion until further studies are completed; Member Pieper seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. 2026 Preliminary Budget:** Members reviewed updates to the preliminary budget, including amendments related to insurance rates. No action was taken.

New Business

- A. 2026 Utility Fee/Rates:** Members discussed incremental increase options for base and tiered usage rates. No action was taken, as members prefer to finalize the 2026 budget before making rate decisions.
- B. Consider Proposals for Power Plant Flood Mitigation Preliminary Engineering Report:** Administrator Walbridge recommended tabling discussion due to the federal government shutdown. Member Pieper entered a motion to table the item until December; Member Roelofs seconded. During discussion, members agreed to wait to confirm U.S. EDA grant program availability before awarding a contract. Motion carried with all in favor.

Member Pieper entered a motion to adjourn the meeting; Member Roelofs seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Walbridge
City Administrator/Clerk