

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

**March 20, 2024**

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

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

Guests: Jeff Findlay, Bob Fox, Edward Mroozian

**Guest Comment**

Jeff Findlay provided information pertaining to the LEAP project. There was discussion about the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and potential impact on local water supply. He also shared his position and opinions with regard to candidacy for county government office.

**Minutes**

Rick Oliver **moved to approve the minutes of February 21**, with second of Carol Watson. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

**Chairman**

David Bisher complimented the individuals involved on the response to a recent water main break on Flintlock Drive.

**Customer Service**

Joe Kline presented the statistics for February.

Leak/usage related.....	4 Historic District, 1 North CR 600N District
Water quality .....	1 Historic District, South CR 600N District, 1 North CR 600N District
Billing question .....	1 Historic District
Misc.....	1 North CR 600N District
Meter reading .....	district not recorded

**Water Superintendent Report**

In addition to normal business activities, work continues on the IDEM sanitary survey items. Services were flushed as needed for water quality, and the District Plan was moved forward during conversations with Department of Natural Resources. A letter of approval will be forthcoming.

The wellhouse #3 generator was installed and has been tested for power outage. It is online now.

A broken water main on Flintlock caused loss of water pressure in the upper system. A boil water advisory was issued and the sample came back good to lift the advisory by Saturday morning.

A water sample station was installed at Woods Edge to verify water quality going into the Woods Edge service lines.

## **Financial Clerk**

Phil Baer **moved to approve the two registers of claims**, January 18 – February 21, for \$151,243.23 and February 22 – March 20, for \$82,680.35. Second of Ron Holladay, motion carried with unanimous vote.

Carol Watson **moved to approve the utility escrow transfer** for January and February, total amount \$160,276.72. Second of Joe Kline and motion carried with unanimous vote.

The financial clerk reported two accounts that will collect old debt from the state income tax offset program.

The Board considered a request to extend the payback period on a promissory note for water debt incurred for a leak. The Town Council has allowed an exception to the sewer credit policy to waive the sewer fees for the leak which happened to involve parts of two billing periods. After review, there was agreement to stay with current policy which allows 6 months to pay down the debt.

Recently the web host for town and conservancy web sites changed from Wintek to State of Indiana, as a requirement by the state. There was an ensuing problem accessing both sites until the town hall router was modified for the new host. This situation caused a slight delay in posting the boil advisory alert. Both web site's support teams responded to get the information posted timely for the community.

There is a webinar for utility billing that board members may attend on April 16 at town hall, 2:00 PM for about an hour.


## **Old Business**

District Plan – After DNR provides a letter of approval, the process goes back to the court to finalize.

## **New Business**

Town web presence – The town council is investigating an idea to consolidate internet sites for multiple local units. After discussion the Board expressed a desire to remain independent due to the specialized information for a water utility and ease of access to post ALERT messages. There was agreement that information about the town utilities (waste and storm water) could be included or linked to offer greater convenience for residents.

Joe Kline **moved** to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. with second of Rick Oliver.

  
Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk  
David Bisher, Chairman of the Board

## Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: March 20, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

Member Present Virtually on screen:

Member Present by Telephone:

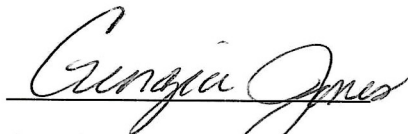
Also Present in Person: Dan Gemmecke, Georgia Jones

Guest Present in Person: Edward Mroosian, Bob Fox, Jeff Findlay

Guest Present virtually:

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

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Georgia Jones", written over a horizontal line.

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk