# BATTLE GROUND WATER CONSERVANCY

## ANNUAL MEETING

## January 17, 2018

Directors present: Andrea Agree, Ron Holladay, Kerry Smith, Shauna Summers and Carol Watson.
Also present: Dan Gemmecke (Superintendent), Georgia Jones (Financial Clerk).
Pam Gramelspacher and Steve Hancook did not attend.

Conservancy freeholder in attendance: Steve Egly

**Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Battle Ground Conservancy was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ron Holladay. This meeting was advertised in two newspapers, on the website and at the local USPS office.

The financial report for 2017 was distributed and discussed. Total revenue from water sales is $42,375 higher than projected, possibly due to new accounts in Shawnee Ridge and River Bluffs. The number of tap permits was high in 2016 and those accounts became active in 2017. Total dollars of revenue from property taxes is $30,790 lower than in 2016. This reduction in the budget request met the objective of the Conservancy Board, to set a water rate that meets operational needs and rely on property taxes for capital projects.

**Election of Directors**
Nominations for four directors were advertised in November 2016. The terms are set so that in the future there will be no more than two director elections each year.

Four nominations were received and verified. A ballot was distributed to eligible voting members present. After counting the ballots these directors were confirmed for the term listed:

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| Steve Hancook.....2022 | Kerry Smith.....2021 |
| Ron Holladay.....2022 | Shauna Summers....2020 |

**Election of 2018 Officers**
**Motion** by Kerry Smith to elect Ron Holladay chairman. Second of Andrea Agree, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

**Motion** by Kerry Smith to elect Carol Watson vice chairman. Second of Ron Holladay, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

**Business Meeting**

At 6:18 p.m. Chairman Ron Holladay opened the Conservancy's January business meeting.
Minutes of the December 20, 2017 meeting were reviewed. **Motion** by Kerry Smith to approve the minutes with one correction, adding the name of guest Kevin Guinn. Second of Andrea Agree, motion carried. 5 Aye 0 Nay.

**Motion** by Andrea Agree to approve the register of claims December 21 to January 17. Second of Kerry Smith, motion carried. 5 Aye 0 Nay.

Guest Steve Egly commented about a possible transient lodging operation in Shawnee Ridge. County ordinance prohibits this type of business in a residential subdivision without proper approvals.

**Water Superintendent**
Dan Gemmecke obtained four quotes for a new service truck. The best price is from Fletcher Dodge in Franklin, Indiana. A purchase order was created, to encumber 2017 appropriations for the truck, tool box, radio and safety lights.

Dan met with Greg Martz and Butler Fairman Seufert to discuss moving ahead with a feasibility study for the replacement tower. A statement about ground tanks should be available by the end of January.

During recent record-setting cold weather there was a broken main at 208 Sherman Street, the third break this season on that line. A service line under the renovated North Street was frozen and a few homeowners experienced frozen meters for various reasons. Dan also replaced a hydrant that failed during use by the volunteer fire department.

The Consumer Confidence Report will be ready early this year, for mailing and posting on the web site.

**Financial Clerk**
Outstanding checks over 2 years old may be cancelled and removed from bank reconciliation. Four deposit refund checks have not been cashed.

| Date | Warrant | Name | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| 01/01/2013 | 12934 | Blankman | $20.00 |
| 12/31/2014 | 13303 | Underwood | .54 |
| 02/12/2015 | 13738 | William Parkhurst | .98 |
| 11/10/2015 | 13984 | Kaitlin Fitzmaurice | 9.43 |
| | | Total | **$ 30.95** |

Motion by Carol Watson to return the funds to the fund on which they were originally drawn. Second of Shauna Summers, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay.

**Old Business - none**

**New Business**

Kerry Smith took the opportunity to compliment Ron Holladay and Steve Egly for the town's attention to clearing streets during the recent snow events,

**Motion** to adjourn by Kerry Smith, second of Carol Watson, 6:40 p.m.

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk

Ron Holladay, Chairman of the Board