

MEETING MINUTES
LAWRENCEBURG CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD AT 4:30 P.M. ON APRIL 16, 2026
AT 225 EAST EADS PARKWAY, LAWRENCEBURG, INDIANA

THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS WERE PRESENT:

Jim Kittle, Chairman	Mike Noel
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.

Kittle asked for a motion to approve the March 18, 2026 minutes for the meeting with Dearborn County. Staab motioned to approve the minutes, Lyons seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Kittle asked for a motion to approve the March 19, 2026 minutes. Staab motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by McAdams and passed unanimously.

Kittle asked for a motion to approve the agenda with Seymour's requested addition of a new review fee schedule for JMT added to the Greendale Levee Report. Lyons motioned to approve the agenda with the change, seconded by Staab and passed unanimously.

Kittle called for a motion to pay the current month's claims and vouchers. Noel motioned to pay the monthly claims and vouchers, Staab seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Seymour presented for approval an invoice for the scoreboard ad at the high school. He confirmed that the ad could be changed during the year, it would be on the inside and outdoor boards and the newsletter and it was \$2000 for the year. Lyons made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Staab and passed unanimously.

Ewbank indicated he had conversations with Joi Martin at the City of Lawrenceburg, noting they are very accommodating to host ads for municipalities free of charge on their 2 boards on US 50.

Unfinished Business

Seymour presented the initial fee schedule from USACE for review of the Lawrenceburg Levee System Seepage Updates. USACE requests the fees be electronically transferred. There was discussion of doing so securely and according to policy. McAdams made a motion to pay the \$65,700 fee electronically, seconded by Noel and passed unanimously.

Grant Project

Jennifer Ray, JMT, presented an update on the grant pursuit. She shared that the BRIC grant that had been cancelled was reinstated with a \$20 million maximum and a Sub-applicant deadline for consideration of May 1, 2026 and a state deadline of July 23. Indiana Department of Homeland Security would be the main applicant with LCD as the sub-applicant. She noted the \$20 million falls short of the cost of the entire project, but the engineering and permitting for the project totals approximately \$6.3 million. JMT has been meeting with the Indiana Dept of Homeland Security on an ongoing basis and they are continuing coordination with them. The intention is to submit the pre-application by May 1 and all pre-applications will be reviewed by IDHS to identify which will move forward in the process. They have also met with IU Environmental Resilience Institute, which identifies grant opportunities and will notify of any.

Ray also noted differences for the new BRIC NOFO. Those being: phased projects and any projects for which construction has begun are not eligible; HMP must tie directly to a specific project, for which the Dearborn County HMP would require an addendum; if project is in a floodplain, which LCD's is, it must comply with flood insurance program and PAL accreditation meets that. Moving forward with engineering and permitting that will take a few years offers progress to show FEMA with respect to the worst-case scenario of having to meet LAMP in 2030. Doing engineering and permitting allows LCD to be evaluated via CLOMAR vs LAMP.

LCD has a few materials to prepare, but is in a good position to submit a sub-application.

Seymour spoke regarding the HMP, noting it's in FEMA's hands. He would like to have a meeting with JMT, Dearborn County and the Polis Group to create the needed addendum. Ray also shared there had been concern regarding LCD qualifying for a grant due to its association with USACE. Ray clarified that the Lawrenceburg and Greendale levee systems are financed, owned and operated by LCD, not USACE, but must meet USACE permitting requirements, built by USACE. No funding is available from USACE unless the levee is damaged by a flooding event, which is not the current situation. A letter of support from USACE clarifying and confirming these points will be very useful. Luke Johnstone shared that he spoke to Neil Cash at USACE and expects, pending supervisory approval, a letter should be acquired. Seymour also asked about information regarding working with Congresswoman Houchin and Senator Young. Ray indicated the information was submitted to Houchin for funding the engineering and permitting and was turned down, though she supports the LCD's project and her office will continue to help LCD in its pursuit. It was then sent to Young's office and they have not yet heard back.

Tyler asked if funding received for engineering and permitting, how long permits would be valid. Ray indicated it would depend on the permit, and would be for 2-4 years and permitting would happen at the tail end of engineering and some during construction.

