

MEETING MINUTES
LAWRENCEBURG CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON November 21, 2024
AT 225 EAST EADS PARKWAY, LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA

THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS WERE PRESENT:

Jim Kittle, Chairman	Dennis Richter
Randy Tyler, Vice chairman	Tom Schneider
Dave Staab	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 October 17, 2024 minutes. Richter motioned to approve the minutes and Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kittle added to the agenda setting the annual meeting date and LCD vote in the election. Seymour asked to add a Greendale meeting update. Kittle asked for a motion to approve the agenda with those additions. Staab motioned to approve the agenda with the changes and McAdams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Following brief discussion of a couple of bills, Kittle called for a motion to pay the monthly claims and vouchers. Staab motioned to pay the monthly claims and vouchers and Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Claire Carlson, Greenspace Alliance, presented regarding a USDA grant for which they have applied to eliminate invasive plant species and plant out areas in the tristate, including Oxbow Nature Preserve, which abuts LCD owned land. Carlson asked the Board if LCD would want its land included in the project, if the grant was awarded in their favor and additional funds were found. The Board agreed to be included, understanding there would be no cost to LCD.

Unfinished Business

Matt O'Rourke, American Structurepoint, followed up with the Board as to whether there were any questions or items LCD needs from Structurepoint for the project to move forward. Luke Johnstone, Mundell Associates, indicated that project is their top focus and there are just a few lingering items to address. The expectation is they will have that turned around within 2 weeks. It was discussed that once Mundell is comfortable with the plans, then USACE will review. Once they accept the plans, and the maintenance agreement is finalized, the LCD Board will vote be able to vote on the project. Ewbank indicated there were minor changes the City of Lawrenceburg would like to be addressed be next week before the Corps reviews the maintenance agreement. O'Rourke also provided further explanation regarding maintaining the diverter as is, that without digging into the clay, which the Corps will not allow, the cost far exceeded the benefit.

Grant Project

Seymour updated regarding letters of support. To date, 12 personalized letters have been received from businesses and an additional 124 returned from other freeholders. He plans to revisit some businesses. Andrew Birmingham, JMT, reminded that letters of support could also be acquired at the public meeting in January.

Seymour also discussed a recent meeting with Vince Karsteter and Mike McLaughlin to address the need for a resolution for matching funds. The City of Greendale would like to have an executive session with LCD and Greendale's Council on Redevelopment in December.

Superintendent's report Lawrenceburg levee

Hrezo opened the bids for the concrete work, with bids as follows:

Knippenberg Concrete \$27,735. This was missing the bid form and Hrezo will discuss with Ewbank the implications.

Johanningman Excavating \$37,051.45

Complete Contractors \$26,455.02

Dave O'Meara Contractors \$59,000.00

Lyons made a motion to move forward with the lowest bid, pending Mike's review of the bids for completion. Schneider seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Hrezo updated that he was able to put eyes on the MPG seepage drain to better know how to proceed. He is preparing drawings for Mundell to review and assembling a packet to address all issues, which will be sent to USACE for their approval prior to bidding out. Regarding the evacuation plan, Hrezo and Seymour will meet in a couple weeks to go over drawings.

Seymour presented the report from the formal USACE inspection, noting he was generally pleased, but has requested a phone call with the Corps to address some questions.

Mundell presented a progress statement of costs to date for their review of the Riverfront Development Project, indicating \$34,086.75. Staab made a motion to continue with the final review cost not to exceed \$50,000. Lyons seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Monitoring and Ponding Analysis projects are awaiting review by John Mundell in December, and the Seepage Analysis in the first quarter

Personnel Committee Report

Kittle requested an executive session of the Board be scheduled in December to review personnel issues. The date was set at December 4, at Ewbank's offices.

Attorney Report

Kittle presented a request to raise election clerks' compensation to \$150. After brief discussion, McAdams made a motion to approve the increase in pay, seconded by Staab. The motion passed unanimously.

Ewbank updated regarding the election nominations, indicating 2 have submitted completed paperwork to date, those being Kittle and Mike Noel. Ewbank said once the nomination period closes, ballots will be printed and mailed in very short order.

Ewbank requested to set the annual meeting date for January 13, 2025, 6:00pm-8:00pm. Staab made a motion to set that date, seconded by Lyons and the motion passed unanimously. Ewbank also presented that the LCD Board has a right to vote in the election. After discussion of what has been done historically and what other local municipalities do, it was decided the LCD would not vote in the LCD Board election in January 2025. A roll call vote to abstain resulted in yeas from all except Richter, who voted nay.

There being no more business, Kittle adjourned the meeting.

Dec 19, 2024

Jim Kittle, Chairman

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of 2025, followed by O&M manual updates to include Scada. Mundell noted these are behind the initial timeline due to the additional work related to reviewing the Riverfront Development Project.

Mundell indicated the maintenance agreement was presented to the City of Lawrenceburg.

Superintendent's report Greendale levee

JMT updated on the Hoosier Stash, indicating they are close to completion, with changes to make the project compliant with the ordinance.

JMT discussed the public meeting planned in January, noting it will be from early afternoon into evening, to allow as many to come as possible. The date will be set in December, as well as a review of the various documents and plans for the meeting. A postcard mailer is being produced to be sent out in January to invite the public.

JMT has been working on making contact with Ashley Steeds, IN DHS, without success. Kittle and Seymour will reach out and possibly ask assistance from Representative Houchin's office and Senator Maxwell.

Mundell indicated the next phase of the grant pursuit project with them includes the cost-benefit analysis and the plans are to submit for the grant in a year. LCD commented approval for the next phase of the grant pursuit project is waiting for commitment from Greendale, before the LCD commits to paying for the next phase.

Community Athletic Park

The Lawrenceburg Greendale Soccer Club thanked the Board for the use of the fields and complimented the condition and maintenance of the fields. LCD received the check for \$600 for use of the fields for the Rumble Football tournament.

Secretary Report

Shaut said the new website is updated with most of the current documents, offered ideas for additional content and welcomed any other ideas for inclusion.

Finance Committee Report

Kittle reviewed the monthly financial report, noting the remaining budget is reasonable and the review of the reconciliations was signed off.

Kittle presented a 2025 engagement contract from Reedy, indicating he had expressed to them a desire to lower expenses from 2024. Staab made a motion to accept the agreement, seconded by McAdams. The motion passed unanimously.