

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE  
DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
MAY 20, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Damon Run Conservancy District met at 5:00 P.M. on May 20th, 2014 at the Valparaiso Public Library, 103 East Jefferson Street, Valparaiso, Indiana. Directors present were Richard Hardin, Jack Barko, and Don Wilhelm. George Grace and Jennifer Beauchamp were absent. Also present was Bill Ferngren of Ferngren Law.

Mr. Barko called the meeting to order.

The meeting minutes were then distributed. After review of the minutes, Mr. Wilhelm made a motion to approve. Mr. Hardin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Barko submitted a list of claims for review.

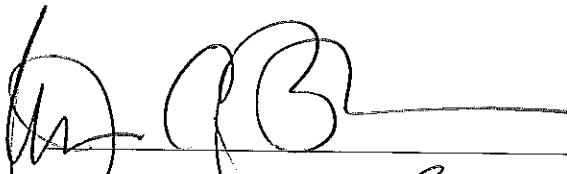
Mr. Hardin made a motion to approve the claims. Mr. Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

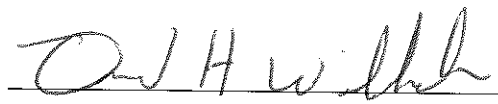
Mr. Walsh presented to the board to take under advisement a proposal to change the method of billing by Umbaugh & Associates to change more to a retainer fee rather than an hours billed as is the current practice. Through this billing method, all accounts payable would be cleared up in 3 years for Umbaugh and Ferngren Law. This method will allow the district to better plan the expenses and spread out the payments over the course of the year rather than get hit at one time as was the case during the IURC hearings. The board will take under advisement for future action.

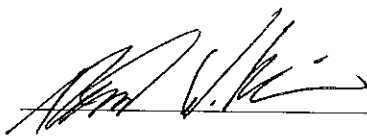
The MOB on the hospital property was then discussed. The building is not owned by the hospital and is instead the Sanders Trust that is on the hotel property. Annexation would be the best option and this property can be annexed despite being on the Hospital property and not jeopardize the hospital agreement.

Given the recent MOU between Chesterton and Fox Chase, the board discussed what was in the MOU. Mr. Ferngren has been in contact with the new receiver. We will need to run numbers to connect Fox Chase to the District. It is unclear the legal authority Chesterton has in crossing over into the District's coverage area. It was also discussed about a reduction in capacity allocation fees for both Fox Chase and Mallard's Pointe on the District's side. The District does not have authority to reduce the Portage portion of the fee.


There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Hardin moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

  
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