

BATTLE GROUND
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING

September 20, 2023

Attendance: Chairman Carol Watson, Vice Chairman David Bisher, Andrea Agree, Philip Baer, Ron Holladay, Joe Kline, Rick Oliver.

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

Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024 Budget

Chairman Carol Watson opened a public hearing on the 2024 budget. The budget committee had previously presented the appropriations and revenue estimates for review, and those amounts were advertised on Gateway as required by the Department of Local Government Finance. The total budget, in the amount \$973,733.00, includes \$196,900.00 estimated property tax collections in addition to sales and services, sales tax collection and miscellaneous revenue. The appropriations may be re-allocated within a category, but the total budget may not be increased at this time.

The advertised date for budget adoption is October 17.

Hearing no other discussion on the budget, a motion to close the hearing was made by Joe Kline with second of Rick Oliver. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

Minutes

Rick Oliver moved to approve the minutes of August 17 as presented, with second of Ron Holladay. The motion passed with unanimous vote.

Customer Service

Joe Kline reviewed 24 customer service work orders for August:

Water quality (14)	Ten in North CR 600N District, three South CR 600N District, one in Historic District
Leak-related (3)	Two in Historic District, and one in North CR 600N District
Water pressure (2)	One in Historic District, one North CR 600N District
Usage related (1)	North CR 600N District
Billing related (1)	Historic District
Irrigation (1)	River Bluffs District
Miscellaneous (1)	North CR 600N District

As of September 14, 2023 nine work orders have not been resolved.

Water Superintendent Report

Dan Gemmecke reported the supplier for the ATC circuit board has not responded to his request for order. The company is Canadian and he has also located a USA company that would supply a substitute albeit more costly unit. The board is critical to monitoring and safely starting the backup generator during power outage. Joe Kline moved to approve a total expenditure up to \$8,000 for the purchase and installation of the appropriate circuit board. Second of David Bisher, motion carried with unanimous vote.

The recent test excavations for lead and copper abatement indicate a schedule of 12 replacements per day, at \$2400 per day. The asphalt replacement is still not determined. The first estimate was very expensive and Dan is looking for alternatives, including purchasing a plate compactor for local force replacement.

Financial Clerk

Joe Kline moved to approve the register of claims for August 17 – September 20, 2023 in the amount \$58,691.64 and the Utility Escrow Transfer of \$77,456.83 with second of Ron Holladay. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

The 2024 salary ordinance and employee handbook updates will be provided for review at the October meeting. Annual meeting and director elections were discussed. There is one chair in the Historic area and one chair in the Hawk's Nest and Commercial Areas that will be advertised starting September 28.

Old Business

District Plan – The following notice has been advertised in the Journal & Courier and will be mailed to all freeholders and customers of the Conservancy District.

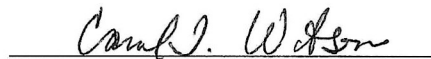
The Battle Ground Conservancy District ("BGCD"), by and through its Board of Directors, filed a petition with the Tippecanoe Circuit Court, Cause No. 79C01-2308-MI-000168, to Add Area to the BGCD and for Order to Amend District Plan (the "Petition"). The purpose of the BGCD is to provide water supply, including treatment and distribution, for domestic, industrial, and public use. The proposed additions to the BGCD lie, in whole or in part, within the Town of Battle Ground, and Tippecanoe Township, Tippecanoe County. A public hearing on the Petition is scheduled for November 2, 2023 at 8:30 AM at the Tippecanoe Circuit Court, located at 301 Main Street Lafayette, IN 47901.

The court hearing will send the petition to Indiana Department of Natural Resources, which will then respond with approval. Dan Gemmecke is updating the District Plan document, which will need to be substantially complete by the time the IDNR issues its approval of the contents of the petition. The 2023 "plan" document will contain all the court documents, IDNR correspondence and freeholder petitions from this update.

Motion to adjourn at 6:58 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: September 20, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: Carol Watson, Phil Baer, David Bisher, Andrea Agree, 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: none

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

Attest:

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

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk