

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE
DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
MARCH 19, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Damon Run Conservancy District met at 4:00 P.M. on March 19, 2012 at the District office, 2 W Shakespeare Drive, Valparaiso, Indiana. Directors present were Richard Hardin, Jennifer Beauchamp, Jack Barko and George Grace. Mr. Wilhelm was absent.

Mr. Barko called the meeting to order and announced that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss correspondence received by the district from Centurian Utilities and Radtke & Associates regarding Fox Chase Farms. He stated that all board members were contacted via email as well as a public notice being displayed at the district office. He had not received communication from Mr. Wilhelm prior to the meeting.

Fox Chase Farms has proposed becoming a user of the district which would include 88 existing homes and an unstated amount of undeveloped lots. They are currently on independent well systems and a traditional septic system that is located on each private lot. The effluent enters a collection system that flows to a wetland reedbed and returned to the environment through a series of mound systems. Currently, the collection system has inflow and infiltration problems and the system has seen failures during heavy rain events and wet times of the year. Currently, the Indiana State Department of Health has filed suit against Centurian Utilities to abate the alleged unsafe conditions caused by the failure of the wastewater system.

The board discussed each item of the proposal sent by Centurian and Radtke in detail including their desire for wastewater service, but not water service. Additionally, they do not feel they should be annexed to the district, nor pay an annual fee in lieu of taxes per EDU as Centurian will be the customer who is not a property owner, but an entity. The board unanimously felt that Annexation was the best option due to several concerns about the financial well being of the district and protection of the current freeholders. However, given the immediate need of the residents of Fox Chase there may be ways to help them through annexation and keep the cost basis as minimal as possible.

The board further discussed what options may be available and what research needed to be done in order to assist Centurian, Radtke and the residents of Fox Chase Farms. After much discussion, it was decided that all members would present written suggestions and questions via email to Ms. Beauchamp for collection, organization and further research to the appropriate parties including legal, accounting, engineering and administrative for further guidance on how to proceed and offer a proposal that is both fair to the residents of Fox Chase and the district freeholders as well as fair and equitable.

There being no further business to come before the board, Ms. Beauchamp moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Grace seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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