

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FALLING WATERS CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

January 9, 2023; TIME: 6:30 p.m.; Cross Of Christ Lutheran Church located at 99 S. County Line Road, Crown Point, IN 46307.

Members Present: Chairman Dave Cullom, Vice-Chairman Nick Kaczmarczyk and Director Mark Langbehn. **Also, present included:** Attorney Nathan Vis, Operator Derek Gertzen, Engineer Adam McAlpine and Financial Secretary Karen Giesler.

1. The regular meeting was opened at 6:32 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2022.

Director Langbehn made a motion to accept the minutes from November 14, 2022, following a second by Vice-Chairman Kaczmarczyk. Motion duly carries, 3-0.

3. Operator Report:

Operator Gertzen reported there is someone that is helping him with Falling Waters and he was able to get the motors unseized and running over the pit. This is temporary because they sound awful and will be fixed when the platforms can be put in. They also could not get the paint to stick to the airlines because it was too wet in there. Hopefully, it will dry out in there and then they can get that back on schedule.

Operator Gertzen reported they have not received the parts for the Omni actuator valve, as soon as they come in they will get it on the schedule.

Operator Gertzen reported the board should have the surge protector quote and that will protect everything in the panel, not just the pumps.

Operator Gertzen explained that he thought the power going to the fan was taken care of when they came out for the surge protectors, but it wasn't, so he has a guy coming out this week.

Operator Gertzen explained they still have not received the quote for the repair of the third pump. There are still two pumps inside the lift station running.

Operator Gertzen explained that the sludge disposal in the digester is going to have to be on hold until there is room in the tanks. As soon as they have the room to do it, they will pump it out.

Director Langbehn made a motion to have the surge protectors put in position, following a second by Chairman Cullom. Motion duly carries, 3-0.

Director Langbehn suggested the operators come to the board with anything that they see needs to be addressed.

Chairman Cullom explained that he talked to Hyre and they think it may be a good idea to record the voltage coming in and they are supposed to provide a quote for that.

4. Engineer Report:

Engineer McAlpine explained that he examined the pipe between the two lots in question and he does not believe the pipe serves any purpose and it his recommendation to bulk head that line north of the catch basin.

Chairman Cullom explained that Providence owes the conservancy money for repairs when they hit that line and the board agrees that they will not move forward with anything until Providence pays for those repairs.

Attorney Vis will contact Providence.

5. Secretary Report:

A. Financial Report December 2022:

Director Langbehn made a motion to approve the financial report for December, following a second by Chairman Cullom. Motion duly carries, 3-0.

Secretary Giesler explained that she spoke with Omar about putting the information on the website. He will do that for now on a monthly basis and eventually create the ability to just upload the documents. Secretary Giesler will send an email out to the community to notify everyone of the website.

6. Attorney Report:

- A. Attorney Vis explained that he will send communication to Providence regarding the reimbursement as well as indicating to them that no further tap permits will be allowed until the reimbursement is paid.
- B. Attorney Vis explained that meeting notices were published as required by the state of Indiana and the Ordinance that was passed at the end of last year was also published.
- C. There was one nominating petition received from Don Plumb for the position that is open, so there is no need for an election.
- D. Attorney Vis explained that back when the conservancy district was established, the annual meeting date was set for the third Thursday in February, which has not been done in years. Every year the board files a motion to allow the annual meeting date changed.

Chairman Cullom made a motion to petition the court to change the annual meeting date, following a second by Vice-Chairman Kaczmarczyk. Motion duly carries, 3-0.

- E. Attorney Vis explained that the conservancy district is required by law to file an annual report with the court, he has the information needed and he will get it filed.

7. Board:

A. Re-piping at the lift station:

Chairman Cullom explained that he is still waiting on DVG to deliver the final package and when the time comes to start working, there will be something in place to start getting bids.

B. Trench in back area:

Chairman Cullom explained that the trench is tabled until spring.

C. FWCD Trees that need to be trimmed and cleaning outlooks:

Chairman Cullom explained that he thinks the tree trimming and outlook cleaning is complete. Director Langbehn will get ahold of the person that is supposed to be doing it to confirm and also ask him to trim the trees in the front.

8. Any other matter the board wishes to discuss:

Director Langbehn questioned if the next meeting will be held in the cottage home clubhouse?

There was further discussion about where to hold the next meeting. Notice of the time and place will be sent out to the Freeholders.

Chairman Cullom explained that someone approached him to see if the board would be in favor of donating some land for storage units.

Attorney Vis explained that would be an aberration from the district's established purpose.

9. Open floor to the public:


There was discussion about restocking the lakes with fish because after the last fish kill, the population of the fish has decreased.


There was discussion about Lilly's Pond and the concerns some residents have. Chairman Cullom reported that he did reach out to the developer because it was the developer that made the promises to those residents.

10. Adjourn:


Being no more business before the board, Chairman Cullom made a motion to adjourn, following a second by Vice-Chairman Kaczmarczyk. Motion duly carries 3-0.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Cullom at 7:04pm.



Chairman


Vice-Chairman

3-13-23
Date


Secretary