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Lanesboro Public Utilities Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room & Zoom

Members:	☒ Brian Roelofs	☒ Jon Pieper	☐ Elliot Riggott
Staff:	☐ Mitchell Walbridge	☒ Darla Taylor	☒ Jerod Wagner
Guests:	Joe Cullen, Bonita Underbakke, Alicia Pearson		

Regular Meeting
Member Pieper called the regular meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

A. **Agenda Approval:** Member Pieper entered a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Meeting Date and Time to New Business; Member Roelofs seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
B. **Public Comments:** No public comments were shared.
C. **Consent Agenda:**
   - Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 18, 2025
   - February 2025 YTD Financial Report
   - Accounts Payable

   Member 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 provided the staff update.
   - Boring of 15 holes took place for the Hwy 250 project; No issues were reported. However, Supervisor Wagner mentioned that in the future there may be a need for some mobile data for the devices to access the mapping system in the field during locates.
   - Supervisor Wagner noted that we have been experiencing high downstream pressures. We currently have four pressure-reducing stations and he will be reaching out for assistance in identifying equipment repairs or adjustments that may be needed.
   - Jerod Wagner attended the UMMEG strategic planning meeting with focus on all plants having generation.
   - Dairyland run test for generation is scheduled for March 20, 2025.
E. **City Council Update:** Council Member Cullen noted that signs will be placed at the civil defense siren location. An Open House Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. for the TH250 project. Lastly, we were outbid on the bucket truck.

Continued Business
A. **Wastewater Treatment Facility Update:** The final pay request from the contractor is in negotiations. A shift from defective equipment reimbursement to liquidated damages is part of the current negotiations.
B. **Financial Agent for TH250 Project:** The city council approved the support resolution. Communication with Representative Davids is ongoing as he intends to author a bill funding the utility improvements.
C. **Minnesota Electric Grid Resilience Program:** Administrator Walbridge continues to work on the onboarding paperwork with the Minnesota Department of Commerce. Frontier Energy's grant assistance next steps is also being looked into.
D. **Lead Service Line Inventory:** 428 unknown lines were reported in the first round mostly on the city side of the line. City Administrator Walbridge has applied for a second round of funding through the Minnesota Department of Health to identify the unknown lines, which will require some excavation.

New Business

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A. **MPCA PFAS Sampling:** Member Pieper made a motion to approve the MPCA PFAS sampling. Member Roelofs seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor. It was noted that the sampling would be testing the influent, and all testing costs are paid by Minnesota Department of Health. Testing of biosolids will also be included. Permit requirements for PFAS testing could begin as soon as end of 2025.
B. **Meeting Date and Time:** Member Pieper made a motion to move the regular meetings to the third Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m.; Member Roelofs seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

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

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Taylor
Deputy Clerk