

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE  
DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Damon Run Conservancy District met at 6:00 P.M. on February 11, 2020 at the Valparaiso Public Library, 103 Jefferson, Valparaiso, Indiana. Directors present were John C. Barko, Jennifer Beauchamp and Nicholas Adamopoulos. Director Neal Wilhelm was absent. William A. Ferngren, attorney for the District, was also present.

Mr. Ferngren announced that the meeting was the annual meeting of the District required pursuant to Indiana Code 14-33 *et seq* and the Court order establishing the District.

Mr. Ferngren stated that the election of director was to occur since former director Jeffrey Merrell's term expired. No freeholder submitted a nomination to fill the vacant director seat. The board directed Mr. Ferngren to review the vacancy and update them at a later date.

Next, the Board discussed nomination of officers for the District. With being absent, the Board determined it was best for Ms. Beauchamp to circulate an e-mail to the Board members regarding the officer positions and establish the officers of the District.

The Board then discussed its quarterly meeting dates and Ms. Beauchamp offered proposed dates and further explained the difficulty of securing a room at the Library. Mr. Barko asked Mr. Ferngren if he would reach out to the Valparaiso Utility Director about use of the Valparaiso City Utilities meeting room for holding meetings and to report back to the Board. The Board will post meeting dates, times and locations on website once determined. Tentatively the meeting dates are as follows:

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: May 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Valparaiso Public Library)

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (TBD)

Budget Introduction: October 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (TBD)

Budget Adoption & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (TBD).

Mr. Barko announced that the Board needed to take action on Ordinance 2020-1 which is the sewer rate ordinance. The ordinance was introduced at the January 27, 2020 Board meeting. Mr. Barko opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2020-1. Freeholder Malcolm McGawn indicated he supported the ordinance. Hearing no other comments, Mr. Barko closed the public hearing. Mr. Adamopoulos made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-1. Ms. Beauchamp seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

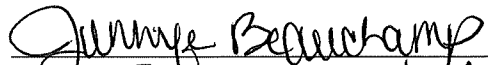
Mr. Barko announced that the Board needed to take action on Ordinance 2020-2 which is the water rate ordinance. The ordinance was introduced at the January 27, 2020 Board meeting. Mr. Barko opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2020-2. Hearing no comments, Mr. Barko closed the

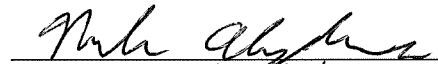
public hearing. Ms. Beauchamp made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-2. Mr. Adamopoulos seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board next review the contract of Indiana Utility Management, LLC for contract services to the district. The contract was revised to an hourly rate primarily due to the sale of sewer assets to the City of Valparaiso which will result in a reduced role of the LLC to manage the District's utilities. Mr. Adamopoulos made a motion to approve the Indiana Utility Management, LLC contract. Ms. Beauchamp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Beauchamp provided the Board a list of claims for payment. Discussion was had regarding the 2020 budget adopted by the Board and relationship to the claims. Discussion was also had regarding a comparison of the 2019 and 2020 budgets, adjustment of same and projection of costs due to the asset sale. Mr. Adamopoulos made a motion to approve the claims. Mr. Barko seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Beauchamp moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Adamopoulos seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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Printed: Neal Wilhelm