McAdams asked for clarification on the timing of an addendum to the HMP. Seymour confirmed a description of the projects would need to be written and added to the plan and Ray confirmed it would need to happen before the state application deadline of July 23rd. Explaining there were no projects listed and an addendum in process would allow the application to move forward. Ewbank recommended voting on approving an addendum immediately. McAdams made the motion, seconded by Noel and passed unanimously.

Kittle asked for clarification about CLOMAR, Johnstone indicated his understanding that CLOMAR could be used instead of LAMP, but funding availability would not be a consideration. Jamie Monohan, JMT, concurred. Kittle asked if FEMA could disagree with USACE approved plan. Johnstone indicated FEMA's review is that the steps have been completed and less technical, with FEMA relying on the engineers and USACE certifications.

Seymour shared a list of questions for consideration in decision making as the grant pursuit and project design advances.

Superintendent's report Lawrenceburg

In effort of fully informing the board, Hrezo made clarifications on the bids from the previous meeting he was unable to attend and gave some additional information that he thought might impact the Board's decision regarding contractors for welding the gates and inspection of the welds. After lengthy discussion, it was decided to keep the previous approved welding contractor options and Acuren as the inspector.

Hrezo shared bid prices for removing the US 50 gate for repairing the rails, cribbing and replacing the gate. Hrezo recommended this as a better approach vs trying to repair during the gate closure, and scheduling the closure separately. Noel made a motion to hire a Gould & Smith Crane Service to remove and replace the gate and then to schedule the closure after. Hrezo noted it might make sense to schedule the closure prior in order to have contractors see what repair work is needed in order to give bids. Staab suggested approving the contractor wait because repair contractors might have the ability to crane the gate out of the way and include that in their bid. Lyons suggested RJ Corman Rail Group might be able to do craning and repair also. Luke Johnstone reminded to get a letter of no objection from USACE for the work. Noel withdrew his motion to hire Gould & Smith to allow repair contractors an opportunity to bid on craning also.

Luke Johnstone, Mundell, indicated USACE issued a second draft of their risk assessment, noting LCD's overall risk went down due to the work performed by Mundell & by LCD in the area of emergency preparedness. The drafts will be presented to senior oversight group at the end of the month. Comments can be addressed following that presentation. He also noted, the risk would not ever lower significantly due to the density of population and industry within the levees.

Johnstone said Mundell has received the Durbin Plaza plans for review. Kittle asked if they will be paying a fee and Seymour confirmed they will pay whatever the review bill comes to based on the permitting agreement process. Kittle asked Mundell to delay any review until the agreement has been signed.

Johnstone indicated Mundell has been doing further study of the seepage by varying the size, depth, spacing and number of relief wells to determine optimum drawdown and expense.

Kittle postponed the lobbyist tour update to the next meeting. Seymour postponed discussion of the pump station mas unit project to the next meeting.

Superintendent's report Greendale

Seymour asked Ewbank if we need to change our ordinance every year for changes in review fees or if we can change the wording to say current pricing. Ewbank said the ordinance can be changed to say current prices. Seymour then said LCD would include the current pricing in the permit packets. Ewbank will make changes for the next meeting.

Community Athletic Park

Seymour said there is a water main leak under concrete at a concession stand in the park. He is planning the repair project to happen as quickly as possible.

Secretary Report

Shaut presented for the Board's review a few weekly Facebook and Instagram posts.

Attorney Report

Kittle reminded the Board of the agreement presented at the last meeting, prepared and requested by the City of Lawrenceburg. Kittle determined it wasn't necessary to sign and they would be able to make the necessary appropriations in May with the documentation already provided.

Finance Committee Report

Kittle shared the quarterly financial statements and the signed reconciliation report. Kittle reviewed the CD and cash report. He presented the finance committee meeting minutes for reinvestment of funds from matured CDs. McAdams made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Lyons and unanimously approved.

Personnel Committee Report

Kittle indicated the personnel committee is reviewing the drafts of the employee handbooks, but they are not yet complete. He postponed discussion of those to the next meeting.

There being no more business, Kittle adjourned the meeting.

May 21, 2026

Jim Kittle, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Kittle", written over a horizontal line.