

BATTLE GROUND
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT MEETING

May 21, 2025

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

Also present: Superintendent Dan Gemmecke, Kevin Denny, Financial Clerk Georgia Jones

Guest: Edward Mroosian

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

Director Oath of Office

At the previous meeting, Tim Schooler was nominated to fill a vacancy on the Board. Carol Watson moved to appoint Mr. Schooler to the Board. Second of Phil Baer, motion carried with unanimous vote. The Director Oath of Office was given by Battle Ground Clerk-Treasurer Georgia Jones and documents were signed. Tim then participated in the meeting as a board member.

Chairman Comments

Ron Holladay

Minutes

Minutes of April 16 were considered. Rick Oliver moved to approve, with second of Carol Watson. Motion carried with 4 Aye. Joe Kline abstained from voting since he did not attend that meeting.

Customer Service

Joe Kline reported seven customer service calls for the month of April 2025

- 2 usage/billing, one each for North CR 600N and South CR 600N
- 2 water quality, one each in North CR 600N and River Bluffs/Yellow Knife area
- 2 meter questions, one each in South CR 600N and Historic
- 1 irrigation question, River Bluffs/Yellow Knife area

Three calls are marked as closed and four are not yet marked closed.

Water Superintendent Report

Dan reports working on chemical equipment, still busy with the Lead / Copper Rule, and locates are still increasing with warmer temperatures. They are completing maintenance on equipment for summer work.

The flushing of the lower system went well during the day time, however the upper system was changed to nighttime. This area had high daytime water use, which caused objectionable brown water in the upper system. The night flush was implemented to alleviate this.

Three dig sites from winter main repairs in streets are being scheduled for asphalt replacement.

The local restaurant “TC’s” paid for installation of a new commercial size meter. The meter at Woods Edge will be replaced. There was one meter in the May residential read that failed to transmit and will be changed out.

There is one fire hydrant on State Road 225 that needs repair.

The department selected a new employee from many applicants, who started May 12.

The pending contract for lease revenue to place their antennae on the CR 600N water tower is still waiting for a response from Tipmont.

Financial Clerk

After review of the registers of claims, Carol Watson **moved** to approve expenses March 20 to April 17 to May 21, in the amount \$51,996.82 and the April utility escrow transfer \$83,760.11. Second of Joe Kline, motion carried with unanimous vote.

Old Business

Utility bill non-payment and shutoff policy statement – Discussion of shut-off policy, and deferred to June meeting. An update to the water rate ordinance will be needed to implement new policy to use deposit to pay a delinquent account.

Phil Baer commented on hazard and liability insurance renewal, and the increase in total value to cover the current system components. Rick Oliver moved to change the deductible on hazard to \$5,000 with \$1,000 deductible on auto coverage. Second of Joe Kline. Motion carried with unanimous vote. Brad Chesterman will check the market quotes this year for 2026 renewal.

New Business

The Conservancy’s web site host Rural Water Impact contacted the clerk with information that PDF documents on the site are not compliant with ADA requirements for searchable format. The clerk and the Superintendent will need to obtain PDF handling software to supply the correct format for online publication.

Rick Oliver asked about the plans for new commercial construction on State Road 43. There is a developer requesting a variance from Tippecanoe Area Planning Commission for multiple hotels and a conference center. There will be a hearing to receive input. Another developer has asked the Town of Battle Ground for TIF area (Tax Increment Financing) revenue to help them complete their plans. The town will need the TIF revenue for a regional sewer project.


Georgia Jones saw a post on social media regarding water quality, and responded with the appropriate information directing the public to BGCD 2024 Consumer Confidence Report.

Guest Comment - None received.

Adjourn

Rick Oliver **moved** to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. with second of Joe Kline.


Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk


Ron Holladay, Chairman of the Board

Memorandum of Open-Door Law Compliance

Date: May 21, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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

Member Present via remote: none

Also Present in Person: Dan Gemmecke, Kevin Denny, Georgia Jones

Guest Present in Person: Edward Mroosian

Guest Present virtually:

Electronic Means of Communication Used For Members and Public:

Zoom.us and livestream to Youtube/@BattleGroundIndiana

Attest:

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

Georgia Jones, Financial Clerk