

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE  
DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

The Board of Directors of the Damon Run Conservancy District met at 10:00 a.m. on September 9, 2008 at the office of the Duneland Group at 1498 Pope Court, Chesterton, Indiana. Directors present were Bernard Madej ,John C. Barko and Jennifer Beauchamp. William A. Ferngren, attorney for the District, and Charles Ray, engineer for the District, were also present.

Mr. Madej called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the previous Board meeting were distributed. Ms. Beauchamp moved that minutes of the Board be approved as presented, Mr. Barko seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Madej then declared the public hearing open for the establishment of the 2009 budget. There being no members of the public present and no correspondence, Mr. Madej then declared the public hearing closed. Discussion on the 2009 budget was had including, but not limited to, discussion regarding the of the method used to calculate the budget, assessed valuation of property in the District, tax rate, increase of connection fee, comparison of fees with similar districts and other municipalities and related matters. Seeing no further discussion, Mr. Madej announced that the Board would vote on the 2009 budget proposed on September 19, 2008 at the adoption hearing.

Mr. Barko discussed preparing a District informational letter to be distributed to the freeholders in the District, explaining the budget, taxes and other matters related to the District. The board will discuss in more detail once the actual tax rate is known.

Mr. Ray informed the Board that the design work for Mallard's Pointe was sent to IDEM for approval of the design and drawings. Mr. Ray will update the Board when he receives information from IDEM. Next, Mr. Ray indicated that the Duneland School Corporation had contacted him to move forward with discussion on annexation into the District. Mr. Madej asked Mr. Ray to follow-up with the school and keep the Board posted regarding his conversations. Mr. Ray was further directed to contact the City of Portage to ascertain the status of property which is within the recapture agreement area and whether any funds are due the District. Finally, Mr. Ray was to review the turnover date of the lift station at 149 and also provide Mr. Ferngren information regarding the water connection of the Zeman mobile home park.

Ms. Beauchamp presented the amended USC Corp. contract for review. The changes were driven primarily by USC's increase in cost due to fuel costs. The Board reviewed the contract. Mr. Barko made a motion to approve the contract. Ms. Beauchamp seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Beauchamp also presented a new contract for underground utility locate services from SM & P. Mr. Ferngren was directed to review the contract and provide his comments to Ms. Beauchamp.

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