

District Meeting

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Opening Prayer and Pledge

- The meeting opened with a prayer.
- Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

- The Lubeck Public Service District meeting was called to order on January 22, 2026
- The board meeting minutes from January 8, 2026, were approved unanimously.

Discussion of District Happenings

- One water tap has been installed since the last meeting, with one waiting to be installed, totaling one water tap for 2026.
- No sewer taps have been installed this year.
- Completed work orders included five line sets and meter repairs, four service line leaks, and one mainline leak.
- Sewer camera was used for a customer complaint that turned out to be the customers problem.
- Work is being done at the Larkmead tank site to prepare for fixing a leak in the tank.
- Well E is pumping gravel, indicating a hole, so a liner will be installed.
 - The speaker noted, "This is five out of seven wells in a years time. This has never happened."

Approval of Payments of Bills and Transfers

- A motion was made and seconded to approve payments of bills and transfers.
- The motion carried unanimously.

Fairlong Project

- Kevin is working with Midkiff to get their tax ID number straightened out and to get the last drawdown.
- There is hope that this will be resolved next month.
- The district owes them \$4,000, which is a significant amount for a small company, representing a week's payroll.

Pine Run Project

- All but one right-of-way has been secured.
- The final one sounds like it will be taken care of.
- Kevin is preparing to put the project out for bid, with advertising expected next month.

Lubeck Elementary Project

- The right of entry to the property has been obtained, allowing for a title opinion.
- Everything has been uploaded to the IJDC dashboard, and permission to bid has been granted.
- Dates are set for the pre-bid meeting and bid openings, which can be provided later.

Item 7: Source Water Protection Plan Update

- The Bureau of Public Health created the Source Water Protection Plan with engineers from Batista and Associates a few years ago.
- Lubeck Public Service District is responsible for maintaining the plan.
- Rural Water, specifically Jerry Dobson, was called in to help update the plan.
- A public meeting about the Source Water Protection Plan update was held on 1/22/26 at Lubeck Public Service District.
 - The district uses groundwater influenced by the Ohio River as a source of drinking water.
 - The plan must be updated every three years.

- The purpose of the plan is to review the system, identify potential contamination sources, and consider risk reduction strategies.
- Potential sources of significant contamination:
 - Chemical and fuel storage from storage tanks.
 - Filled areas along roadways, rivers, streams, and railways.
- There are no readily available alternative water sources.
- Education and outreach strategies:
 - Public meeting.
 - Consumer Confidence Report.
 - Drinking water protection signs.
 - Communication with E911.
- The district puts up the signs, but they are often torn down.
 - Signs were previously located on Meldahl Hill and by Northwest Pipe.

Item 8: Public Comment

- A question was raised about well problems.
- Gravel was found when cleaning the well, indicating casing damage.
- A liner is being installed, which will slightly reduce the volume.
- Two wells have been relined in the last year, making a total of three wells relined since the speaker has been there.
- The liner being used is schedule 40 steel instead of stainless steel to save money.
- The soil condition may be a contributing factor to the well problems.

Future Development Plans

- Making plans for future development.
- Discussed drilling a big well, but it would cost \$10 million just to drill the hole with Lane, the only company on the east coast that deals with it.
- Considering three conventional wells at a million dollars a hole.

Historical Context

- Speaker recalls an operation out of Ripley with red trucks from 25 or 30 years ago.
- Mentions wells drilled years ago in New Millhone Ridge Road, Jackson County, at 600-700ft deep.

Well Depths

- River bottom wells are around 60-63 feet deep.
- Ridge wells are 230-240 feet deep, where the aquifer is located around 60 feet.

Lawsuit and Adjournment

- The lawsuit at the well field has been wrapped up.
- Next meeting is February 12, 2026, at 11:00 am.
- Motion to adjourn.

