

**BATTLE GROUND**  
**CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING**  
**November 19, 2025**

Attendance: Chairman Ron Holladay, Vice Chairman Carol Watson, Philip Baer, Joe Kline, Rick Oliver, Tim Schooler.

David Bisher was absent.

Also present: Georgia Jones (Financial Clerk)

Guest: Edward Mroosian

Ron Holladay called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Budget Adoption**

The ordinance to adopt the advertised budget for 2026 was reviewed. Rick Oliver moved to adopt Ordinance 25-24, with second of Tim Schooler. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

**Minutes**

The minutes of October 16 were reviewed. Rick Oliver moved to approve the minutes, with second of Tim Schooler. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

**Chairman Comments**

Ron Holladay said the board is heading in the right direction with customer service improvements, and he is looking forward to continuing the efforts.

**Customer Service**

There were 4 customer service reports for the month of October 2025.

1 billing	Historic District
2 water quality	North CR 600N District and South CR 600N District
1 usage	North CR 600N District

Two reports are open as of November 17,

**Water Superintendent Report**

The department is still busy with the Lead / Copper Rule. Dan provided a quote for the work from Atlas Construction Company as an idea of what the costs will be. The Woods Edge water meter was replaced, also some residential meters. Rob Brankle is doing locates and locating system assets by GPS

The new valves required for the Hawks Nest lift station replacement were inserted and the line was lowered Thursday and Friday. It was back in service Friday evening.

Quotes were requested for 6 replacement truck tires for the Ram trucks, LTY265/70R17 Transforce HT. There were responses from three local companies and Mr. & Mrs. Tire was selected.

Firestone	\$1,711.91
Pomps Tire	\$1,344.00
Mr. & Mrs. Tire	\$1,285.86

Quotes were received from three companies for two booster pumps at the water barn including piping replacement. The company with the low quote was also asked to price a total of three pumps.

Booster Building Pump Supplier		Quote
Peerless - Midwest		\$137,170.00
Ortman		\$129,806.00
National Water Services (NWS)		\$80,918.92
NWS quote for all 3 pumps to be installed		\$124,985.75

Quotes will also be requested for test wells for water quality, to prepare for a future new well. The well would replace/upgrade the Tower 2 installation and be ready for new construction west of State Road 43.

The department will also seek quotes for a water main to cross SR43 from State Police to McDonalds. This will complete the loop feed and support the capacity needed on the west side of State Road 43.

Both of the system improvements are necessary to comply with the contract the Conservancy signed with the owner of the property being developed.

QuikTrip intends to break ground in February. Plans for road improvements on Northgate and State Road 43, including a new signal and crosswalk, are available. There have been inquiries from additional developers however none are certain at this time.

The job description for an Assistant Operator opening was posted this week with the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water and also on the online job search application called INDEED.

#### **Financial Clerk**

Carol Watson moved to approve the Register of Claims October 16 to November 19 in the amount \$67,989.18 and the October utility escrow transfer \$84,039.87. Second of Joe Kline, motion carried with unanimous vote.

The 2026 budget was approved by the Department of Local Government Finance, with a final tax rate of \$.115. A copy of the current rate ordinance was distributed for directors to review fees and charges, and become familiar with the rate structure. Alternative rate structures may be recommended for the new ordinance in 2026.

Salaries for 2026 were reviewed. Joe Kline moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-25 Annual Salaries for 2026, with second of Tim Schooler. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Kevin Denny has submitted his resignation for October 31. Phil Baer moved to approve the payout of PTO accrued (211.93 hours), with second of Joe Kline. Motion carried with unanimous vote. Carol Watson requested Tim Schooler to help review the employment polices to see if adjustments to Vacation PTO or implementing Sick Leave are desired for next year.

### **Old Business**

Collection Policy - Rick Oliver provided a process outline for administering and collecting fees and fines for damages or tampering. This addresses property owners as well as contractors. The steps are meant to follow through with debt collection while avoiding legal action. This will involve a standing committee for collections, comprised of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The process recommendation is generally accepted by the board. Georgia Jones requested a meeting of this committee to address a current issue.

Position Posting - The HR Committee recommends posting the position of Assistant Water Operator. Dan Gemmeke will supply the job description and requirements.

INWarn – the option to join the INWarn organization is generally acceptable to the directors. Dan Gemmeke is working on this. Rick Oliver would like to see more information about the membership before approving the expense.

### **New Business**

Annual Meeting – The 2026 meeting date was advertised in the Journal & Courier, is posted locally and director nomination forms were provided to all Directors. Ron Holladay and David Bisher are renewing this year. Nominations are due by December 12. If there is need for an election, all members will be sent a notice. A committee of three freeholders would be needed to count ballots.

Booster Building – Two booster pumps must be replaced and quotes were supplied by Peerless Midwest, Ortman, and National Water Services. Carol Watson reviewed the quotes with the Directors. Joe Kline verified that projects under \$150,000 do not require the bid process. The superintendent also requested quotes for a total of three pumps, with the understanding that if the total price was acceptable, it is prudent to modernize all three pump installations. The pumps are aged beyond the point where stock repair parts are available. Carol wants to approve the purchase now, due to the long lead time for manufacture and delivery. Phil Baer moved to approve the purchase of three pumps from National Water Service for \$124,985.75 with second of Rick Oliver. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Guest Comment: Edward Mroosian offered to serve on the ballot committee if needed.

**Joe Kline** moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. with second of Rick Oliver. Motion carried.



Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk



Ron Holladay, Chairman of the Board

## Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: November 19, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

Member Present Virtually on screen: none

Member Present by Telephone: none

Also Present in Person: Georgia Jones

Guest Present in Person: Edward Mroosian

Guest Present virtually:

Electronic Means of Communication Used : Zoom.us, Youtube.com

Attest:



Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk