## **BATTLE GROUND**

## CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING

# **April 16, 2025**

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

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

Guest: Edward Mroosian

Carol Watson called to order at 6:00 p.m. There were no changes to the agenda.

#### **Chairman Comments**

Carol is chairing the meeting in Ron's absence and expressed sympathy and concern for Ron and Becky Holladay as they grieve the loss of their son.

Interviews for the intern position were held and an offer will be made soon.

#### **Minutes**

Minutes of February 19 and March 19 were considered. Rick Oliver moved to approve both documents, with second of David Bisher. Motion carried with 4 Aye.

#### Customer Service

Joe Kline reported four customer service calls for the month of March 2025.

- 1 usage/billing ...... South CR 600N District
- 2 leak investigations..... Historic District and South CR 600N District
- 1 meter question...... South CR 600N District

The superintendent determined all were closed as of April 16, 2025.

## Water Superintendent Report

EPA is looking at PFAS again and there will be updates at the April conference. Locates are increasing due to warm weather and outdoor projects.

The vac trailer was picked up and now stored inside the water barn. It will have a trailer plate and be added to insurance specified equipment list.

Dan will work on the CCR and the spring flushing schedule. Dates for spring flushing will be May 5-9 for the lower system and the upper system is May 12 -16. This will be done during the day.

The committee interviewed three excellent prospects for the new position. Dan plans to have the trainee on for summer work.

#### Financial Clerk

After review of the registers of claims, Rick Oliver **moved** to approve expenses March 20 to April 16 \$99,597.96 and the March utility escrow transfer of \$83,950.99. Second of Phil Baer, motion carried with unanimous vote.

The board considered the water rate update for new conservancy member parcels. The conservancy tax is payable the year after it is assessed. The board has unanimous agreement that the rate would change January 1 of the year the taxes become payable.

#### **Old Business**

Utility bill non-payment and shutoff policy statement – The written policy was distributed and considered, and will be discussed again at the May meeting.

Director nomination – A nomination form was received from Timothy Schooler, a resident of the district area north of CR 600N. Dan, Carol and David will meet with him prior to the May meeting.

#### **New Business**

The board approved a request to purchase a standing desk conversion for the utility clerk, not to exceed \$150.00.

#### **Guest Comment**

None received.

# Adjourn

Rick Oliver moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. with second of David Bisher.

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk

Carol Watson, Vice Chairman of the Board

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# Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: April 16, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: David Bisher, Philip Baer, Rick Oliver, Carol Watson

Member Present Virtually on screen:

none

Member Present by Telephone:

none

Also Present in Person:

Dan Gemmecke, Kevin Denny, Georgia Jones

Guest Present in Person:

**Edward Mroosian** 

Guest Present virtually:

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

Attest:

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk