

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**LAWRENCEBURG CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON October 16, 2025**  
**AT 225 EAST EADS PARKWAY, LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA**

THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS WERE PRESENT:

Jim Kittle, Chairman - absent	Mike Noel
Dave Staab, Vice chairman	Tom Schneider
Randy Tyler – by phone	Andy Lyons
Greg McAdams	

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

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

**Administrative Issues**

Staab opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Ewbank called roll, with Kittle and Seymour absent and all others present, including Tyler by phone.

Staab asked for a motion to approve the September 18, 2025 regular minutes. Lyons motioned to approve the minutes and Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Staab asked for any changes to the agenda, then asked for a motion to approve. McAdams motioned to approve the agenda, Schneider seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Staab called for a motion to pay the monthly claims and vouchers. Schneider motioned to pay the monthly claims and vouchers and Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Staab reminded all present of the change in the time of the regular monthly board meetings to begin at 4:30 pm on the same day of the month effective with the November 20, 2025 meeting.

Staab presented options regarding the side by side being replaced and whether to donate the old one to the school system, who expressed interest, or to auction through Lutz. Tyler asked about its use by summer help and Staab confirmed the new one could be used by summer help, though because the old one is currently fitted with the snow plow, it would be disposed of in spring. McAdams asked Ewbank if there were any restrictions in donating to the school, Ewbank confirmed that donating with a bill of sale to recognize the transfer and there would be no liability. McAdams made a motion to donate it to the school, seconded by Lyons and passed unanimously.

## **Unfinished Business**

Ewbank said the resolution from the City of Lawrenceburg was signed and sent to Kittle along with the minutes.

## **Grant Project**

Staab updated that JMT has been working with Houchin's office for a grant that can go up to \$10 million and can be used for engineering and design.

Shaut shared that Seymour has been in contact with all of the county's council members and commissioners and has himself on the agenda for a regular meeting for each, November 13 for the council and November 18 for commissioners. His purpose for those meetings is to request a joint special meeting in which he can have LCD's experts, Mundell and JMT, present the need for the project and grant and the grant process, similar to what was held for the cities of Greendale and Lawrenceburg.

## **Superintendent's report Greendale levee**

Staab reported there were no additional updates beyond what was reported for the grant.

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

Hrezo updated on the seepage drain project, noting it is still in the hands of the Corps and they will get back with Hrezo when they've completed their review and the bidding process can then begin. For the gate welds, Hrezo and Seymour received answers from the Corps and met with Accuren on the phone. There was enough that wasn't clear, it was decided a joint meeting was needed to include LCD, Hrezo, USACE and Accuren to get everyone on the same page to move forward. That meeting will be scheduled when Seymour returns from vacation. The goal for the U.S. 50 gate closure is to have everything ready for doing the closure in spring during warm weather, which also is ideal for the coatings being considered for maintaining the rails the gates run on.

John Mundell reported on the seepage analysis, noting they are working on a plan for a series of relief well replacements to determine when that will bring the levee to the 100-year flood level for the FEMA review. The plan is to have that information to LCD by the end of October to beginning of November so the information can be reviewed and presented to the board at the next meeting. They're working on the final seepage model and design, which includes determining how many wells, which wells and their spacing. LCD and Mundell met with USACE about the USACE Nationwide Risk Evaluation in which the Corps provided an overview of the program and where LCD stands in the preliminary screening. The Corps is classifying all of the levees in the country as a management tool for the Corps', it doesn't impact FEMA accreditation or rehabilitation program through the Corps. They run each levee through a worst-case scenario and look at how the levee might fail and the performance of a failing levee, the consequences in terms of loss of life and financial damage to the properties, and what is the hazard. USACE identified backward erosional piping as a key concern, which the relief wells work to prevent. They classified Lawrenceburg as high risk due to the large economic and human consequences. They haven't looked at the information Mundell and LCD have generated and had some assumptions that might not be accurate. Mundell will provide their information to them next week, ahead of the USACE conference of their risk experts, November 3, to which LCD is invited and where USACE present their findings. Mundell stressed this assessment is still preliminary and doesn't impact FEMA or Corps key design, but determines where Lawrenceburg ranks as a concern relative to the other levees in the country. Lyons indicated the Lawrenceburg levee was rated 3 out of 5.

Mundell said due to the lives and property the levee protects, the levee will never be rated as low risk, but it isn't something to be concerned about.

#### **CAP Report**

Staab reported the boom mower was ordered, the side by side was ordered and is due to be received any time and the water reel was received and is in use.

#### **Secretary Report**

Shaut reported she, Seymour and Kittle have the annual meeting scheduled with Reedy at the end of October to discuss their contract for 2026.

#### **Attorney Report**

Ewbank indicated the invitation to run for the LCD board will be advertised in the paper October 24<sup>th</sup>. There are 93 freeholders. Interested persons can turn in the forms to Ewbank November 1 to December 1, the printers will have the envelopes and ballots printed approximately December 10-14 and ballots can be mailed or dropped off until 2:00 p.m. on election day or people can vote in person that evening. Ewbank will provide the nomination forms, rules and freeholder list to Shaut for any one requesting.

#### **Finance Committee Report**

Shaut shared the quarterly financial statements prepared by Reedy, the quarterly CD and cash reports and noted the reconciliations were completed and Kittle has the report to sign.

She also reviewed the budget forms briefly and presented the resolution for adopting the budget. McAdams made a motion to adopt the resolution for the 2026 budget, seconded by Noel and passed unanimously.

#### **Personnel Committee Report**

Staab indicated there haven't been any meetings for the union contract in a couple weeks due to vacations, but there is a meeting scheduled for next week.

There being no more business, Staab adjourned the meeting.

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Jim Kittle, Chairman

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Kittle', is written over a horizontal line.

