

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**LAWRENCEBURG CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON April 17, 2025**  
**AT 225 EAST EADS PARKWAY, LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA**

THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS WERE PRESENT:

Jim Kittle, Chairman	Mike Noel – by phone
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, with all present, Noel by phone.

Kittle asked for a motion to approve the March 20, 2025 minutes. Tyler motioned to approve the minutes and Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried, with Staab abstaining.

Kittle asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Staab motioned to approve the agenda and McAdams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kittle called for a motion to pay the monthly claims and vouchers. Following discussion of a few items, Staab motioned to pay the monthly claims and vouchers and Schneider seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Grant Project & Greendale Levee**

Kittle indicated LCD had received the requested resolution from Greendale and it was in line with what the grant writing team was looking for and thanked all who worked to make it happen. He said LCD will make a request to be added to Lawrenceburg City Council's agenda soon.

Seymour shared that LCD and the grant team at JMT had a meeting with FEMA that afternoon and notes from that meeting will be shared at the next LCD Board meeting.

Jennifer Ray, JMT, presented re: the FEMA press release. She reminded that the improvements for which LCD is seeking grant funding are still necessary for accreditation, that FEMA has reinitiated the LAMP update and, while FEMA has ended BRIC, there is still funding available in the Executive Order. Traditionally, there are changes in

facets of grant funding when there's a change in administration, as we've just had, and we need to look at a new direction re: pre-mitigation funding. She also reminded there are multiple funding sources available and that hasn't changed. Each of those also have their own schedules and will require a benefit cost analysis, environmental documentation and local match and NEPA is still required.

Ray said in a meeting with USACE, pre-press release, the BRIC was recommended. Also, USACE assistance was available on Corps projects only and assistance should be sought elsewhere for non-Corps projects. Silver Jackets is an engagement resource, not a funding source and WRDA is for pumping stations, but availability is several years out.

Ray some of the other potential project funding sources include: US DOT as a consideration for Lawrenceburg, especially due to access to an employment center. This requires an ROI and project termini. FEMA – Flood Mitigation Assistance. USDA NRCS – Emergency Watershed Protection. US EPA – several opportunities. As for the Community Project Funding's Pre-disaster Mitigation funding, the NOFO was released 4/9/25, allows up to \$10 million with a 25% match, Hazard Mitigation Plan and Benefit Cost Analysis. It's short timeline due date of 5/2/25 makes it likely out of reach this round. Ray, however reminded, many funding opportunities will have short turnarounds and having the pieces, such as HMP, BCA and match, already in place make those opportunities more feasible.

Staab made a motion to move forward with the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan according to the presented proposal from Dearborn County. Lyons seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Superintendent's report Lawrenceburg levee**

Mike Hrezo addressed the comments on the USACE inspection report regarding the flood gate welds and presented a quote from Acuren for inspection and repair. He noted they are a very well qualified company. He and Seymour met with a local rep and together looked at the gates. The expectation is that the required work will take 3-5 days at the most. Hrezo said the Acuren representative indicated the welds were good welds, but don't meet new standards and he proposed fixing the welds as they're found during inspection. Seymour indicated the repairs could be stretched out to future budgets, if the Board decided the costs were too high for the current budget. Staab proposed to hire Acuren to perform the inspection at the quoted rate for up to 5 days, Noel seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The repairs would be decided following Acuren's inspection report.

Regarding the evacuation plan, Hrezo said it was on hold along with the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Andrew Birmingham, JMT, indicated the need to have Lawrenceburg, Greendale and LCD all included in the hazard Mitigation plan and that the plan will have a 5-year auto-renewal cycle. Seymour noted the importance of creating the plan now, as it will take six months for it to be finalized and LCD needs to have it ready. Kittle noted the importance of keeping the momentum in order to keep Congresswoman Houchin's support.

Regarding the Benefit Cost analysis, Birmingham indicated Lawrenceburg is complete. The Greendale flood scenario modeling is 90% complete and they are 75% complete with the formatting and processing of the property data. The building footprints were off and needed adjustment and should be complete in a week or 2, when they will import the template into the BCA toolkit to analyze, draft the narrative and document the decisions and assumptions. Jared requested the data produced regarding the building footprints be shared with the county along with information regarding the time and effort involved.

Regarding the MGP drain repair, Hrezo indicated Mundell will send a memo to the USACE with a more robust justification for the plan. Luke Johnstone, Mundell, indicated the USACE agrees with the plan, but is requesting

more justification qualitatively vs quantitatively and he plans to have that next week. Hrezo said he expects the project could be completed this year.

Johnstone compared the recent April 2025 flood event to that of 2018, noting that the peaks were nearly identical in height, but the 2025 was more intense due to reaching that height in 5 days and quickly receding compared to 17 days and lengthy time to recede in 2018. He visited the area during the high water to see firsthand how the flood impacted the area and the levee system functioning. For the Seepage Analysis, Mundell is doing data analysis to determine problem areas and to determine solutions from among various options. They are taking a collaborative approach with the USACE and FEMA and would like a meeting with LCD before the report is issued in July to review the options with respect to cost, risk, technical and other details.

### **CAP Report**

Seymour indicated he will have a booth at the community picnic in the coming weekend.

### **Secretary Report**

Shaut indicated a YouTube channel has been set up for LCD and a couple of live streaming tests were performed. She will continue with the goal of LCD having the necessary equipment etc in place for the video meeting requirements.

### **Attorney Report**

Jared Ewbank introduced a new capitalization policy to increase the capitalization threshold and improve efficiency. Staab made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Tyler and passed unanimously.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Kittle noted the review of the reconciliations was signed off and he presented the monthly management report, quarterly financial statements and the quarterly calculation of the annual lease agreement accounting. He also presented the quarterly CD and Cash reports, noting the review information for the cum cap maintenance fund and a matured CD and some interest would be moved to the CD interest bank account.

There being no more business, Kittle adjourned the meeting.

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Jim Kittle, Chairman



