

**CITY OF LAWRENCE
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD
August 12, 2025 – 5:30 PM
Regular Meeting
George Keller Public Assembly Room**

Members Present: Filmore Artis, Steven Hall, Darrin Kirkland, and David Parnell

Members Present via Teams: Tracy Boyd – arrived in person at 5:42 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mayor Deborah Whitfield, Superintendent Paul Wanner, Director of Operations Andrew Hall, Director of Administration Tom Speer, Manager Cathy Retmier, Attorney Jacob Antrim, and Recording Secretary Tina Whitcomb

Co-Chair Steven Hall called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and announced a quorum.

Mr. Hall requested a motion to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting on July 22, 2025. Mr. Parnell moved to approve the motion and Mr. Kirkland seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Hall requested a motion to approve the payment of Claims for \$1,975,832.32. Mr. Parnell moved to approve the motion and Mr. Kirkland seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Hall asked Paul Wanner to give the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Wanner reviewed the agenda items and recommended approval. He also updated the Board on current projects. (A copy of the Superintendent's Report is attached for record-keeping purposes.)

Unfinished Business: Mr. Hall requested a motion to remove from the table the sanitary sewer adjustment at 6937 Bentgrass Drive for \$260.88 for watering the yard prior to summer sewer discount. Mr. Parnell moved to approve the motion and Ms. Boyd seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Boyd requested a motion for the sanitary sewer adjustment at 6937 Bentgrass Drive for \$260.88 for watering the yard prior to summer sewer discount. Mr. Parnell moved to deny the approval and Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously denied by a vote of 5-0.

New Business: Ms. Boyd requested a motion to approve the service agreement with Poindexter Excavating to haul the spoil pile at 53rd Street Compound for \$79,800.00. Mr. Parnell moved to approve the motion and Mr. Kirkland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Boyd requested a motion to approve the service agreement with Securitas Technology for installation of panic buttons. Mr. Parnell moved to approve the motion and Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Boyd requested a motion to approve 60-month lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for a postage machine. Mr. Hall moved to approve the motion and Mr. Parnell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Boyd requested a motion to approve Task Order No. 19 from Wessler Engineering to increase the cost of the INDOT Plan Review Project by \$4,000.00. Mr. Hall moved to approve the motion and Mr. Parnell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.

Account Adjustments: There was none.

Remonstrations of Ratepayer Dispute Regarding Disconnect Notice: There were none.

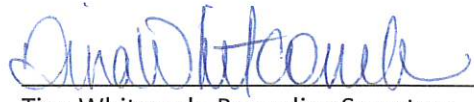
Citizens Comments: Mr. Daniel Rapp, 5718 Wallingwood Drive, expressed his displeasure that the payment lobby had not been opened.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. by Mr. Parnell and was seconded by Mr. Kirkland. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0.



Tracy Boyd, Chair

Steven Hall, Co-Chair



Tina Whitcomb, Recording Secretary

These Minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for motions.



August 12, 2025 – Superintendent's Report

ADMIN UPDATE:

For the Boards information, Lawrence Utilities received notification from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) that during the monitoring period between April 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025, for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) that our system currently exceeds the standards or Maximum Contaminate Levels (MCL). The MCL for Total Trihalomethanes is 80 ug/L. As of June 30, 2025, Lawrence Utilities locational running average for Total Trihalomethanes is 88.5 ug/L. Per IDEM requirements Lawrence Utilities sent notification out via the Lawrence Lift on Thursday August 7, 2025, included with the Lawrence Utilities billing (paper billing as well as E-billing). In that communication it stated the following:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

LEVELS OF TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM) ABOVE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS FOR CITY OF LAWRENCE UTILITIES

Although this is not an emergency, we are committed to transparency and want to inform our customers that a recent required test showed a sample for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) exceeded the maximum contaminant level during the monitoring period of April 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025. Please see the information below for additional details.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. The results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets EPA's health standards. The results that we received for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) for the 4/1/2025 to 6/30/2025 monitoring period show that our system currently exceeds the standard(s), or Maximum Contaminant Level(s) (MCL). The MCL for Total Trihalomethanes is 80 ug/L and the MCL for Haloacetic Acids is 60 ug/L. As of 6/30/2025, our locational running annual average for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) is 88.5 ug/L.

What should I do? You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean? Some people who drink trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

What Happened? What is being done? There are various reasons for high THM results to occur. Those may be:

- ***Water Temperature:*** Warmer water temperatures can accelerate the chemical reactions that form THMs. Higher THM results occur more often during the summer months.

- **Time in the Distribution System:** THM formation can continue to occur even after water leaves the treatment plant and travels through the distribution system. Longer residence time in the pipes allows for more THM formation.

It is important to remember that chlorine disinfection is necessary for protecting public health by killing harmful microorganisms in drinking water. We strive to balance disinfection with minimizing the formation of THMs and other disinfection byproducts.

We will be working with contractors to further investigate this issue. Our next THM samples will be collected in November of 2025, at which point we will know more if our work has resolved the high THM issue. We anticipate resolving the issue within 30 to 90 days and will continue to comply with all requirements set by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

For more information, please contact Tom Speer, Water Treatment Director, at (317) 542-0511 or by mail at 9201 Harrison Park Court, Lawrence, IN 46216.

Please share this information with anyone who drinks this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly, such as people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, or businesses. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

The account adjustment request for 6937 Bentgrass Drive was tabled at the July 22, 2025 meeting. Adjustments have been made previously when requested by residents the month prior to and the month after the Summer Sprinkling is in effect. This has been standard practice dating back to prior Superintendents for the Utilities. This instance has come to the attention of the USB due to the amount of the adjustment above what the Utility Superintendent is authorized to approve. Per Resolution 3, 2014, the Utilities Superintendent is authorized to approve a sewer adjustment of \$250.00 or less. Sewer adjustments above \$250.00 must be approved by the USB.
(6937 Bentgrass Dr.: Customer is requesting a sanitary sewer adjustment for \$260.88 due yard watering prior to summer sewer discount. We recommend approval.)

The Utilities are seeking approval of Wessler Engineering's Amendment No. 4 to Task Order No. 19 - INDOT Plan Review, for the Not to Exceed Amount of \$4,000.00 for additional construction administration services for utility conflicts on Mitthoeffer Road and 56th Street along Pendleton Pike.

The Utilities are seeking approval of the lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for a SendPro C Series – Version 4 Postage Meter Machine. The lease agreement is for 60 months at \$76.89 per month. This is used for all Utility correspondence that is mailed to property owners for things such as backflow compliance requests, FOG (Fats, Oils Grease) compliance requests, inside water meter replacement notifications, etc.

The Utilities are seeking approval of the Services Agreement with Securitas Technology for necessary security system upgrades for the Utilities Operations Building necessary for the opening of the Payment Lobby. The Service Agreement is for 5 years. \$838.70 for the equipment needed and \$29.35 monthly for service and support.

The Utilities are seeking approval of a Services Agreement with Poindexter Excavating, Inc for the hauling and disposal of spoils from utility related repairs (water main repairs, service line repairs, sewer line repairs, exc.) that are stockpiled at the 53rd Street Maintenance Compound for \$79,800.00.

Account Adjustments: None