

MEETING MINUTES
LAWRENCEBURG CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD AT 4:30 P.M. ON November 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, arrived at 4:35 p.m.
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, except Schneider.

Kittle asked for a motion to approve the October 16, 2025 regular minutes. Staab motioned to approve the minutes and Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kittle asked for a motion to approve the November 18, 2025 executive session minutes. Necessary changes were noted to remove Ewbank from having been present and the date corrected. Tyler motioned to approve the minutes and McAdams seconded the motion. The motion carried with Noel abstaining.

Kittle asked for any changes to the agenda, noting the change for the time. Staab motioned to approve the agenda, Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kittle noted on the claims and vouchers vendors listed with no payment amount were erroneously left from the previous month. Lyons asked about the work performed by SWS to clean the mud from the race track. Staab motioned to pay the monthly claims and vouchers and Noel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Schneider arrived at approximately 4:35.

New Business

Kittle shared a letter of support he signed for Greendale's pursuit of a grant for a bike and walking path, noting no commitment was made on behalf of LCD.

Unfinished Business

Seymour updated regarding the meetings with the county council and commissioners, in which he requested a joint meeting with both groups, LCD and LCD's grant writers and engineers. The request was granted and a meeting date of Jan 29, 2026 is the target. McAdams made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting with county council on 11/13/25, Tyler seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting with county commissioners on 11/18/25, Noel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Grant Project and Superintendent's report Greendale levee

Andrew Birmingham, JMT, updated regarding the grant application for approximately \$6 million, with the help of Erin Houchin's office staff. This would be used for engineering and permitting to get the project shovel-ready, while awaiting other opportunities. He also discussed the timing of the joint meeting with county council and county commissioners, Seymour commented the best time would be when most of them could be available to vote. JMT also reached out to FEMA as a follow up regarding the meeting in spring about the LAMP study and expects to follow up again next week.

James Monohan and Michael Girard, JMT, discussed the progress of the benefit cost analysis and the continuing efforts to receive property contents questionnaire responses, as those had had a very positive impact.

Superintendent's report Lawrenceburg levee

Mike Hrezo said he again reached out to the director of bottling at Proximo for a letter of support and the contents questionnaire. Proximo committed to follow up the next day. The value of potential loss in their warehouse should help the benefit cost analysis numbers. Hrezo also reported the Proximo outfalls monitoring project has been approved for engineering and will present more specifics soon to make sure LCD is on board.

Regarding the gate welds, Seymour spoke to USACE, who agreed the expectations were unreasonable. Inspections will start Monday and are expected to take 3 days, the Board had previously approved 5 days, if needed. Accuren will then issue a report with a proposal for repairs, if needed. The USACE inspector will be invited to observe, but not scheduled around. The hope is to have the report by the next meeting and that report will also be shared with USACE. Lyons said their report should be detailed enough to allow quotes from other vendors.

Hrezo has submitted the proposal to the INDOT portal for the U.S. 50 gate closure. It will probably be a slow process with the plan for doing the closure in spring during warm weather.

His understanding is the seepage drain information is still in the hands of USACE.

There was discussion regarding the taxes paid on the locally produced and stored liquor and it's impact on economics, whether the loss would be to Proximo for taxes paid or to the government for taxes lost due to inventory loss in the event of a flood and that loss being included in the benefit cost analysis.

Luke Johnstone, Mundell, reported USACE did initial risk screening assessment and their card meeting was postponed to mid-December to present the results. Mundell has also made good progress on the seepage model. Additionally, Mundell has been working on modelling to inform one scenario that estimates the needed work for meeting the 100-year FEMA accreditation and the cost and timing of that work. It needs some summarizing and synthesis of the moving pieces and he expects to present that at the next meeting. He noted it as an important piece because whatever is turned in to the Corps will have technical and financial parts for the Board to be on

Board with. Mundell has determined the stored 10" casings can be used for a cost savings. There will also be a reduction in the number of relief wells which will also result in long-term savings. The larger relief wells perform better than expected. That, as well as new design approaches USACE has incorporated into their design manual, significantly reduced the problem areas along the north slope, the result being possibly a landside berm can be used along the north slope, instead of the previously indicated need for a cut-off slurry wall. This is an additional cost savings. The cut-off wall might still be needed if there isn't room where the berm would need to go. Mundell will be looking at different options and modelling approaches during the next month for presentation at the next meeting. There was discussion about the purpose of the report being to support the board as it makes decisions about the technical and financial approach to take to meet the FEMA and USACE requirements.

CAP Report

Ewbank will provide a bill of sale form to be completed when LCD gives the old side-by-side to the high school. Seymour confirmed it will be given away very soon because the snow plow has been retrofitted to the new side-by-side.

Seymour met with the fire chief and presented to the board recommended AEDs. It was recommended there be one in the office building and 2 in the park. There was discussion about where they could be securely but accessibly stored in the park as well as discussion of maintenance requirements. Staab made a motion to purchase 3 AEDs to be stored indoors. Lyons seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ewbank confirmed that LCD is legally protected by the Indiana Recreational Area Statute, which says there isn't liability for persons injured using the fields for recreational purposes, except for gross misconduct, users do so at their own risk. In addition, LCD doesn't have a duty to provide AEDs, so there isn't liability if it isn't operational. It was determined Ewbank would respond to Channel 5 WLW's request for comment regarding the incident that happened a couple months ago.

Seymour indicated Sherry Warren is interested in running the concession stand again this year and will pay the usual annual fee for that. It was noted there isn't a written contract for that.

There was discussion regarding an injury incident in the park called in to LCD, with Ewbank noting Seymour took the correct actions by taking pictures and reporting it to the insurance company. Ewbank further commented that LCD has a duty to take action on hazard situations it notices, but this situation quite possibly wouldn't have been noted in an inspection.

Attorney Report

Ewbank shared there is one person who has filed paperwork to run for the board in the upcoming election – Tyler. Ewbank also asked for the board to vote on the date and time of the election meeting as 1/12/26, with in person voting open 6:30-7:30 p.m. McAdams made the motion, seconded by Lyons and passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report

Kittle shared the monthly financial statement prepared by Reedy, noting the expenditures are well within the overall budget. He also signed the reconciliation report. Kittle discussed the newest CD reinvestment of \$5million at 4% for 5 years. McAdams made a motion to ratify and confirm the minutes of the finance committee's meeting, Lyons seconded.

Personnel Committee Report

Tyler shared the new union contract recently negotiated by the personnel committee. Kittle made a motion to adopt the new contract, seconded by Staab and passed unanimously.

There being no more business, Staab adjourned the meeting.

12/18 2025
Jim Kittle, Chairman 