

Minutes of the Lewisburg Water and Sewer Board Meeting – April 14, 2026

The Lewisburg Water and Sewer Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 14, 2026. The meeting was held at 100 Water Street, Lewisburg, Tennessee. Board members present were Board Chairman Bill Marsh, Secretary Joe Harris, and Board Member Linda Thomas. Also present were General Manager Trigg Cathey, Assistant Manager Robert Biggers, Staff Engineer Jake Marquardt, Supervisors Russ Williams, Chris Haislip, Tommy Wallace, Cathy Allen, retiree Roscoe Brannon, Accountant Lisa Parsons, and Billing Clerk Lucy Demastus. Engineers Greg Davenport, Daniel Tribble, and Jim Kiombe from the Wauford Company were also present. Mitchel Smith (Winnett and Associates PLLC) and Anna Laurel Wells were also in attendance.

Chairman Bill Marsh called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Item 1. Approval of Minutes

Linda Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026, meeting. Joe Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed. Voice vote: 3 ayes.

Item 2. March Bills and Financial Statement (Accountant Lisa Parsons)

Accountant Lisa Parsons reported on the March bills and financial statement. Joe Harris made a motion to approve the March bills and financial statement. Linda Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed. Voice vote: 3 ayes.

Item 3. Water/Sewer Requests There were 19 residential water tap requests and 18 residential sewer requests in March.

Item 4. Water Plant Reports and Memos

The water plant operated an average of 19.8 hours per day, with a monthly capacity of 85.6%. The three-month water loss average for March was 33.2%. The treatment plant treated 106.1 MG of water during the month, with an average of 3.4 MG per day.

Item 5. Wastewater Plant

Employees processed 368,867 gallons of sludge into biosolids and hauled 67,200 gallons of sludge from Cornersville WWTP to be converted into biosolids. Employees hauled 48,000 gallons of mud from WTP. Employees hauled and/or loaded 288 tons of biosolids to various farms.

Flow Totals

- Employees treated and discharged 55.0 MG of wastewater at the Lewisburg Plant.
- Employees treated and discharged 23.4 MG of wastewater at the Cornersville Plant.

Trips and Classes

None reported.

Pretreatment

Marelli was inspected.

Tours/Visits/Inspections

A tour was given to a group of interested citizens.

Item 6. Other Business

Item 6a. Project Update

1. Beginning a project to replace 3,000 feet of 2-inch galvanized water line on Belfast–Farmington Road.
The line has experienced frequent breaks.
The new line will be installed prior to retiring the existing line. Materials are being ordered, and this long-term job will be completed by in-house labor over the next six months. The project replaces a 60-year-old galvanized 2.25-inch line with a new 4-inch PVC line. The state has requested additional calculations and drawings; state approval is anticipated within the next month.
2. Acorn Hills subdivision sewer cleanouts - The 44-home subdivision (built in 1997) is being reworked.
All sewer cleanouts at each house were installed backwards, with the sweeps toward the house. The cleanouts were 6-inch pipes that extended about 12 inches above grade. Crews began work on Friday, April 10, to excavate each cleanout and install a 4-inch cleanout sweeping away from the house. Cleanouts will be set flush with grade and covered with a plastic meter box to reduce inflow and infiltration and improve maintenance access.

3. Ewing Street sewer replacement. Planning is underway to replace the sewer line on Ewing Street from 2nd Avenue (Cornersville Road) to 3rd Avenue due to significant stormwater inflow. Staff met with nearby businesses (including Mane Attraction and NAPA Industrial Supply) to coordinate construction while maintaining customer access.

Item 6b. Mitchel Smith reviewed the 2024–2025 audit of the department. He gave a thorough review of the audit and answered questions. The audit had no findings this year, and Lisa Parsons and Trigg Cathey were congratulated. Mr. Smith also stated that the audit of the City of Lewisburg was not held up or delayed by the Lewisburg Water audit this year.

He also thanked Lisa Parsons and the staff for their help and support during the process.

Item 6c. Daniel Tribble and Greg Davenport of the Wauford Company answered questions concerning the new water plant and river intake. They gave an update on the progress of the ongoing projects and reported that both projects are moving forward without any major interruptions.

The pilot project at the Water Treatment Plant should be completed within the next two weeks. It has successfully demonstrated that the H2O Innovation ceramic membranes perform well with Duck River water.

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Chairman, Bill Marsh

Secretary, Joe Harris