

LAGRANGE COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
MINUTES JUNE 17, 2025

The LaGrange County Regional Utility District Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, at 3:00 PM, at 2575 N SR 9, LaGrange, IN 46761.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

ROLL CALL

Kenneth Hunn, President
Nicole Heffelfinger, Vice President
Kathy Miller, Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Mohrman, Board Member
David Gunter, Board Member

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

ABSENT Terry Martin, County Commissioner

DISTRICT STAFF: Adam Sams, General Manager
 Jeanette Combs, District Administrator

ADVISORS: Chris Nusbaum, Carson LLP
 Steve Henschen, Jones Petrie Rafinski

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Miller at 3:00 P.M.

Roll Call was taken by Jeanette Combs.

Motion was made by Nicole Heffelfinger to approve the agenda as amended:

Remove Item 5
Change Item 9D1b to \$30,706
Insert as Item G: Patel request for refund \$620.39
Insert as Item H: Health Insurance Renewal

Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Nicole Heffelfinger to approve the Regular Session Minutes for May 20, 2025. The motion was seconded by Michael Mohrman. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented a Claims Docket to the Board for approval in the amount of \$356,657.66.

Motion was made by David Gunter to approve the Claim Dockets in the amount of \$356,657.66. Motion was seconded by Michael Mohrman. Motion carried unanimously.

Adam Sams presented the General Manager's report.

Motion was made by Nicole Heffelfinger to approve the General Manager's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was open for public comments on non-public hearing issues and items not on the agenda. There were none.

Chris Nusbaum presented Resolution 2025-06-17. “A resolution waiving the one hundred twenty (120) day notice requirement for a reduction of wastewater rates specified in the intergovernmental cooperation agreement dated February 28, 2008.”

Motion was made by Michael Mohrman to approve Resolution 2025-06-17. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Henschen gave a construction update on the Region C Phase II WW Project.

Steve Henschen presented Change Order #15 for the Region C Phase II WW Project in the amount of \$31,130.

Motion was made by Michael Mohrman to approve Change Order #15 for the Region C Phase II WW Project in the amount of \$31,130. Motion was seconded by David Gunter. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Henschen gave an update on the Region C Phase III WW Project.

Jeanette Combs presented the project claims as amended on the agenda.

Motion was made by Nicole Heffelfinger to approve the submittal of the following project claims listed on the agenda for disbursement:

1. Region C Treatment Area WW Project Phase II – SRF
 - a. Niblock Pay Application #17 - \$575,635.00
 - b. Jones Petric Rafinski - \$30,706.00
 - c. LCRUD Reimbursement - \$1,840.00

The motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to appoint Adam Sams to represent the District and vote on its behalf for Steuben and LaGrange County REMC Board of Directors.

Jeanette Combs explained to the Board of Trustees that the County Commissioners have obtained tax deeds for three of the district’s customers’ properties. The county plans to remove the structures. Jeanette suggested stopping the billing cycle for the properties for the county pending they return the signed acknowledgement documents.

Motion was made by David Gunter to not bill the three properties listed below, that the County Commissioners obtained tax deeds for pending they complete and return the acknowledgment documents.

1. 6930 N 320 E, Howe, IN
2. 6985 N 310 E, Howe, IN
3. 4085 S 1170 E, Stroh, IN

The motion was seconded by Nicole Heffelfinger. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented the May 2025 Adjustments in the amount of \$97.57 and Other

Charges of \$3,035.00.

Motion was made by Kathy Miller to approve the May 2025 Adjustments and Other Charges as presented. The motion was seconded by Nicole Heffelfinger. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeanette Combs presented a refund request for Alap Patel for account 7000041601. The property has sold and has a credit in the amount of \$620.39.

Motion was made by Michael Mohrman to approve the refund to Alap Patel in the amount of \$620.39. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Adam Sams presented the Health Insurance Renewal options provided by Allstate and United Healthcare. Adam informed the board that the district's new insurance agent has met with the employees and explained the Allstate option. He stated that a majority of the employees wanted to try the new Allstate option.

Motion was made by David Gunter to approve the Allstate Health Insurance pending documentation from Allstate regarding that the employee will not have to pay a bill if a provider was not happy with the amount that Allstate had paid on the claim. If they could not, the district would stay with United Healthcare. Motion was seconded by Michael Mohrman. Motion carried unanimously.

Ken Hunn informed the board members that he had talked to a customer from Howe, Zedekiah Seibert, on more than one occasion recently. He discussed that the customer was not happy with the district's service, staff, meeting times, and the rates. Ken stated that he did not feel that there was anything to be done at this time but he felt the need to pass the information on to the other board members so everyone could be on the same page.

Motion was made by David Gunter to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 pm. Motion was seconded by Kathy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Combs
Recording Secretary