

Lee County Utilities Authority

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Scheduled Meeting
6:00 P.M. Thursday, May 15, 2025
Page Tharp Governmental Building
Opal Cannon Auditorium
102 Starksville Avenue North
Leesburg, Georgia

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Lee County Utilities Authority met for its regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2025. The meeting was held in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the Page Tharp Governmental Building in Leesburg, Georgia. Vice Chairman Victor Stubbs, Board members Phillip Husain, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold were present. Larry Walters and Aaron McCulley were not in attendance. Chris Boswell, General Manager, and Tricia Holmes, Director of Administrative Operations, were also present. Chairman George Walls called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. INVOCATION

George Walls, General Manager, led the invocation.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of April 17, 2025, regular scheduled meeting minutes

Victor Stubbs motioned to approve the April 17, 2025, meeting minutes. Chad Arnold seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Phillip Husain, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request to change the June 19, 2025, Authority Meeting.

Tricia Holmes advised the board that the upcoming meeting scheduled for June 19 falls on an employee holiday. She requested that the Board consider changing the meeting date to June 12, 2025.

After a brief discussion, Victor Stubbs motioned to move the June meeting of the Authority Board to June 12, 2025. Art Ford seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Phillip Husain, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. FY 2025-2026 Authority Budget Discussion

The Board was presented with the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year of 2025-2026. The budget included a five percent rate increase for residential access fees (one-time charges) and a fifteen percent rate increase for all commercial fees. Staff is requesting approval in order to advertise rate changes 30 days before effective date, allowing the budget to be fully funded with increase.

Victor Stubbs motioned not to increase residential monthly charges, but to increase:

Residential Water Access Fee increase	\$140.00
Residential Sewer Fee Increase	\$150.00
Meter Fee per size increases	\$ 42.50
Commercial Water Access Fee	\$420.00
Commercial Sewer Access Fee	\$450.00
Commercial Water Base Fee	\$ 3.15
Commercial Sewer Base Fee	\$ 3.15
Commercial Tier Increase	
0-9,000 gallons	\$0.37
9,001-50,000 gallons	\$0.44
50,001-100,000 gallons	\$0.52
Over 100,001 gallons	\$0.59

Phillip Husain seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Phillip Husain, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

B. **US HWY 19 SEWER/WATER EXTENSION**

Chris Boswell presented the Board with the proposed plan by Lanier Engineering to relocate a mobile home in Morgan Estates owned by the Roberts family.

Phillip Husain motioned to approve the plan presented at no additional cost to the Authority. Chad Arnold seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Phillip Husain, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.

6. **PUBLIC PERIOD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION –**

8. **PROJECT REVIEW AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Victor Stubbs motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Chad Arnold seconded the motion. Victor Stubbs, Phillip Husain, Art Ford, and Chad Arnold voted yes, with no opposing votes. The motion passed.



Tricia Holmes, Secretary/Treasurer

June 12, 2025
Adopted