

**LEBANON UTILITY SERVICE BOARD**  
**Lebanon, Indiana**

May 6, 2026

Council Chambers

5:00 P.M.

Board:

Tim Hudson, Chairman  
Anne Patterson, Vice Chairman  
(Absent)  
Bill Stoner, Secretary  
Aaron Smith, Member

Staff:

Ed Basquill, General Manager  
Jeff Jacob, Legal Counsel  
Sandra Morgan, CFO  
David Bailey, Acting Electric Ops. Manager  
Danielle Bannourah, Exec Assistant  
Jeff McNew, Electric Line Foreman  
Ryan Ottinger, W & WW Ops Manager  
Spencer Portish, W & WW Project Manager  
Sam Messenger, Electric Project Manager  
Chris Bohannon, Electric Lineman  
Evan Culley, Electric Lineman  
Matt Mihill, Electric Lineman

Staff & Guests:

Bob Holden, Wessler  
Jodi Stewart, Resident  
Megan Anderson, Resident

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1. Chairman Hudson called the May 6, 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 Hudson opened the floor for public comment. No public comment received.
  4. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve April 22, 2026, minutes. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  5. Sandra Morgan, Chief Financial Officer requested to Board approve the Pension Contribution. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve Lebanon Utilities to fund the plan a minimum of \$379,781 for 2026 to be allocated appropriately between all utilities. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  6. David Bailey, Acting Electric Operations Manager asked the Board to approve the Conduit & Equipment Installation – Hickory Junction Phase 2. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve the Berry IT for the installation of the primary electric in Hickory Junction Phase 2 for the not to exceed \$185,896.00. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  7. David Bailey, Acting Electric Operations Manager asked the Board to approve the Vehicle #14 Replacement. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve declaring the 2006 Ford Escape as surplus in accordance with IC 5-22-22 and allow the value to be applied as trade in. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Equinox to replace Vehicle #14 from Leo Chevrolet Lebanon for a not to exceed amount of \$30,118.22. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  8. David Bailey, Acting Electric Operations Manager asked the Board to approve the Substation Security Cameras. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve L alas Inc (A&D Alarm) to install camera

equipment at all of our substations for the not to exceed amount of \$16,180.00 and have General Manger sign all documents. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Sam Messenger, Electric Project Manager & Safety Coordinator presented Electric Projects and Safety Update to the Board.
10. Ryan Ottinger, Water & Wastewater Operations Manager asked the Board to approve the 2026 Civil District Wastewater Capital Improvement Update. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve Butler Fairman & Seufert to update the 2026 Wastewater Systems Capital Improvements Plan for the Civil District for an amount not to exceed \$15,500.00. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
11. Ryan Ottinger, Water & Wastewater Operations Manager asked the Board to approve the 2026 Civil District Water Capital Improvement Update. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve Butler Fairman & Seufert to update the 2026 Water Systems Capital Improvements Plan for the Civil District for an amount not to exceed \$13,700.00. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
12. Ryan Ottinger, Water & Wastewater Operations Manager asked the Board to approve the 2026 LEAP District Wastewater Capital Improvement. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve Butler Fairman & Seufert to prepare a 2026 Wastewater Systems Capital Improvements Plan for the LEAP District for an amount not to exceed \$11,100.00. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
13. Ryan Ottinger, Water & Wastewater Operations Manager asked the Board to approve the 2026 LEAP District Water Capital Improvement. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve Butler Fairman & Seufert to prepare a 2026 Water Systems Capital Improvements Plan for the LEAP District for an amount not to exceed \$11,100.00. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
14. Ryan Ottinger, Water & Wastewater Operations Manager asked the Board to approve the Water & Wastewater Construction Inspector Position Creation. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve the position of Water/Wastewater Construction Inspector as well as the provided pay scale. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
15. Ryan Ottinger, Water & Wastewater Operations Manager asked the Board to approve the Summer Help Position. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve the addition of summer help at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. Chairman Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2-1.
16. Secretary Stoner made a motion to approve the claims/payroll/transfers dated May 6, 2026, in the amount of \$7,442,787.28 for claims and payroll and \$70,790.00 for transfers. Member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
17. Chairman Hudson asked for any other business to be brought before the Board. Ed Basquill, General Manager stated he wanted to clarify a statement that was recently reported in the *Indianapolis Star* from an interview he gave. He stated he either misspoke, was misheard, or overstated. The wastewater discharge line from Lebanon directly into Eagle Creek Park was studied as the preferred, potential discharge point as set out in the Wessler Preliminary Engineering Report. Around February, 2026, our engineering team adjusted and determined that other options should be reviewed and considered in more detail. The wastewater discharge line into the Eagle Creek watershed or specifically into Eagle Creek Reservoir is still being considered; as well as several others. A direct discharge point in Eagle Creek Park in not. Member Smith stated he appreciated the clarification and that staff & this Board expect complete transparency regarding the matter of the discharge location final decision that's made.
18. Chairman Hudson opened the floor for public comment. Megan Anderson, Resident stated she would like to have public dialog of the discharge plan before permitting applications go in. She also want clarity that the entire volume of discharge may still be going to Eagle Creek Reservoir. Member Smith asked for clarification from Ms. Anderson if she doesn't think any of the effluent going to the Eagle

Creek Reservoir is proper. Megan Anderson stated that whatever plan Lebanon Utilities pursues should be looked at by the people with specialty in hydrology and environmental science. Carol Courtman, Resident stated she is concerned with the discharge location for the environmental impacts of this project.

19. The next Utility Board meeting will meet as scheduled on Wednesday May 20, 2026, at 5:00pm.
20. Hearing no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Secretary Stoner. The motion was seconded by Member Smith. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM

APPROVED THIS 20th day OF MAY 2026

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF THE BOARD