

BATTLE GROUND
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING

November 15, 2023

Attendance: Chairman Carol Watson, Vice Chairman David Bisher, Ron Holladay, Joe Kline, Rick Oliver. Andrea Agree and Philip Baer did not attend.

Also present: Dan Gemmecke (Superintendent), Georgia Jones (Financial Clerk).

Guests: Bill Jones (virtual)

Chairman

Carol Watson mentioned that the next community meeting about the LEAP pipeline is November 16 at the Armory. She commented on the recent Town Hall Newsletter and appreciated the mix of information for the town and the conservancy.

Minutes

Joe Kline moved to accept the minutes of October 18. Second of Ron Holladay, motion carried with 4 Aye and one abstain. David Bisher did not attend that meeting and did not vote.

Customer Service

Service calls for October were reviewed.

There were five usage/billing related, one water quality and two miscellaneous calls. Of the eight total, five are still in process and have not been closed out. Two of the calls were from Woods Edge, and these had to be referred to park management.

Water Superintendent Report

Dan Gemmecke reported working on chemical equipment, meter installations, and items from IDEM's sanitary survey list of suggested repairs. The lower system was flushed. Old Tower 2 was taken down. The foundation pad and electrical conduit for the generator at wellhouse #3 was placed. The automatic transfer switch (ATS) unit for wellhouses 1 and 2 was shipped and expected to arrive soon.

Financial Clerk

Motion by Joe Kline to approve the register of claims October 19 to November 15 in the amount \$70,710.46 and the October 31 escrow transfer of \$85,597.10 Second of Rick Oliver, motion carried with unanimous vote.

David Bisher moved to increase the utility clerk hourly wage effective December 31, 2023 to \$16.00 per hour. Second of Ron Holladay, motion carried with unanimous vote.

Carol Watson reviewed the salary ordinance for 2024. The federal holiday for Juneteenth was added.

Joe Kline moved to adopt Ordinance 23-20 Salaries 2024, with second of David Bisher. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Old Business

District Plan – The court hearing on November 2 was attended by Carol Watson and Dan Gemmecke. There has been a positive response from Indiana Department of Natural Resources on the ensuing phase of the process. There will be one more court date to complete the requests. Dan is working on the new District Plan document, which will be required after all approvals are secured.

HR Handbook – Revisions to the handbook for 2024 were reviewed. This was deferred to December pending review by an ad hoc committee comprised of Rick Oliver, Joe Kline, Ron Holladay and Dan Gemmecke. The committee will make a recommendation for PTO accrual and/or sick days going forward.

New Business

The Directors expressed a desire to go on record opposing the LEAP district plan to divert water from Tippecanoe County aquifers to an industrial park in Boone County. Joe Kline moved to adopt Resolution 23-39 A Resolution Opposing Construction of a Pipeline to Divert Water From Wabash and Teays River Aquifers to the LEAP Innovation District. Second of Rick Oliver. The Tippecanoe County Commissioners will approve a moratorium on pumping over 5 million gallons of water per day out of the county, to allow adequate time for studies to reveal how pumping more water might affect planned growth in this part of the state. Call for the question, motion carried with unanimous vote.

Guest Comment

Bill Jones asked if the directors would want to go on record supporting the moratorium.

Ron Holladay moved to endorse the County Commissioners' ordinance to restrict the amount of water transferred to other communities. Second of Joe Kline, motion carried with unanimous vote. This ordinance will have final reading and passage on November 20, 2023.

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 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: November 15, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: Chairman Carol Watson, Vice Chairman David Bisher, 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:

Guest Present virtually: Bill Jones

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

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Georgia Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk