

BATTLE GROUND
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING

February 19, 2025

Attendance: Chairman Ron Holladay, Philip Baer, David Bisher, Joe Kline.
Carol Watson and Rick Oliver did not attend.

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

Guest: Edward Mroosian

Ron Holladay called to order at 6:00 p.m. There were no changes to the agenda.

Minutes

Joe Kline moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 15 district annual meeting and board meeting, with second of David Bisher. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Chairman Comments

Ron Holladay expressed his desire to support development in Battle Ground, and to produce a good product.

Customer Service

Joe Kline reported ten customer calls in the month of January.

3 Usage/billing questions	North CR600, South CR600, and River Bluffs/Yellowknife
3 Miscellaneous	Historic, River Bluffs/Yellowknife, and South CR600
1 Irrigation	North CR600
1 Water Color	North CR600
1 Pressure	Historic District
1 Meter	South CR600

As of February 17, 2025 seven were listed as closed.

Water Superintendent Report

Dan Gemmecke said the department is working to install a larger tank for phosphate application, to provide more stability in the reading. They are still busy with lead and copper requirements and will be taking PFAS samples to the lab in Madison, Indiana.

New Neptune 360 software was used for the first time for February 14 meter reads with good success.

There were two main breaks in early February, on Prophet Street and Main Street. HoosierX provided excavation and repair assistance. Dan will contact two additional companies for cost quotes to have multiple options for emergency calls.

Security cameras have been installed in multiple locations for enhanced security. The cameras were donated by the Tippecanoe Township Trustee from excess inventory.

A local consumer filed a “dirty water” complaint with IDEM. There are two instances, and only one can be researched. The other was anonymous, which eliminates any meaningful follow-up or remedy.

Financial Clerk

Dave Bisher moved to approve the register of claims \$236,036.75 and Escrow transfer \$87,385.18. Second of Joe Kline, motion carried with unanimous vote.

The financial clerk requested a transfer of budget appropriations to cover a benefit cost that was added after the budget was created. David Bisher mover to transfer \$6,000 from code 384 Well and Tower Maintenance, to 136 Disability Insurance. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

Old Business

Conservancy District Plan – Dan Gemmecke reported the January 19 court hearing was successful and the updated Plan is officially approved.

Town Hall – there was no information from Town Council regarding this project.

Utility bill non-payment and shutoff policy statement – This policy is 75% complete, and Dan will meet with the clerk to work out the remaining sections.

The change in insurance agency was approved by the Conservancy, and will be brought to the town council at the March 10 meeting.

New Business

Director appointment – The director vacancy in North CR600 area was advertised prior to this February meeting. It will also be sent by direct mail to all freeholders in that area.

Ron Holladay asked the superintendent for clarification of water main and service line connection project needs on Main Street. The town has a 5-year plan to upgrade Main Street. There would be opportunity to share excavation costs if both units are prepared to act when road reconstruction funds are ready.

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. by Joe Kline with second of Phil Baer.


Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk


Ron Holladay, Chairman of the Board

Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: February 19, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Members Present in Person: David Bisher, Ron Holladay, Philip Baer, Joe Kline

Member Present Virtually on screen: none

Member Present by Telephone: none

Also Present in Person: Dan Gemmecke, Georgia Jones

Guest Present in Person: Edward Mroosian

Guest Present via Zoom:

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

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Georgia Jones", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and fluid.

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk