

**Lanesboro Public Utilities Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 17, 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 7:16 a.m.

A. Agenda Approval: A motion was made by Member Pieper to approve the agenda; Member Cullen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

B. Public Comments: No public comments were shared.

C. Consent Agenda:

- a. Accounts Payable
- b. Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 20, 2026
- c. Minutes of Special Meeting, August 6, 2026
- d. FY2026 YTD Budget
- e. July Unaudited Fund Balances

A motion was made by Member Pieper to approve the Consent Agenda; Member Cullen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; motion carried.

Member Roelofs joined the meeting at 7:17 a.m.

D. Staff Update: Public Utility Supervisor Jerod Wagner provided an update to the commission.

- Equipment is being mobilized for the north water tower rehabilitation project.
- Replacement of water and sewer lines was discussed as part of the TH250 utility project.
- There was a watermain leak repaired at the intersection of Parkway Avenue North and Ashburn Street East.

Continued Business

A. Discuss Wastewater Pre-Treatment Agreement with Sylvan Brewing: A meeting between Sylvan Brewing and Lanesboro Public Utilities is scheduled for August 19, 2026. No action was taken this day.

New Business

A. Discuss Dam Spillway Modification: Supervisor Wagner provided a summary of the spillway improvements that should be considered, including the replacement of riprap below the spillway. It was thought that Barth Construction could complete this work while on site for the Minnesota Trout Unlimited River Project, however due to permitting requirements the work will need to be completed later. Due to permitting costs, the cost projection for the work also is suspected to be around \$25,000-\$30,000. No action was taken this day.

B. Consider request to Modify Coffee Street West Street Light: A request was submitted by Patty Brogle, owner of 201 Parkway Avenue North. The Brogles' short-term rental guests give feedback that the streetlight on the south side of the building is too bright even with blackout curtains installed. The commission members stated that replacement of the fixture or modification to the fixture is a low priority, and Supervisor Wagner can research options as time allows.

C. Discuss FY2027 Budget: Administrator Walbridge shared the first draft of the operating fund expenditures for fiscal year 2027. Walbridge stated he is waiting for confirmed numbers on property, liability, and health insurance. Once these figures are received, Walbridge will start working on a rate analysis for the Public Utility Commission to begin considering any utility rate adjustments for 2027.

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 7:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Walbridge
City Administrator/City Clerk