

**Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
Independence Hill Conservancy District
Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Independence Hill Conservancy District was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at IHCD office at 8015 Cleveland Place, Merrillville, Indiana. The Chairman David M. Uzelac called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Secretary, Lynn E. Sattler, called the roll, and the following directors, staff and advisors were present or absent as noted:

<u>DIRECTORS:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Michael A. Mirin, Area 1 Director	X	
Christina Williamson, Area 2 Director	X	
George Kymakis, Area 3 Director	X	
James W. Beshears, Area 4 Director	X	
David M Uzelac, Area 5 Director	X	

<u>STAFF/ADVISORS:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Lynn E. Sattler, Secretary, Office Manager, Clerk	X	
Aravind S. Muzumdar, Engineer	X	
Terrence Bronowski, Accountant	X	
Angela Jones, Attorney	X	
Brian Smolar, Project Manager	X	

A Quorum existing, the meeting was held.

Chairman Report: (Chairman David Uzelac)

Minutes of Meetings:

- A. **March 9, 2024**, Regular Meeting. Motion made by George Kymakis to table the minutes. Seconded by Christina Williamson. None opposed. Motion carried.
- B. **March 27, 2023**, Special Meeting. Michael Mirin made a motion to approve. Seconded by James Beshears. No discussion. Motion carries.

Attorney/Legal Report

Counsel advised of a correspondence sent regarding a flooding at residential location. No call was ever placed by the homeowner of the flooding. The very next day of sending the correspondence, the homeowner contacted the office for the emergency call. We did respond to same.

Accountant Report:

- A. Resolution 2024-04: Resolution Authorizing Section 125 Premium Only Plan. Mr. Bronowski presented the resolution regarding a year 125 premium plan for employees to contribute a tax-free contribution. IHCD does this yearly. It is required to pass the resolution every year. Mr. James Beshears moved to approve, second by Michael Mirin. No discussion, all were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Engineer Report:

- A. Young America & South Brook: US Corps of Engineers are in the process to close this project administratively.
- B. Overflow Basin Generator: NIPSCO has assigned a new project manager to install their new gas service for the generator. He plans to visit the project site this week.
- C. FY 2025 Community Project Funding Solicitation: Congressman Mrvan's office requested Chairman Uzelac on March 20th to provide a list of projects which IHCD would like to request federal funding (75%) to submit to their office no later than March 22. The following two projects were submitted:
 - a. Sealing of Sewer Laterals in Lincoln Gardens/Young America & South Brook for total project cost of \$1,500,000.00 with federal grant amount of \$1,125,000.00.
 - b. Replacement of sewer main along Taney and US 30 for total project cost of \$900,000.00 and Federal grant amount of \$675,000.

Committee Reports:

- A. Maintenance: Brian Smolar, Project Manager:
 - a. March Flows averaged 1.4mgd.
 - b. New truck is in with decals and lights. It is being operated now
 - c. Reconnaissance occurring presently.
 - d. 3510 W. 78th Avenue incident report presented: Sewage was in the basement of the homeowner. Mr. Smolar reported placing a check valve to avoid this in the future. Homeowners signed the release that they will not sue for any future flooding issues. Also installed a check valve at another residential location to prevent future backups.
- B. Personnel: Director Mirin Chair, No Report.

Financial Report:

Claims: Accounts Payable Voucher Register Summary batch dated April 2, 2024. Motion made by George Kymakis to approve vouchers 33815 through 33845 in the amount of \$77,250.81. Seconded by Christina Williamson. No discussion. All in favor, motion carries.

Old Business:

Mr. Uzelac advised of a meeting coming up potentially on Saturday in the coming weeks. Discussions regarding April 6, 2024 meeting. Potentially occurring, Chairman

Uzelac will advise.

New Business:

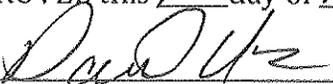
None.

Audience Comments:

There were no audience comments.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m..

APPROVED this 16th day of April
By: 
Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary

ADA NOTICE

Independence Hill Conservancy District (IHCD) will generally, upon request and without charge, provide appropriate aids and services for qualified persons with disabilities so that they can participate equally in IHCD programs, services, and activities, such as qualified sign language interpreters, and documents in large print, for example, for people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service should contact the IHCD office as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours before the scheduled event, at 8015 Cleveland Place, Merrillville, IN 46410, telephone 219-769-3996, fax 219-769-6237, email contact@IHCD-in.com, or dial Relay Indiana, at 711 or 800-743-3333.

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A Quorum existing, the meeting was held.

Chairman Report: (Chairman David Uzelac)

None.

Minutes of Meetings:

- A. **March 9, 2024**, Regular Meeting. Motion made by Michael Mirin to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Christina Williamson . None opposed. Motion carried.
- B. **April 2, 2024**, Regular Meeting. Motion made by James Beshears to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Christina Williamson. All in favor and none opposed, motion carried.

Attorney/Legal Report

Counsel advised that in the packet is the Order Approving Additional Compensation for Board indicating the court approved the Petition for increases.

Accountant Report:

Mr. Bronowski received a call from a constituent (church) indicating they were upset about their tax bill. Mr. Bronowski advised they are not tax exempt. Also advised that the county treasurer is the one who issues the bills.

Engineer Report:

- A. Young America & South Brook subdivision: IHCD requested a letter from the contractors that they will provide a warranty-tv inspection before the expiration of their two-year warranty as provided in the contract specifications. We also requested a letter that they will provide an additional extended three-year warranty-tv inspection for the two laterals that have minor defects in the liner.
- B. Overflow Basin Generator: Mr. Smolar and Mr. Muzumdar met with Aron Owusu-Teng, NIPSCO gas engineer on site on April 4. Engineer informed their gas line will have to cross the driveway at the basin. Mr. Smolar and Mr. Muzumdar informed him that IHCD is in the process of resurfacing the referenced driveway by the end of April and requested to expedite the installation of the gas line underneath the driveway before the end of April. He advised that they will try but cannot guarantee this.
- C. Resurfacing asphalt pavement at pump station driveway: A pre-construction conference was held with ABC Asphalt at IHCD main office on April 10. IHCD was informed by Ms. Katheran Stevens from ABC that they plan to start milling by the last week of April to complete the project by the end of May.

Committee Reports:

- A. Maintenance: Brian Smolar, Project Manager:
 - a. Redwood: 98% complete with testing. They still have "as built" and televising but will be ready for dedication.
 - b. Lift station: They will be milling in the last week of April.
 - c. Jet Mapping: about 20% of the district is done.
 - d. Website: This is updated with contractors list, etc.
- B. Personnel: Director Mirin Chair, No Report.

Financial Report:

Claims: Accounts Payable Voucher Register Summary batch dated April 16, 2024. Motion made by George Kymakis to approve vouchers 33846 through 33891 in the amount of \$133,090.03. Seconded by Christina Williamson No discussion. All in favor, motion carries.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Audience Comments:

There were no audience comments.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

APPROVED this 8th day of May
By: 
Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary

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