

BATTLE GROUND

CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING

October 18, 2023

Attendance: Chairman Carol Watson, Andrea Agree, Philip Baer, Ron Holladay, Joe Kline, Rick Oliver.
Also present: Dan Gemmecke (Superintendent), Georgia Jones (Financial Clerk).
Not present, David Bisher

Guests: Mary Jo Totten, Steve Hahn, Carly Sheets

Minutes

Rick Oliver moved to approve the minutes of September 20, with second of Ron Holladay. Motion carried with 5 Aye, 2 Absent.

Customer Service

Joe Kline gave a report on customer service calls for September. There were three calls.

Pressure-related: North CR 600N District.

Water quality: South CR 600N District, remains open as of October 12.

Misc: North CR 600N District. It is closed.

Water Superintendent Report

Dan Gemmecke reviewed the month's activity. The new ATS should be delivered within two weeks. Water quality concerns have been addressed by additional flushing of service lines as needed. The lower system flushing will begin the last week of October/first of November. Repair items in the IDEM sanitary survey list are being addressed.

The cost estimates and test site evaluation for lead & copper remediation are still in process. There were three test holes to provide data.

The AWWA District Meeting will have updates from IDEM. There should be information pertaining to Lebanon's LEAP project. Dan attended a meeting of concerned citizens in September. There was a lot of information but more is needed. He will attend the "We The People Indiana Revival" town hall-style meeting at the Lafayette National Guard Armory on October 19.

The old water tower #2 is scheduled to come down on Tuesday October 24.

Financial Clerk

Motion by Joe Kline to approve the register of claims September 21 to October 18. Second of Rick Oliver, motion carried with 6 Aye, one absent.

Joe Kline moved to adopt **Ordinance 23-19 Conservancy Budget for 2024**. Second of Andrea Agree, motion carried with 6 Aye, one absent.

Clerk Georgia Jones requested approval to have the asset management list reviewed for years 2020-2023. The cost would be shared with Town of Battle Ground, not to exceed \$1667.00. The consultant is Peterson Consulting Services, Inc.

Motion to approve expenditure for capital assets management was made by Rick Oliver with second of Ron Holladay. Motion carried with 6 Aye, one absent.

Old Business

District Plan - The required mailing for public notice of the November 2 court date for the district plan was accomplished and provided to the attorney. Carol and Dan will continue to work on the new draft of the District Plan document. It was recommended that information be provided on the website.

Employee Handbook – A revision to the handbook was distributed for review and comment. The final form will be in effect by January 1, 2024. Andrea Agree suggested the changes be reviewed by an attorney or HR professional.

Fence repair – The customer at 2461 Musket Way reported damage to a wood fence sustained during tree/limb removal at Tower 2. Dan intends to make repairs to the boards that were involved.


New Business

The 2024 Annual meeting will be January 17 at the Tippecanoe Township Fire Station #1 on North Street in Battle Ground. A notice of meeting and elections was published as required, and paper notices will be sent the last week of October.

Guest Comment

Carly Sheets attended this meeting to share her knowledge of the LEAP Water Pipeline Project, intended to supply 1 million gallons of water per day to a location north of Lebanon, Indiana. The project was well underway before the public in this area knew of the potential risk to the potable water supply we all depend upon. The Teays Aquifer runs under Tippecanoe County and adjacent areas and is part of the Wabash Valley watershed. The public is growing increasingly concerned that the proponents of the project have not considered the potential damage to the aquifer upstream and reduction of supply to properties downstream. Carly and other residents with property near test well sites report that the tests are not announced to residents or reported fully and fairly. She encouraged the board to become active in opposing the pumping of local water to this project 40 miles away.

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. by Rick Oliver with second of Joe Kline.



Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk



Carol Watson, Chairman of the Board

Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: October 18, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: Carol Watson, Andrea Agree, Philip Baer, Ron Holladay, Joe Kline, Rick Oliver

Member Present Virtually on screen: none

Member Present by Telephone: none

Also Present in Person: Dan Gemmecke, Georgia Jones

Guest Present in Person: Carly Sheets, Steve Hahn, Mary Jo Totten

Guest Present virtually: none

Electronic Means of Communication Used For Members and Public: Zoom.us

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Georgia Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk