

MEETING MINUTES
LAWRENCEBURG CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON February 20, 2025
AT 225 EAST EADS PARKWAY, LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA

THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS WERE PRESENT:

Jim Kittle, Chairman	Mike Noel
Dave Staab, Vice chairman	Tom Schneider
Randy Tyler	Andy Lyons
Greg McAdams	

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

Paul Seymour, Superintendent
Jared Ewbank, Attorney
Heather Shaut, Administrative Assistant

Administrative Issues

Kittle opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Ewbank called Roll.

Kittle asked for a motion to approve the January 16, 2025 minutes. Lyons motioned to approve the minutes and Staab seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Kittle asked for a motion to approve the January 21, 2025 Special meeting minutes. Staab motioned to approve the minutes and Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried with Lyons abstaining. Kittle asked for a motion to approve the January 23, 2025 Special meeting minutes. McAdams motioned to approve the minutes and Staab seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Kittle asked for a motion to approve the January 27, 2025 Special meeting minutes. Schneider motioned to approve the minutes and Kittle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kittle asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Rivertown Rumble football tournament and moving the JMT presentation up in the agenda. Staab motioned to approve the agenda and Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kittle called for a motion to pay the monthly claims and vouchers, indicating he plan to call Reedy regarding their most recent bill prior to paying. McAdams motioned to pay the monthly claims and vouchers with a hold on Reedy's payment until Kittle approves and Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Grant Project

Jennifer Ray, JMT, presented an update on the grant pursuit, noting the importance of forward action in a successful grant award due to the long lead time in grant pursuits and importance of the project to LCD and the community. She spoke regarding the receipt of a non-binding resolution from the City of Greendale council, noting a binding contract or a budget line item specifically identified as being for the grant match are preferred; however, the non-binding resolution with its qualifier having been met is also quite acceptable. The qualifier in this case being the interlocal agreement signed by all parties committing each to its part of the match. She noted a non-binding resolution is an opinion and, in this case, it shows support for the project. She said she would make herself available to meet with any local jurisdictions for further discussion. She also mentioned the importance of having the Hazard Mitigation Plan in place prior to submission of the grant application, especially due to the grant being requested is a Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant and it would also be needed for any potential state monies requested. Seymour indicated he and Hrezo had a meeting with Dearborn County Emergency Management, who indicated LCD and Greendale could be added to the current plan for a cost of \$25,000 or wait until next year. It was noted when the county's plan was adopted, Greendale opted out and LCD should have been included, but was overlooked. Seymour will discuss further with JMT and provide more information at the next regular meeting.

New Business

Three representatives from the Rivertown Rumble football tournament were present and expressed their appreciation for the use of the fields last year and requested to use them again Nov 15-16, 2025, noting they used fields all over the Tri-State area for 150 teams in the tournament and take care of marking fields and cleaning up. Seymour noted they took great care of the fields last year.

Seymour asked for approval to employ summer help again this year and the board agreed.

Unfinished Business

To address the USACE inspection comment regarding welds on the flood gates, Seymour requested approval to interview structural engineers with recommendations from Hrezo and Mundell. McAdams made the motion, seconded by Staab and the motion passed unanimously. Ewbank noted if two-thirds of the board agrees, there is no obligation to get bids for professional services.

Superintendent's report Lawrenceburg levee

Seymour noted they met with the City of Lawrenceburg as scheduled to discuss the Riverfront Project and a brief discussion of the grant pursuit.

Hrezo presented sample maps for the Hazard Mitigation Plan for inclusion in the binders and will get buy in from the county for determining the hazard levels. He updated that he had a preconstruction meeting for the concrete work and gave the notice to proceed. Work will begin when the weather breaks and river levels go down. He also reported the MGPI seepage Drain Project is ready to be turned in for review by USACE and we will be awaiting their comments.

Luke Johnstone, Mundell indicated the Short Street Pavilion, a single-story structure on aggregate piers in fill, is conditionally approved, pending the geotechnical plan. He also noted that pending any additional changes, there remains one open concern with the Riverfront Development Project and he presented several graphics as well as a 17-page letter to Moffatt & Nichol that he hopes thoroughly addresses the gangway design concerns to prevent additional back and forth communication. He indicated the USACE determined Moffatt & Nichol need to build a case for the design and why it won't cause levee failure, including why a design can't be made to meet the standard, the ways the designed to fail gangway could fail and the impact. M&N provided descriptions without meaningful analysis, didn't provide calculations or provided inaccurate calculations. It was indicated the design provided for the gangway to fail after the 100 year flood level, but before the top of levee, but the calculations by Mundell indicate the design would fail well before the 100 year flood level. It was noted the LCD has spent approximately \$75,000 with Mundell & Assoc to date for the review of the Riverfront Project. John Mundell noted the potential high cost of continuing the back and forth and performing the engineering work for Moffatt & Nichols and they will not certify the levee without the adequate case and calculations. Mundell indicated they can review M&N response to the letter to determine what their additional review costs might be prior to performing the review. Staab made a motion to cease the review work at \$75,000 and determine what, if any, additional review will be done based on the additional costs determined by Mundell and depending on the City's willingness to reimburse LCD for the already expended and potential costs. Lyons seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Seymour reported that the Section 408 webinar confirmed the LCD is asking the right questions.

Seymour shared new truck prices, noting truck prices were pretty much the same for equal vehicles, but Kelsey Chevrolet had the best trade-in price. Staab made a motion to purchase the truck from Kelsey, seconded by McAdams and the motion passed unanimously.

Seymour indicated he shared a bid scope of work for the arc flash hazard analysis with the Corps, with names and amounts redacted, to get their opinion if the scope adequately covers the comment in their inspection report. Seymour will provide bid prices for the work at the next regular meeting.

Superintendent's report Greendale levee

See update under Grant section

Secretary Report

Shaut noted due to the requirement to have board meetings available for live and recorded video in a few months, she will pick that project back up. Also, a fixed asset inventory will be performed in the next couple of months.

Finance Committee Report

Kittle noted the review of the reconciliations was signed off. Along with presenting the monthly management report, he noted it's early in the year, so little of the budget has been spent. It was agreed the Finance Committee will meet the following week to review rate bids to reinvest funds from matured CDs.

Attorney Report

Ewbank indicated the court order for Directors' salaries was received very soon after filing.

Ewbank presented Resolution 2025-5 to remove Katelyn Shafer from bank account access. Staab made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Noel and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no more business, Kittle adjourned the meeting.

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Jim Kittle, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JK', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.