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Lanesboro Public Utilities Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 21, 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, Karen Heimdahl		

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 as presented; Member Riggott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
B. **Public Comments:** No public comments were shared.
C. **Consent Agenda:**
    a. Minutes of Regular Meeting, March 19, 2025
    b. March YTD Financial Report
    c. Accounts Payable
    d. Resolution 2025-01 – Supporting SF3383 and HF3128

   Member Pieper entered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Member Riggott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
D. **Staff Update:** Public Utilities Supervisor Jerod Wagner provided the staff update.
    - Staff are working having the interior of the fuel storage containment tank painted.
    - Old electric transformers have been discarded at minimal cost.
    - Utility staff have continued to work with Sylvan Brewing on sampling wastewater discharged from the brewery facility.
    - Supervisor Wagner has been working with City Engineer Brian Malm for plans to install a new sanitary sewer hookup to Little Norway as part of the TH250 road and utility construction project.
    - Initial PFAS influent sampling is underway. Utility staff are working with the Minnesota Department of Health to test influent samples and biosolids. Results may lead to identifying point source origination of PFAS in the wastewater system. Results may also affect land application eligibility.

   Member Pieper asked if staff could work on identifying points of water loss. Supervisor Wagner can work on this as time allows.
E. **City Council Update:** No city council update was shared.

Continued Business
A. **Wastewater Treatment Facility Update:** City Administrator Walbridge had a discussion with the city engineering team regarding liquidated damages that may be enforceable on the Wapasha Construction contract. Administrator Walbridge will work with engineering staff and the city attorney to determine the next step in contract enforcement. No action was taken this day.
B. **Minnesota Electric Grid Resilience Program:** A contract with Frontier Energy is pending review of the League of Minnesota Cities' Contract Review Service. The contract was also reviewed by City Attorney Joseph O'Koren. Administrator Walbridge requested approval from the commission to negotiate and execute the contract with Frontier Energy based on the city attorney and League's review of the proposal. Member Pieper entered a motion to allow the city administrator to negotiate terms and execute the contract with Frontier Energy; Member Riggott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

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New Business

A. **Consider Options for Bucket Truck Replacement:** After being outbid in a recent auction to replace utility bucket truck, Supervisor Wagner requested a higher spending threshold for the truck replacement. Member Pieper entered a motion to earmark up to $60,000 of the Vehicle Replacement Fund for bucket truck replacement; Member Riggott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 19, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

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

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Walbridge
City Administrator/Clerk