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Battle Ground Water Conservancy

The Plain Truth ...

ANONYMOUS ACCUSATIONS

“Fiscally irresponsible financing of \$1.3M water tower with 10% floating interest rate, costing an additional \$400,000+ in interest.”

THE TRUTH IS.....

The **current interest rate is 3.63%** and is for more than the tower (150,000 gallon tower, a new generator, new tower level and well controls, upgraded electrical systems, and old tower demolition).

Know the Facts document (on the BGCD website) transparently describes all options.

ANONYMOUS ACCUSATIONS

“Inappropriate election practices”

“Disregard for a plan to tear down the old water tower.”

THE TRUTH IS.....

Elections are held during the annual meeting per **Indiana Code 14-33-5-4.6** and are advertised by a legal ad in the paper, on signage, and on the website. All annual/monthly meetings are open and posted.

Build contract **includes demolition** as well as site recovery.

ANONYMOUS ACCUSATIONS

“Unnecessary and wasteful
Water Conservancy Board”

THE TRUTH IS.....

The salary expense for the BGCD board is less than \$9000 per year. It would be far more costly for the Town of Battle Ground to provide the same **level of knowledge and experience.**

The town has no employees with water expertise; even if the town hires a “Town Manager” it is unlikely that person would have the necessary certification and experience to meet IDEM requirements for a certified water operator.

ANONYMOUS ACCUSATIONS

“Lack of a master plan and associated rate study (built around the master plan).”

“Excessive rate and tax increases with no true plan or value add”

THE TRUTH IS.....

BGCD has a **five-year plan** and sets rates based on this plan. Rates are reviewed by **independent consultants**.

Only a portion of your monthly utility bill is for water. Utility rates increased five times in 10 years (four increases were from the Town Council for sewage and storm water and one was from BGCD in 2016). **BGCD water rate increases are only done after recommendation by an independent financial consulting company.**

ANONYMOUS ACCUSATIONS

“Inconsistent billing across neighborhoods”


THE TRUTH IS.....

Users within the district pay property tax and rates based on a common schedule. Users outside the district, such as Prophetstown State Park are charged 150% water rate to compensate.

Town Council prior action ...

On August 27, 2018, the Battle Ground Town Council passed resolution [18-92](#) to pay for legal expenses to investigate processes for forcing the dissolution of the BGCD. The cost to the Battle Ground constituency is estimated to be **\$25,000**—2.5 times the annual compensation of BGCD directors, a board which provides considerable collective expertise.

That amount used as a match for an INDOT Community Crossing Grant application could have purchased \$100,000 in road repairs around town.



The Battle Ground Conservancy Board remains committed to serving our Battle Ground constituents faithfully, effectively, and efficiently now and in the future. If you have any further concerns or questions, please call (765) 567-2603, reach out to a BGCD board member, or come join us at our monthly meeting.