

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
AUGUST 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Gehauf, Commissioners George, Hensel, McKenzie and Young were in attendance. Director of Operations Wendt and Maintenance Supervisor Emerick were also in attendance.

Chairman Gehauf called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2026, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner George seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman Gehauf asked Mr. Emerick for the maintenance report.

Mr. Emerick stated Commission personnel had installed twenty-two outside meters since the last meeting. He stated Zone 5A had been completed and Commission personnel were currently working on Zone 2 meters. He stated that some of the meters were changed to replace meters that had failed to read.

Mr. Emerick then briefed the Commission on work done to the roads serving two water tanks. He stated Commission personnel had graded and repaired the roads to the Mall Tank and Lowes Tank. He went on to say the ditches and areas around the tank had been cleared of vegetation.

Mr. Emerick briefed the Commission on a backup that occurred at the LaVale Rescue Squad. He stated Commission personnel had cleared the blockage and inspected the line. He stated there was approximately sixty feet of main that needed to be repaired. Discussion followed concerning the main. Mr. Emerick stated the line would be replaced soon but some of the work would need to be done at night.

Mr. Emerick stated Columbia Gas was working on Center Street and Harold Street. He went on to say there were many locates involved and Commission personnel were working on them.

Mr. Emerick then reported on three water leaks since the last meeting. He stated Commission personnel had repaired one leak on Tara Way and two leaks on Woodridge Drive. Discussion followed concerning the leaks.

Mr. Emerick then opened discussion on the sewer lateral break in Braddock Run behind Ledo's Pizza. He stated the line served the Best Western Hotel. Extensive discussion followed, Mr. Wendt stated he had been notified on August 10, 2026, of the

leak and had bypass pumping set up the following day to reroute the flow to an upstream manhole. He went on to say the line was repaired and placed back in service on August 12, 2006. Mr. Wendt then stated he was having the line relined and encased in concrete to help prevent future damage.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with copies of the Water, Sewer, and Revenue reports for July 2026.

During June 2026, lost water was 44,770 gallons per day.

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Zone 1 Lost	11,474 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	4,992 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	4,363 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	8,286 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	10,412 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	7,374 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	5,138 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	2,411 Gallons per day		

Discussion continued concerning the reports.

Under the heading of Active Construction Projects, Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the status of the Winchester Road Water project. He stated he remained unhappy with the progress of the job and most of the restoration. He stated that following the last meeting with Belt Construction, a punch list was provided for restoration work. He stated the restoration work was done poorly and needed to be redone. He stated the quality of work was unacceptable. Commissioner Young questioned if the bond for the substandard work had been received. Mr. Wendt stated it had not been received. Discussion followed concerning the issue.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on the SCADA system upgrade. He stated Phase 2 had been activated and seemed to be working but had continued bugs. He stated they were working on the issues but unable to find a solution. Discussion followed concerning the project.

Under the heading of Communications, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on the status of the CDs at Somerset Trust and Truist Bank. He stated that both had matured and needed to be renewed. He asked the Commission to authorize the renewal of CDs at the highest rates available. Commissioner George moved that Mr. Wendt be granted authorization to renew the CD's now and as needed. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then opened discussion on company credit cards. He stated he wanted to close the existing First Peoples cards and obtain cards through Somerset Trust. Commissioner George moved that Mr. Wendt be allowed to obtain company credit cards from Somerset Trust Bank. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with the preliminary design for a chlorine booster station at the 220 Pump Station. Discussion followed concerning the project. Commissioner George moved the project be approved based on the preliminary design. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then presented the Commission with two sewer credit requests. The requests were as follows:

502 Maryland Street \$623.11
24-26 Klosterman Avenue \$353.76

Commissioner Hensel moved the requests be approved. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Under the heading of Old Business, discussion about projects proposed for the district were discussed. Mr. Wendt stated he had no response from MDE regarding the funding application for the sewer interceptor relocation project.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Emerick presented the Commission with three quotes from the Maryland state bid for skid steer loaders. Discussion followed concerning the need to replace the existing loader. Mr. Emerick stated the existing unit was over twenty years old and was very unreliable. The bids were as follows:

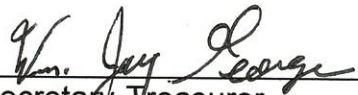
Bobcat	\$64,038.48
Kubota	\$67,206.20
Caterpillar	\$77,949.00

Commissioner Hensel moved the Bobcat be purchased. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Wendt then opened discussion on surplus equipment. He stated the existing bobcat loader and the three phase generator from the sewage pump station would need to be declared surplus and sold. Commissioner George moved the loader and generator be declared surplus and placed out for bid. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried. Mr. Wendt stated the generator would be sold as soon as possible, and the loader sold once the new unit was received.

Chairman Gehauf moved the public meeting be closed. Commissioner Young seconded and it was unanimously carried. The public meeting was closed at 10:30 AM.

Chairman



Secretary-Treasurer