

**EAST SHORE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 29TH REGULAR MEETING**

Offices of
Denton Bingham Greenebaum, Indianapolis
and via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by chairman Fritz Steck at 11:20 a.m. Fritz announced that the rules of the Indiana Open Door law had been met and that the agenda was posted as required by statute.

Present for the meeting were: Fritz, Jim Bremner, and Brian Welch who were in attendance in the room and Whitney Johnson and Peter Cleveland who attended via Zoom. Also present in the room was Alan Hux of Taft Law, acting as the Board's counsel, Jarrod Hall of OW Krohn and Associates as the Board's accounting advisor, and Kathy Clark of Lakeside Consulting, acting as deputy secretary to the Board to take minutes and report on management activities. Members of the public attending via Zoom will be listed at the end of these minutes.

Old Business: Minutes from the August 13th meeting were corrected by Pete within the discussion regarding hardships. The corrected minutes are attached to these minutes. The corrected minutes from August 13th meeting were approved by a motion from Jim with a second from Fritz. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes from the October 5th work session were approved by a motion from Jim with a second by Fritz as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Claims Register for the period of 8/26/2021 to 10/27/2021 for a total of \$43,965.25 was presented to the Board by Kathy for review and approval. A motion was made by Brian and seconded by Whitney to approve the register as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Operations Report was presented by Kathy for review. It was approved from a motion made by Brian and a second by Jim. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports were reviewed with Jarrod. Pete questioned why the claims aren't shown as liabilities on the reports and Jarrod explained that municipalities and/or groups like ESCD don't usually do that style of reporting, they use a cash basis format. Liabilities are shown within the reports such as the Statement of Activity. Brian made a motion to approve as presented and that was seconded by Whitney. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Rate Resolution was discussed with a summary of suggested changes presented by Kathy. Jim recommended that this discussion be tabled until the annual meeting of 2022. The Board agreed.

Billing Procedures were then reviewed. Jim suggested that he wants to see ESCD use only emails for billing purposes and not send out any hard-copy bills. Kathy requested that the Board approve her report and provide a "mail out date" for their billing beginning in January of 2022. The Board approved a motion made by Jim to use the mail out date for the billing of the 15th of each month, to coincide with South West Lake Maxinkuckee Conservancy District's existing mail out date. Jim believes this will work best for everyone moving forward. A motion for same was made by Jim and seconded by Brian. Motion approved unanimously.

Appraisal Report was reviewed and the Board discussed aspects of it. Pete stated that he had several issues with the report, including but not limited to the appraisers' late submittal date, and some of the seemingly illogical methods that were considered by the appraisers, but stated that he would support the motion to accept it. Brian made a motion to accept the Appraisal Report filed with the Court on September 27th, 2021 and inform the Court that the Board accepts the EBA as stated in the report. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The floor was opened to those in attendance. Linda Whitton asked several questions about the collection of EBA payments, transmission of those payments to the Indiana Finance Authority and interest costs. A discussion took place regarding those topics. No decisions were made regarding those items.

Communication was also discussed by several people, including getting a website up and running for the District and sending out emails more frequently. Jim agreed that communication can always be better and that the District will try to do better with the limited staff they have employed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian and seconded by Jim. Motion approved unanimously.

Brian Welch, Secretary to the Board
11/14/2022

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Members of the public attending via Zoom: Bridget Platt, Jennifer Walker of OW Krohn, Linda Whitton, Linda Hippenhammer, Julia Hollowell.