

BATTLE GROUND
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING

December 18, 2024

Attendance: Chairman David Bisher, Vice Chairman Ron Holladay, Philip Baer, Joe Kline, Carol Watson
Also present: Dan Gemmecke, Georgia Jones, Kevin Denny
Rick Oliver did not attend.

Guest: Edward Mroosian, Jim Miller, Brad Chesterman

David Bisher called to order at 6:00 p.m. There was an addition to the agenda for discussion of insurance options. Brad Chesterman provided assistance reviewing a claim for recent motor equipment failure. The claim is potentially reimbursing \$30,626 for damage. Brad is interested in quoting the 2025-26 package for the Conservancy and Town later in the spring. Phil Baer moved to pick up Walker-Hughes agency with Brad as the agent. Second of Carol Watson, motion carried with unanimous vote.

Minutes

Carol Watson **moved** to approve the meeting minutes of November 20, with second of Ron Holladay. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Customer Service

Joe Kline reported three customer service entries for the month of November, and they are closed at this time: two usage/billing concerns from North CR 600N and River Bluff. There was one shutoff request.

Water Superintendent Report

Dan Gemmecke advised the board of ongoing projects with chemical equipment and the Lead / Copper Rule. A recent insurance claim required photos of the damage, and these were provided.

The project to replace all old meters by Dec 31 has only seven more addresses to update. Dan may call on the town deputies to help obtain work approval from customers who have not yet responded.

A request to waive a late fee was considered, but not approved.

Dan and Kevin attended the White County Commissioners meeting to voice concern over the environmental impact of a proposed electric storage battery “farm” that is pending in that county. As of this week, it has not been approved.

Financial Clerk

Joe Kline **moved** to approve the register of claims \$114,480.47 and utility escrow transfer \$73,122.77. Second of Ron Holladay, motion carried with unanimous vote.

Joe Kline **moved** to approve year end transfers between categories and transfer out to Capital Reserve. Second of Ron Holladay, motion carried with unanimous vote.

Phil Baer **moved** to accept the write off of uncollectable debt, total \$147.53. Second of Carol Watson, motion carried with unanimous vote.

The financial clerk advised the board of potential changes in office hours and clerk job descriptions, since only one current part time clerk will be returning for 2025. Dan and the HR Committee will look at options prior to the January 15 meeting.

Old Business

Conservancy District Plan –The court date was advertised for January 13 at 10:00 AM. This is the last step in approval of the revised plan.

Town Hall – no update available.

Utility bill non-payment and shutoff policy statement – Dan is revising the draft, tabled to January 15.

New Business

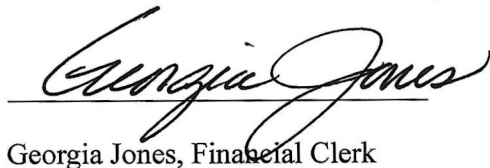
Annual Meeting Agenda – Rick Oliver is the only nominee for the open director chair, and an election will not be necessary. He will be confirmed by acclamation. A script of the meeting proceeding will be available prior to the 15th. It was mentioned that a discussion of projects completed as well as anticipated would be good to share with members.

Guest Comment

Edward Mroosian said this is the twelfth meeting he has attended this year. He is interested in the activity of the board and would be able to run for the open seat after the updated District Plan is recorded.

David Bisher commented that he has stepped down as Tippecanoe Township Volunteer Fire Chief and Cody Roby has been elected to that role for the department.

Phil Baer **moved** to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. with second of Joe Kline.



Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk



David Bisher, Chairman of the Board

Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: December 18, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: David Bisher, Ron Holladay, Philip Baer, Joe Kline, Carol Watson

Member Present Virtually on screen: none

Member Present by Telephone: none

Also Present in Person: Dan Gemmecke, Georgia Jones, Kevin Denny

Guest Present in Person: Edward Mroosian, Brad Chesterman

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