

Lee County Public Service Authority



May 26, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

- The Lee County Public Service Authority's Board of Directors conducted their regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the PSA office in Jonesville, Virginia.
- Chairman Bill Carter called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. following the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Chairman Carter performed a roll call of board members and determined a quorum was present. Participating in the meeting were board members: Bill Carter, Robert Horton, Roger Gates, Harold Jerrell, and Greg Rasnic. Others participating were LCPSA Director Tracy Puckett, LCPSA Assistant Director Mike Brindle, and Bobby Lane with RDA (formerly The Lane Group).

Agenda:

- Rasnic made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, which was seconded by Gates and approved unanimously.

Public Expression:

- There was no Public Expression.

Financial Report:

- Jerrell made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Rasnic seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Rasnic made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Horton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

- The Director's report provided a brief overview of PSA operations and projects, highlighting the following projects:

- Phase III Hancock Co, TN/Lee Co, VA – *The engineer has completed plans for the Lee County PSA portion and is currently working on stream permits/easements. The engineer submitted an undated PER to VDH: awaiting approval for PER and permit. Puckett explained that a recent election held in Hancock County may alter plans on the Tennessee portion of the project, but he hoped not.*
- Dryden Sewer – *Contractor has completed the project. Substantial Completion was issued on May 11, 2026. The engineer is working with VDEQ to close out the project.*
- Western Lee Sewer – *Puckett and Brindle attended a project stakeholders meeting on Monday, May 4, at Thomas Walker High School. Representatives from LENOWISCO, the county, and USACE joined the PSA at this meeting to discuss the current status of the project and what comes next. This meeting was followed by a community meeting to start the sewer easement acquisition process. The engineer is currently working on responses to review comments received from USACE, as well as regulatory permitting comments received for Erosion & Sediment Control and DEQ Stormwater Management.*
- Maple Hill – *The Change Order was processed for the generator at the pump station, fencing, and master/zone meter. The engineer has contacted the contractor, and the generator will ship on July 1, 2026. The contractor plans to have the project completed by August 1, 2026.*
- Stone Creek RT 421 Extension Phase II– *Puckett explained that the PSA is working with a few residents along Rt 421 about a possible additional extension. One potential extension would run from 421 Market toward the Kentucky state line. The other extension would connect the line at 421 Market to the line that ends near Admant Missionary Baptist Church.*
- Rasnic made a motion to accept the Director’s Report as presented. Gates seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- There was no Old Business.

New Business:

- Under New Business, Puckett went over the proposed FY27, making note of a large increase in health insurance premiums being implemented for the fiscal year. The increase amounts to approximately \$80,000 per year. The director explained that due to the significant healthcare increase, along with increases in wholesale rates for water purchase, electricity, chemicals, etc., the PSA has advertised a 5% increase for all water and sewer customers (excluding the Town of Jonesville and USP-Lee who have contracts with the PSA). He also explained that Brindle has emailed the current insurance provider several times seeking clarity for the large increase, but the company has been unwilling to meet or offer further information. Puckett and Brindle plan to meet with other providers to explore switching from The Local Choice.
Gates made the motion to adopt the proposed budget, contingent on the results of the public hearing next month to discuss the proposed rate increase. Rasnic seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

- Rasnic made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerrell, and passing unanimously. The board’s next meeting will be Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 3 p.m. following the public hearing.