

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE DAMON RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Damon Run Conservancy District conducted a meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at Valparaiso City Utility; 205 Billings St., Valparaiso IN 46383. Directors present were Jennifer Beauchamp, Neal Wilhelm and Nick Adamopoulos. Also, in attendance was Bill Ferngren with Ferngren Law. Ross Hagen of Baker Tilly participated via conference call. Nick called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 pm.

The meeting minutes from the August 18, 2020 meeting were distributed to the board for review and approval. Mr. Wilhelm made a motion to approve, Ms. Beauchamp seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Beauchamp distributed a list of claims for board approval. Mr. Adamopoulos made a motion to approve, Mr. Wilhelm seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The board was then presented the Reduction of Appropriation Resolution #20-02. Ross of Baker Tilly explained the reduction appropriation to the board which would reduce the 2020 Budget by \$721,578 from the original budget adoption. This reduction is a result of the sale to Valparaiso City Utilities and are expenses that will not be incurred by Damon Run for the remainder of the 2020 Budget year. Mr. Adamopoulos declared the public meeting open and asked if any members of the public had any questions or comments. No questions or comments were presented and Mr. Adamopoulos declared the public meeting closed. Ms. Beauchamp made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-02 and Mr. Adamopoulos seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The 2021 Budget was presented to the board. Ross of Baker Tilly reviewed the budget and explained that based on 2020 AV projections they estimated the rate to be around .2305 which is fairly close to the 2020 Budget rate of .2252. Ross also explained that the 2021 AV reports are not yet available from the county so this rate could go down if there is additional growth in assessed values. The rate will then be adjusted following the receipt of the 1782 Notice. Mr. Adamopoulos declared the public meeting open and asked if any members of the public had any questions or comments. No questions or comments were presented and the public meeting was declared closed. The board will meet on October 20, 2020 at 7 PM for the 2021 Budget Adoption.

The board then reviewed the latest drainage update from Charlie Ray of Duneland Group. Currently the drainage design is complete and a meeting is being lined up with Mr. McAlpine in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Ray was going to meet with Mr. Barko and provide the board a list of recommendations pertaining to creek cleaning that could set to take place yet this year. Mr. Adamopoulos then requested that the board take some action to get projects going yet this year in good faith to the freeholders that things are in progress. Ms. Beauchamp stated she would get with Mr. Barko and request a list from Charlie and hope to have it available at the next meeting.

Mr. Adamopoulos requested that we review the FAQ's and get them uploaded to the website. Mr. Ferngren was going to do a quick review and comment along with other board members. Mr. Hagen will also review and make sure any financial information was accurate and add in the information pertaining to the separation of Liberty School from Damon Run. The board will review final FAQ's and have them loaded to the website by the end of October.

There being no further items up for discussion Ms. Beauchamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Adamopoulos seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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