MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LAVALE SANITARY COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the LaVale Sanitary Commission was held at the Commission's office in LaVale, Maryland on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

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

Acting Chairman George called the meeting to order and stated the minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2026, had been mailed to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young moved that the minutes be approved. Commissioner McKenzie seconded and it was unanimously carried.

Chairman George asked Mr. Wendt for the maintenance report.

Mr. Wendt stated, on behalf of Supervisor Emerick, Commission personnel had installed seventeen outside meters since the last meeting. He stated the meters were on Santa Fe Street, Porter Street and Braddock Avenue. He stated Santa Fe and Porter were now complete.

Mr. Wendt then briefed the Commission on taps installed on Yeoman Court. He stated water and sewer taps had been installed for a new house and were the first impacted by the new tap fee.

Mr. Wendt stated Commission personnel had completed the restoration work at the sewer crossing in Braddock Run. He stated additional work may need to be done to satisfy the state. Discussion followed concerning the restoration.

Mr. Wendt then stated Guyer Brothers had been in and relined the pipe in the stream crossing. He presented the Commission with a sample of the material used to reline the pipe.

Mr. Wendt then stated that Commission personnel had replaced seventeen feet of sewer main at 934 Atlantic Avenue. He stated the line had been on the problem sewer list.

Mr. Wendt then stated the new service truck had been delivered and was placed in service. He went on to say the 2016 service number 68 needed to be declared surplus and sold. Commissioner Young moved the truck be declared surplus. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

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

During July 2026, lost water was 52,120 gallons per day.

During August 2026, lost water was 48,014 gallons per day.

Zone 1 Lost	9,955 Gallons per day	Zone 2 Lost	4,233 Gallons per day
Zone 3 Lost	2,957 Gallons per day	Zone 4 Lost	13,429 Gallons per day
Zone 5 Lost	7,581 Gallons per day	Zone 5A Lost	0 Gallons per day
Zone 6 Lost	6,973 Gallons per day	Zone 7 Lost	2,566 Gallons per day
Zone 8 Lost	1,750 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 been received and was on file at the Commission. 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 then presented the Commission with the preliminary design for a chlorine booster station at the 220 Pump Station. He stated additional sampling was required to obtain a permit from MDE for the project. Discussion followed concerning the additional sampling.

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

923 Dolly Terrace	$48.18
2516 Georges Creek Boulevard	$232.69

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.

Acting Chairman George asked about the status of the Bobcat Skid Steer loader. Mr. Wendt stated the unit had been ordered, and he anticipated a six-month delivery time.

Mr. Wendt then stated he had advertised the generator for sale. To date no bids or inquiries have been received.

Under the heading of New Business, Mr. Wendt briefed the Commission on an abandoned well on the property adjoining the Red Hill Treatment Plant. He stated the land was owned by the Catoctin Land Trust, and the well was drilled in 1983 by the Commission. Mr. Hensel stated the well was drilled as a potential additional source but did not produce any water. Mr. Wendt recommended the well be abandoned and any claims to it be relinquished. Commissioner Young moved the Commissions rights to the well be abandoned. Commissioner Hensel seconded and it was unanimously carried.

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

Dave George
Chairman

William Jay George
Secretary/Treasurer