

**BATTLE GROUND**  
**CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING**

**April 19, 2023**

Attendance: Chairman Carol Watson, Vice Chairman David Bisher, Philip Baer, Ron Holladay, Joe Kline, Rick Oliver. Not present: Andrea Agree  
Also present: Dan Gemmecke (Superintendent), Georgia Jones (Financial Clerk).  
Guests: Holli Hunter, Aaron Shonk, Bill Jones, James Miller (virtual)

**Public Hearing Ordinance 23-17**

At 6:00 p.m. Carol Watson opened a public hearing to receive comments on proposed Ordinance 23-17 Rates and Charges, which has been discussed for several months and was considered at the February 22, 2023 meeting of the Board.

“This hearing is to introduce Ordinance #23-17 Rates and Charges and to hear public comment on this proposed ordinance. This is an opportunity for Conservancy freeholders to express their comments for up to three (3) minutes. The Conservancy Board will not be making any comments or answering any questions during this hearing. If there are any questions, they may be written down and submitted.

“There were letters dated 2/28/23 sent to the highest volume water commercial accounts on March 3, 2023. This public hearing and the proposed ordinance was advertised in the Journal & Courier on March 29, 2023 and April 8, 2023 both paper and on their website. Notices were posted at the Post Office and Town Hall of this public hearing on April 10, 2023. Information about this public hearing was included with the Aril Utilities bill on March 25, 2023 both digitally and mailed statements. On the Conservancy website there has been information on the April 19 public hearing, the proposed ordinance and examples of the proposed changes. ( last updated April 3, 2023). We are now ready for comments.”

The virtual guest had no comment. Holli Hunter and Aaron Shonk attended the hearing however their reason for attending was water quality, which was discussed after the hearing.

After hearing no public comments on the proposed rate adjustments, Ron Holladay moved to close the hearing. Second of Joe Kline, motion carried with unanimous vote, 5 Aye with two absent. David Bisher arrived after this vote.

**April Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order, there were no changes to the agenda.

**Guest Comment**

The board heard comments from Holli Hunter and Aaron Shonk about their experience with water quality at 2410 Solano Court. They asked what could be done to resolve the discoloration in the water. Dan Gemmecke has been to the residence in the past to flush the hot water heater but this has not proved to be a long-term solution. Dan asked Holli to set up a time he could come by to take a water sample and make a plan for what could be done next. Holli and Aaron left the meeting at about 6:30 p.m.

**Minutes**

Joe Kline moved to accept the minutes of March 13, with second of David Bisher. Motion carried with unanimous vote, 6 Aye with one absent.

### **Customer Service Committee**

Joe Kline reported on service call log entries for March:

4 billing/usage reports, all have been closed

1 in River Bluffs, 2 in Historic District, 1 in South of CR 600N district

1 water quality issue in the North of CR 600N district. It is closed

1 shutoff request in the Historic district that is closed

### **Water Superintendent Report**

Dan Gemmecke reported the meter was replaced at Wells 1 and 2. A list of repairs identified in an IDEM report is in process. One item is to place a storage building for repair parts inventory.

A quote to repave Main St from Railroad Street to Jefferson was requested, yet to be received.

The check valve on well #3 failed and was replaced by Peerless-Midwest.

Spring hydrant flushing is scheduled for April 23 in Historic BG and May 8 in subdivisions on CR 600N.

### **Financial Clerk**

Joe Kline moved to approve the Register of Claims March 14 – April 19 with second of Rick Oliver.

Motion carried with 6 Aye. The Workers Compensation insurance is set to renew with Selective Insurance for 2023-2024.

### **Old Business**

#### Rate Committee

Carol Watson read Ordinance 23-17 for the record. An error on the first page will be corrected, the first reading date should be listed as April 19. Joe Kline moved to accept the ordinance as corrected on first reading. Second of Ron Holladay, motion carried with 6 Aye, one absent.

#### District Plan

The draft resolution is in final review with the attorney, hopefully to be ready for May adoption.

### **New Business**

Carol Watson announced that Dan Gemmecke received the “Iron Man” award from the American Water Works Association at their annual conference in Indianapolis. The honor is given to a water operator who has demonstrated perseverance and dedication to their work while facing great personal challenges.

### **Guest Comment**

Dan Gemmecke requested a brief discussion after the regular meeting for personal matters related to an employee. No other topics were discussed.

### **Adjourn**

Ron Holladay moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. with second of Rick Oliver.



Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk

*AS Amended*





Carol Watson, Chairman of the Board

## Addendum to Minutes, April 19, 2023

At the May 17 meeting of the Board of Directors, an amendment was made to the April 19 minutes in the report of public hearing for Ordinance #23-17 Rates and Charges.

The original statement "This public hearing and the proposed ordinance was advertised in the Journal & Courier on March 29, 2023 and April 8, 2023 both paper and on their website" was amended.

The actual dates of publication were March 30, and April 6, 2023.

  
Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk  
Carol Watson, Chairman of the Board

## Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: April 19, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: Carol Watson, Phil Baer, David Bisher, Ron Holladay, Joe Kline, Rick Oliver

Member Present Virtually on screen: none

Member Present by Telephone: none

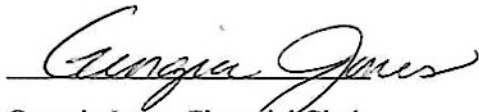
Also Present in Person: Dan Gemmecke, Georgia Jones

Guest Present in Person: Bill Jones

Guest Present virtually: James Miller

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

Attest:

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

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk