

LEBANON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD

Lebanon, Indiana

February 18, 2026

Council Chambers

5:00 P.M.

Board:

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

Staff:

Ed Basquill, General Manager
Jeff Jacob, Legal Counsel
Sandra Morgan, CFO
David Bailey, Acting Electric Ops. Manager
Ryan Ottinger, W & WW Manager
Danielle Bannourah, Exec Assistant

Staff & Guests:

John Lightner, BF&S
Spencer Higgs, Resident
Jake Bennett, Resident
Kelsey & James Plankey, Resident
Jessica Gipson, Resident
Demetric Hicks, Resident
Penjar Rogers, Resident
Sarah Goss, Resident
Dawn Gleason, Resident
Jane Rapinhuk, Resident

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1. Chairman Taylor called the February 18, 2026, meeting of the Lebanon Utility Service Board to order at 5:00 P.M.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was observed.
 3. Chairman Taylor opened the floor for public comment. Jeff Leiser made comments regarding wanting to learn more about the proposed discharged into Eagle Creek Reservoir. Board explained that they are happy to have a discussion after the meeting with him with our experts for his questions.
 4. Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve February 4, 2026, minutes. Member Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 5. Jeff Jacob, Legal Counsel read Resolution 2026-01. Member Patterson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 Approving Public Private Agreement for Civil District Wastewater Collection System Improvements Program and GMP Report No. 1 with F.A. Wilhelm Construction Co., Inc. Vice Chairman Stoner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 6. Spencer Portish, Water & Wastewater Project Manager requested the Board approve the LEAP Collections Improvements Program – Supplemental Agreement No. 2. Vice Chairman Stoner made a motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement No.2 for LEAP Collections System Improvements Program with Butler Fairman & Seufert increasing the amount by \$78,500.00 from \$2,242,070.00 to the total not-to-exceed \$2,320,570.00. Member Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 7. Spencer Portish, Water & Wastewater Project Manager requested the Board approve the BF&S Wholesale Water Supply - Phase 2 - Construction Inspections. Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve Butler Fairman & Seufert to perform Construction Inspections for the Wholesale Water Phase 2 Project for the amount not to exceed \$3,530,000.00. Member Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 8. Chairman Taylor asked for a motion to table the Tropical Smoothie Reassessment Agreement. Vice Chairman Stoner made a motion to table Tropical Smoothie Reassessment Agreement. Secretary Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Vice Chairman Stoner made a motion to approve the claims/payroll/transfers dated February 18, 2026, in the amount of \$11,534,019.93 for claims and payroll and \$0 for transfers. Secretary Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. Chairman Taylor asked for any other business to be brought before the Board. No other business received.
11. Chairman Taylor opened the floor for public comment. Spencer Higgs made comments about his concerns regarding drinking water and the parks at Eagle Creek. Spencer stated that clean water is more important than META or other corporations. Demetric Hicks is a Pike Township Official. He stated that he is disappointed that there was not more communication with other local governing bodies. He asked that the Board find another solution than Eagle Creek. Dawn Gleason expressed her concerns about transparency and would like for Lebanon Utilities to investigate a close loop. She stated that 1.3 million people visit Eagle Creek for the park and the water. She stated that if the water is not clean enough for Eli Lily or Meta to use why should they have to drink it. Jeff Leiser stated that permitting will happen sooner than later and wants to make sure that the public is being heard before decisions are made. Member Smith asked when will the decision for the discharge point be made. General Manager Ed Basquill stated that Lebanon Utilities is still in the process of studying where the best fit would be. Member Smith stated that he would prefer that the discharge point be within Boone County.
12. The next Utility Board meeting will meet as scheduled on Wednesday March 4, 2026, at 5:00pm.
13. Hearing 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 Secretary Hudson. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

APPROVED THIS 4th day OF MARCH 2026

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD