

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE
DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
October 24, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Damon Run Conservancy District met at 5:00 P.M. on October 24, 2012 at the Valparaiso Public Library, 103 Jefferson, Valparaiso, Indiana. Directors present were Jack Barko, Richard Hardin, Jennifer Beauchamp & George Grace. Mr. Wilhelm was absent. Also in attendance was Eric Walsh of Umbaugh & Associates and Bill Ferngren of Ferngren Law.

Mr. Barko called the meeting to order and announced this was the adoption meeting for the 2013 Budget.

Mr. Barko introduced resolution 2012-1 to the board for review and adoption. Mr. Walsh reviewed the District's budget and financial plan for 2013 for the board members.

Mr. Grace made a motion to approve resolution 2012-1. Mr. Hardin seconded. Motion carried 4-0 through voice vote.

Mr. Ferngren brought to the board that Indiana American Water has not been billing the \$12 per month user fee to multiple freeholders in the district. This has resulted in a large sum of operation revenue that has not been collected by the District. With the pending change on December 1, 2012 of sewer bills to Michiana Operations, it was suggested that user fees be collected by Michiana Operations going forward for both water and sewer. After discussion by the board, it was determined that the best course of action would be to have Michiana Operations bill both user fees on the bi-monthly billings and allow Indiana American Water to bill only for the water usage.

Regarding the past billings that had not been charged, the board discussed with Mr. Ferngren what options were available. The board strongly opposed to back billing homeowners despite having the ability to do so. Mr. Ferngren was authorized by the board to negotiate with Indiana American Water to collect some of the fees associated with their error.

The renewal for the Association of Indiana Conservancy Districts was received and the question was raised whether or not to renew. The District has not used any of the resources provided, however non-membership may cut off the District's ability to tap into these resources. The board will consider whether or not this is a worthwhile expense at this current time.

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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