

**MEETING MINUTES
LAWRENCEBURG CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON APRIL 20, 2023
AT 225 EAST EADS PARKWAY, LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA**

THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS WERE PRESENT:

Mike Noel, Chairman	Randy Tyler, Vice-Chairman
Jim Kittle	Dave Staab
Mike McCabe	Greg McAdams

THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS WERE ABSENT:

Dennis Richter

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT:

Paul Seymour, Superintendent
Chelsie Noel, Secretary
Jared Ewbank, Attorney

Administrative Issues

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Noel.

The Directors (and others) recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon the motion of Mike McCabe, seconded by Randy Tyler, the minutes of the March 16, 2023 regular meeting were approved with the correction of adding Jared Ewbank's absence.

Upon the motion of Jim Kittle, seconded by Mike McCabe, the claims and vouchers were approved.

Director, Jim Kittle, suggested that moving forward, the agenda should be approved at the start of each meeting, with any additions or revisions made at that time. Upon the motion of Mike McCabe, seconded by Jim Kittle, it was unanimously approved.

New Business

Accounting overview from Reedy Financial Group was reviewed and discussed.

Superintendent's Report – Lawrenceburg Levee

Superintendent Paul Seymour reported on various matters.

John Mundell gave an update on his projects. John met with JMT to weigh in on the Greendale levee ordinance and discussed merging efforts with the Lawrenceburg levee ordinance. However, it was ultimately decided to keep them separate. Mundell plans to share a draft of the ordinance with the LCD in May and then will review it with City officials.

Mundell shared that a recent letter from USACE stated that issues with MGPI drains will impact LCD's eligibility in Rehabilitation Program if not addressed by March 16, 2025. Mundell recommended pursuing a repair and would like to work with Hrezo Engineering on the project. Will proceed with drafting a proposal with costs.

Mundell shared a proposal for flow meters at pump stations 1 and 1A. Much discussion was had regarding whether this project needed to be bid out, with attorney, Jared Ewbank, ultimately determining that this is a highly technical and specialized project, thus not necessary to get multiple bids. Upon the motion of Jim Kittle, seconded by Dave Staab, the proposal for \$83,811.30 was approved by a vote of 5-1. Director Greg McAdams voted no, due to wanting to see more bids.

Mundell shared that the interior ponding area analysis is complete. Mundell will be coordinating a meeting with LCD and City of Lawrenceburg officials to share the analysis with them in May.

Mike Hrezo shared that the new sluice gate for pump station 3 is ahead of schedule and will ship out in mid-May. Drawings are with USACE and still awaiting approval.

Paul shared that he would like to re-list the John Deere tractor on the auction site for a reserve bid of \$35,000. Upon the motion of Jim Kittle, seconded by Randy Tyler, it was unanimously approved.

Paul shared that LCD is now a member of 811, so he will get alerts moving forward.

Paul will be attending a USACE/FEMA meeting in St. Louis on April 24-25.

Paul has one person secured for summer help. Still looking for two others.

LCD will be present at Lawrenceburg Community Picnic this weekend.

Paul shared three quotes from two companies for security cameras. He was unable to find a third bidder. Jim Kittle motioned to not move forward with security system installation due to lack of bidders. Randy Tyler seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Paul shared three quotes for a cleaning service for office building. He recommends His & Hers as they are available to clean any time of day, upon being asked. Upon the motion of Mike McCabe, seconded by Mike Noel, it was unanimously approved to hire His & Hers for cleaning once per month at a rate of \$115.

Jon Seymour with OXBOW was present. He requested that a plan be established for cleaning the culvert under the railroad tracks as needed. Much conversation was had. Upon the motion of Greg McAdams, seconded by Jim Kittle, it was unanimously agreed that Paul could check on the culvert once a year and have it cleaned as needed. Paul suggests using Howard Excavating. Ewbank reminded everyone that 2-3 bids will need to be secured. Seymour also requested an increase on LCD's yearly contribution from the current \$500 to \$1000. Upon the motion of Jim Kittle, seconded by Greg McAdams, the request was unanimously approved.

The poles by the rodeo arena have been successfully removed and filled by City of Lawrenceburg.

Jim Kittle reminded Paul to involve Ewbank if the City wants to move forward with tapping into the LCD's Tanners Creek USGS gauge.

Superintendent's Report – Greendale Levee

Superintendent Paul Seymour reported on various matters.

Andrew Birmingham from JMT shared an update on Greendale levee accreditation work. Work on the ordinance is ongoing. Attorney Ewbank mentioned that the City of Greendale Mayor would like to meet and review and asked for a comment period. Ewbank mentioned that the different cities and the county will be passing their own MS4 ordinances in the future and reminded the directors to be mindful of such. Meeting with the mayor will happen the first of May.

JMT would like to be proactive and approach FEMA soon to share the progress that has been made on the accreditation projects. John Mundell would like to discuss this further with JMT offline.

Paul shared three bids for the pump station 5 repair project. Two of those bidders did not want to do the repair, leaving Toric Engineering as the only bidder. Much conversation was had regarding another possibly interested bidder. It was decided that Paul would reach out to interested bidder and also would confirm with Toric that their bid still stands (as it was issued back in the fall).

Paul, Kittle, and Ewbank met with Reedy Financial Group to discuss a tax study for funding the Greendale levee repairs that will likely be needed for accreditation. Reedy drafted a proposal for board review. Upon the motion of Dave Staab, seconded by Randy Tyler, the proposal for \$30,000 was unanimously approved.

Community Athletic Park (CAP) Report

Jared Ewbank shared an indemnity waiver for all athletes utilizing the CAP fields to sign. Chelsie will send to each team who has reserved the fields. Discussion was had regarding putting up “at risk” signs around the park as well.

Ewbank will be meeting with Leasure soon to move forward with dissolving the CAP board.

Finance Committee Report

Jim Kittle shared his review of March reconciliation reports.

Kittle also shared a quarterly investment report.

Personnel Committee Report

Mike Noel shared that on 3/15, he met with representatives from the State Board of Accounts regarding a complaint that had been filed. Noel stated that in his follow up conversation with SBOA, he said that there is nothing that concerned him from the findings of his investigation and he will not be writing anything up. The SBOA does however want to see some improved accountability in a few areas moving forward. Based on this, Randy Tyler presented a truck policy. The policy has been shared with the union rep and any questions will be addressed prior to voting on the policy next month.

Additional Items

Full audio recording of this meeting can be accessed at [LCD Regular Meeting - 4.20.23 - AUDIO.m4a](#)

There being no further business, Chairman Mike Noel adjourned the meeting.

Approved by:



LCD Chairman, Mike Noel



LCD Vice-Chairman, Randy Tyler