Lanesboro Public Utilities Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 15, 2026 – 7:15 a.m.
Lanesboro City Council Chambers

Members Present:
☐ Joe Cullen ☒ Jon Pieper ☒ Brian Roelofs
Staff Present:
☒ Mitchell Walbridge ☒ Jerod Wagner ☐ Darla Taylor

Member Pieper called the regular meeting of the Public Utility Commission to order at 7:15 a.m.

A. **Agenda Approval:** A motion was made by Member Pieper to approve the agenda; Member Roelofs seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.
B. **Public Comments:** Brian Roelofs made public comment about installation of a septic system at the site of a lot split at 811 Auburn Avenue South.
C. **Consent Agenda:**
   a. Accounts Payable
   b. Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 18, 2026

   A motion was made by Member Pieper to approve the Consent Agenda; Member Roelofs seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.
D. **Staff Update:** Public Utility Supervisor Jerod Wagner provided an update to the commission.
   - Supervisor Wagner updated the commission on the status of lead and copper testing and the annual reporting process.
   - Supervisor Wagner attended a data center workshop that focused on communication with key stakeholders during data center considerations.
   - Members discussed the future of nuclear power generation options.

Continued Business

A. **Discuss Wastewater Pre-Treatment Agreement with Sylvan Brewing:** The City of Lanesboro received a letter from Garner, Ginsburg, and Johnsen, P.A., the legal counsel for Sylvan Brewing. The letter requested that the City refrain from implementing any proposed agreement until an additional work session is held.
   City Administrator Mitchell Walbridge summarized a phone call that he, Utility Supervisor Wagner, and City Attorney Joseph O'Koren reviewed the letter and recommended the Public Utility Commission invite the Heimdahls and their legal counsel to an additional work session. Administrator Walbridge also requested that a commission member be appointed to attend the meeting.
   A motion was made by Member Pieper to authorize staff to schedule a meeting with Sylvan Brewing and their legal counsel within 45 days as well as appointing Member Roelofs as the commission representative; Member Roelofs seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

New Business

A. **Discuss Water Debt Service Fund Balance and Water Fund Balance:** Administrator Walbridge presented the fund balances for both the Water Debt Service Fun and Water Fund. Because of accumulation of revenues in the Water Debt Service Fund, Administrator Walbridge recommended the commission authorize a fund transfer of $290,000. A motion was made by Member Pieper to adopt Resolution 2026-01 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds in the amount of $290,000; Member Roelofs seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.
B. **Discuss Sewer Debt Service Fund Balance and Sewer Fund Balance:** The status of the sewer fund and sewer debt fund balances was reviewed. Members noted the importance of continuing to monitor the balances and the need for potential increases in sewer rates. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Member Pieper to adjourn the meeting; Member Roelofs seconded. All members voted in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Walbridge
City Administrator/City Clerk