

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE
DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
OCTOBER 27, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Damon Run Conservancy District met at 5:30 p.m. on October 27, 2010 at the Valparaiso Public Library, 103 East Jefferson, Valparaiso, Indiana. Directors present were Bernard Madej and Jennifer Beauchamp. Director Chad Littlewood was absent.

Mr. Madej called the meeting to order. Attorney William Ferngren indicated that director Chad Littlewood submitted his resignation from the board since he is moving from the area and that pursuant to the Conservancy District Act, the Board appoints a replacement member until the next annual meeting. The Board accepted Mr. Littlewood's resignation. After discussion, Ms. Beauchamp made a motion for Rich Hardin to become a director. Mr. Madej seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hardin accepted the appointment and signed the oath of office provided by Mr. Ferngren.

Next Mr. Ferngren announced that he published notice that at the annual meeting on February 15, 2011, there will be four Board seats subject to election. Mr. Ferngren published the notice in The Chesterton Tribune and the notice along with a nomination form will be posted on the District's website. Nominations are due to Mr. Ferngren's office by December 1, 2010.

The minutes of the September 29, 2010 meeting were distributed to the Board members. The names of person who spoke at the previous meeting were made a part of the minutes. Ms. Beauchamp made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Beauchamp provided the Board a list of claims for payment. Mr. Hardin made a motion to approve the claims. Ms. Beauchamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Madej announced that the Board needed to take action on the 2011 budget which was the subject of the public hearing on September 29, 2010. Mr. Madej asked if any Board members had questions. Seeing none, he asked for a motion. Ms. Beauchamp made a motion to approve the 2011 budget. Mr. Hardin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Madej requested that Mr. Ferngren file the budget with the Porter County Auditor as required by law. A copy of the budget to be posted on the website.

Mr. Ferngren stated that a request for acceptance of Timberland Farms West infrastructure was provided to the Board. Jack Barko informed the Board that IAWC has tested the water lines and the Duneland Group, Inc. had inspected and approved the sewer lines with video taping and plans on file in its office. Mr. Hardin made a motion to approve the request and dedication of the infrastructure. Ms. Beauchamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Madej asked if any other business was before the Board or if anyone wished to speak. Ron Lyon of Mallard's Pointe spoke on behalf of Mallard's Pointe. He requested that the Board consider reductions of fees and charges for connection to the infrastructure. Mr. Ferngren reminded the Board that it had previously agreed to allow Mallard's Pointe to connect under the old rate ordinance saving each unit \$2,000 and that the District does not install infrastructure. Eric Walsh of Umbaugh informed the Board that the Mallard's Pointe connection fee is factored into the District's financial plan and budget and if reduced further, other freeholders would be required to pay more. The Board agreed to investigate how many EDU's Portage would consider each condominium unit and review the matter in more detail, including the construction plans, but could not make any commitment to take any further action or reduction of fees and costs associated with Mallard's Pointe connecting to the infrastructure system.

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