

City of Willard
WATER ADVISORY BOARD

April 15, 2026

MINUTES

Members Present: Bryan Chapman, Kelly Davis, Kem Reed, Scott Long, Angie Wilson.

Also Present:

City of Willard: Mike Ruesch, Trevor Hoffman, Shane Fox, Wes Young

Upon motion by Kelly Davis, seconded by Angie Wilson, the committee voted unanimously to approve the meeting agenda.

Upon motion by Davis, seconded by Wilson, the committee voted unanimously to approve minutes from the March 25, 2026, meeting.

Citizen Input: None.

Financial Statements: City Administrator Wes Young provided financial statements to committee members.

Discussion - Future Utility Infrastructure:

Wes Young reported the city's contracted engineers Allgeier Martin stated pipe prices are increasing due to oil price increases. He said the city wishes to seek public input on future infrastructure and weighed the value of Facebook dialogue versus public meetings.

Discussion - AB/EE Proposed Development (Greene County) and Utilities:

Kem Reed said he hoped to dispel rumors regarding the proposed development, which is pending approval by Greene County Commission. He asked about the 2019 Willard Comprehensive Plan, which Young was able to find on the city's website.

Mike Ruesch stated his understanding of the proposed development—which is not in the City of Willard but would potentially be served by Willard water and sewer—has 2 phases of residential housing. Phase 1 is 39 lots, and Phase 2 is 39 lots.

Reed stated a development this size should have an engineering study to ensure Willard's capacity can adequately serve it.

Young stated the developer has had the area studied by their engineer, and that the City of Willard's contracted engineers have looked at it. He stated the City of Willard's involvement can only relate to the proposed utility expansion.

Long questioned the addition of 78 homes when Willard's water system is already near capacity.

Ruesch stated he spoke on the phone to the resident who started a petition regarding the development. He stated residents who are concerned about the City's role in the proposed development need to contact the City to ask questions, and that they will not respond to questions on social media. Young said the public has a responsibility to seek information directly.

Reed stated it appears Greene County Urban Zoning does not allow for construction of apartments.

Wilson asked whether developers bear the cost of utility expansion in the proposed development, and Young responded that they do. Wilson suggested the City publish a letter demonstrating their engineers have reviewed the City of Willard's capacity and ability to responsibly extend water and sewer to AB/EE. Young agreed that would be a good idea.

Director's Report:

Young stated he plans to transfer responsibility for the Water Advisory Board meetings to Trevor Hoffman.

Long commended Public Works for handling the water main break at Ridgeview and Pershing recently.

Hoffman updated the board on the 94 Lift Station odor issue, stating they found both air scrubbers were broken and have been repaired. Hoffman reported Public Works installed a manhole on Main Street, and repaired five water leaks since the last meeting. Public Works found and stopped a water theft in the Meadows subdivision.

Hoffman reported Public Works purchased surplus equipment at a significant savings.

Shane Fox explained they update projects on Diamond maps daily. Hoffman stated they will soon begin a sewer project at Main and Ridgeview, and a street project at AB and Ridgeview.

I&I (Inflow & Infiltration) Discussion:

Hoffman introduced Ray Lynch, who will primarily work on sewer projects for Public works. Lynch explained his plans for reducing I&I.

Unfinished Business: None

Upon motion to adjourn by Davis, seconded by Long, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:42 pm.

**Minutes Submitted by Angie Wilson, Secretary
Water Advisory Board**