

**MEETING MINUTES**

**LAWRENCEBURG CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**HELD AT 6:00 P.M. ON September 2, 2025**

**AT CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 230 WALNUT STREET, LAWRENCEBURG, IN 47025**

THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS WERE PRESENT:

Jim Kittle, Chairman

Dave Staab, Vice chairman

Randy Tyler - absent

Andy Lyons - absent

Greg McAdams

Tom Schneider

Mike Noel - absent

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

LCD: Paul Seymour, Superintendent

Jared Ewbank, Attorney - absent

The City of Lawrenceburg Council held business unrelated to Lawrenceburg Conservancy District for approximately 50 minutes prior to the LCD agenda item.

Mayor Mollaun asked if all council members had a chance to read through the example resolution LCD is asking for from The City of Lawrenceburg.

Councilman Rowlett asked of the city's legal counsel, M. Weldon, clarification on Indiana codes referenced within the resolution, to which Mr. Weldon explained how those relate to the ultimate goal of the project for which funding is sought.

Councilman Rowlett also said the proposed resolution indicates there have been no major improvements on the levee system since 1944, but to his knowledge, there have been a number of improvements, including new gates, rip rap, and rebuilt pump houses. Seymour responded, acknowledging the improvements that have been made and clarified the major improvement needed is in the 170+ relief wells that are 85 years old.

Councilman Rowlett then asked about the wording that seems the city would donate \$4.2 million, Mr. Weldon clarified that it is the money that each LCD, Lawrenceburg, Greendale And Dearborn County would contribute equally toward the required match should the grant be awarded. There was also discussion of needing to have an interlocal agreement. Councilman Rowlett then asked Lawrenceburg Clerk Treasurer Fette how the money would be set aside, if the resolution is passed. Mr. Fette said with the \$27 million in their MDF Fund, one option is to set aside the \$4.2 million for the match or the Riverboat.... Mr. Fette said City Council can decide where to take the money from. He said it sounds to him like it might be a few years before the funds would be needed, and so could be set aside an invested in an account specific for these funds. Councilman Fryman asked that funds be maintained where they

would draw interest, to which Mr. Fette assured him and indicated some of the details can be worked out in the interlocal agreement. Councilman Rowlett indicated one of his concerns is that not everyone on council will still be there at the time the funds would need to be available and his goal is to have things set up and ready for future council to be able to easily put the plan into effect. A comparison was made with funds recently provided toward a cancer center.

Councilman Rowlett asked about wording to indicate the money would go back to the city if the grant isn't awarded to LCD and Councilman Liddle asked to include a contingency that the other 3, LCD, Greendale and Dearborn County, all donate toward the grant so that Lawrenceburg's portion isn't larger than \$4.2 million. Kittle clarified the funds stay with the city until after the grant is awarded, all that's being requested now is a resolution to set that money aside for the project if the grant is awarded and they can call it a donation or gift, if they choose, with the understanding that the money would not be repaid if received as part of the match should the grant be awarded. Councilman Abbott expressed concern that if Dearborn County doesn't also pledge \$4.2 million that the LCD would then request \$6 million from Lawrenceburg, to which Kittle clarified the resolution is for a fixed amount of \$4.2 million.

Mayor Mollaun suggested the resolution be passed with the contingencies of all 4 entities having a resolution to contribute \$4.2 million each and that the grant is awarded to LCD. There was discussion regarding adding a time limit, which was determined to not be reasonable due to LCD not knowing when the grant might be made available. Mayor Mollaun asked for a motion to approve the resolution with the two contingencies added. Councilman Abbott made the motion, seconded by Councilman Liddle and passed unanimously. On behalf of LCD, Kittle thanked the mayor and council for the partnership.

The council then addressed additional business unrelated to LCD.

With no further business, the council adjourned the meeting.

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Jim Kittle, Chairman

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