

LEBANON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD

Lebanon, Indiana

November 25, 2024

Council Chambers

5:00 P.M.

Board:

Neil Taylor, Chairman
Bill Stoner, Vice Chairman
Tim Hudson, Secretary (Virtual)
Aaron Smith, Member
Anne Patterson, Member

Staff:

Ed Basquill, General Manager
Jeff Jacob, Legal Counsel
Sandra Morgan, CFO
Danielle Butts, Executive Assistant
Ryan Ottinger, W & WW Ops Manager

Guests:

Jodi Stewart

-
1. Chairman Taylor called the November 25, 2024, meeting of the Lebanon Utility Service Board to order at 4:00 P.M.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was observed.
 3. Chairman Taylor opened the floor for public comment. No comment received.
 4. Jeff Jacob, Legal Counsel asked the Board to approve the Water Supply and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Member Patterson made a motion to approve the Water Supply and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Board Directors for the Utilities of the Department of Public Utilities for the City of the Indianapolis, d/b/a Citizens Water and City of Lebanon Utilities. Vice Chairman Stoner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roll taken 5-0.
 5. Jeff Jacob, Legal Counsel asked the Board to approve the Project Domino Memorandum of Understanding Project Domino Water Supply and Wastewater Capacity Pre-Allocation Memorandum of Understanding. Vice Chairman Stoner made a motion subject to approval by the Lebanon City Council, move to approve the Project Domino Water Supply and Wastewater Capacity Pre-Allocation Memorandum of Understanding. Member Patterson seconded the motion. Member Smith stated that ORLA's desire for special treatment is justified because Project Domino is considered a strategic development within the LEAP District. The guiding ethos of Lebanon Utilities is "Neighbor serving neighbor". My decision to approve the special treatment sought by ORLA is whether or not he thinks ORLA will be a suitable neighbor. ORLA is a Delaware limited liability company. Delaware offers a high level of privacy protection for LLC owners. The names and addresses of LLC members and managers are not disclosed information documents so ownership information is not publicly available. Member Smith stated he does not know the owner of the Project Domino nor does he not the reputation of this actual owner when it comes to business ethics or commitment to the communities where it operates. He stated he knows very little about Project Domino however it has been confirmed that it is a data center to be located in the LEAP District's industrial megasite of 1,500 acres. This industrial megasita is remarkably large extending North of Indiana 32, generally South of CR 250 North and bounded by CR 250 W and halfway between CR 400 W and 500 W. Member Smith stated he know no details of the data center other than the requirements that it wants to keep secret regarding the huge water and wastewater needs. He also stated the data center requires a huge amount of electricity to operate. Member Smith stated that he does not have enough information to determine if ORLA and its Project Domino will be a suitable neighbor therefore I cannot support the special treatment that ORLA seeks in the pre-allocation agreement. Motion carried. Roll taken 4-1.
 6. Chairman Taylor asked for any other business that may be brought before the Board. Ryan Ottinger stated that they are in the middle of their Lead and Copper identification process. He stated the public can contact his office to have the crews help in identifying the lines.

7. Chairman Taylor opened the floor for public comment. No public comment received.
17. The next Utility Board meeting will meet as scheduled on Wednesday December 4, 2024, at 5:00pm.
18. Hearing of no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Vice Chairman Stoner. The motion was seconded by Member Patterson. Motion carried. 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 4th day OF December 2024

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD