

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE  
DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
OCTOBER 3, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Damon Run Conservancy District met at 5:00 P.M. on October 3, 2013 at the Valparaiso Public Library, 103 East Jefferson Street, Valparaiso, Indiana. Directors present were George Grace, Richard Hardin, and Jennifer Beauchamp. Jack Barko and Don Willhelm were absent. Also present was Eric Walsh of Umbaugh & Associates.

Mr. Hardin called the meeting to order and stated the meeting was the public hearing for the 2014 District budget.

Many members of the public were in attendance and an attendance sheet was taken.

Mr. Walsh went through the budget summary sheet showing a projected tax rate of \$0.9661 for Pay 2014. This was primarily through the increased assessed value of the district and district growth. Final AV information will be forthcoming soon from the county. Mr. Walsh also discussed the Hospital Community buildout and the positive affect it will have on the District AV as well as accelerating the decline in the property tax rate.

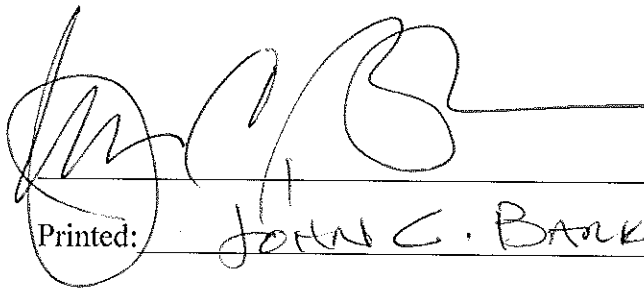
Mr. Hardin declared the Public Hearing open.

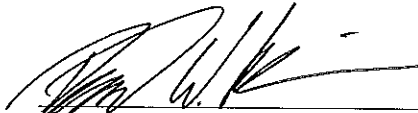
Questions from the freeholders included how the Hospital and School were paying the district tax due to the IURC ruling. Mr. Walsh explained that with the recently adopted rate ordinance, the Hospital and School would be paying on equal footing with all freeholders. These out of district properties would pay through monthly user fees rather than a tax.

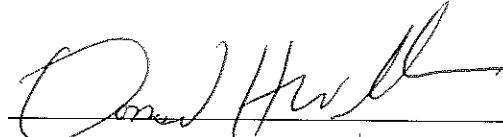
Also included was the recent communication from the District to the freeholders regarding additional sewer fees to be billed. Ms. Beauchamp explained that during the change from Indiana American Water billing and Michiana Utilities, the software company that set up the system (Keystone) erred in the way District users are billed. In the rest of the state of Indiana, users are billed by the cubic foot. In Northwest Indiana, users are billed by the gallon. The error in the software created a situation where users were under billed. In order to be compliant with the State Board of Accounts, the users need to be back billed.

Seeing no further questions from the public, Mr. Hardin declared the Public Hearing closed.

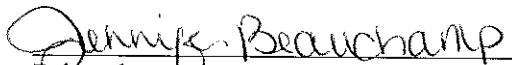
There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Beauchamp moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Grace seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

  
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ATTEST:

  
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ATTENDANCE SHEET

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