

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Independence Hill Conservancy District was held on Tuesday, July 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 (Remotely)	
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)

- A. US30 Lift Station: Nipsco did send the check for full reimbursement, and this was deposited into our bank account as of yesterday. We have no more dealings with Nipsco on this issue. We are hopeful we can utilize some of these funds for the force main replacement.

Minutes of Meetings:

- A. **June 18, 2024:** Motion made by Michael Mirin to approve the minutes and seconded by Christina Williamson. No discussion, all in favor and none opposed, motion carried.

Attorney/Legal Report

N/A

Accountant Report:

- a. Pre Budget worksheet for 2025 budget was submitted through Gateway. The only thing added this year was the indication of a tentative date of budget hearing and adoption. September 17, 2024 at 4:45 but can be subject to change. Adoption would be October 1, 2024 at 4:45.

Engineer Report:

- A. Redwood Merrillville Sewer Main Extensions: During the TV inspection of the sewer main, Mr. Smolar discovered several deficiencies. IHCD has requested the developer to correct the deficiencies prior to acceptance of the sewers by IHCD. IHCD was informed by CEMCON Ltd., Redwood Project Engineer, that the contractor is working on correcting the issues. Minor additional deficiencies were noted by Mr. Muzumdar and Mr. Smolar advised no issues with IHCD accepting those deficiencies.
 - a. Motion brought by Christina Williamson to accept the minor deficiencies outlined in Mr. Muzumdar's report. This was seconded by George Kymakis. No discussion. All were in favor, and none opposed. Motion carried.
- B. Overflow Basin Generator: IHCD was informed by the contractor that the generator will be on site the week of July 15, 2024 or July 22, 2024. This information was provided to NIPSCO for mobilization.
- C. Intersection of US 30 and Taney Place: We have not heard from INDOT and appears they do not have information related to IHCD's sewer main crossing US30 and Taney.
- D. US 30 Force Main: Mr. Muzumdar has begun working on design to prepare plans and specifications for the replacement of the existing ductile iron force main with a 10" DR 18 PVC force main. There are a few commercial properties abutting the South RW of US 30. It will be time consuming to get sewer easement on those properties. Based upon this, the plan is to locate the new force main within US 30 RW between the south edge of US 30 shoulder pavement and south RW of US 30. There are several other utilities existing including IHCD's existing force in this corridor. It will be necessary to locate and stake out the south RW of US30 by a land surveyor. Mr. Muzumdar advised IHCD to hire Mr. Hilton Donaldson, PLS to provide topographic and RW survey at a cost of \$6,480.00. Mr. Muzumdar advised that his contract allows him to retain consultants for specific projects.

Committee Reports:

- A. Maintenance: Brian Smolar, Project Manager:
 - a. Force Main: Mr. Smolar advised that he believes soil borings will likely be needed for the new force main. Mr. Beshears inquired about property owners and whether or not a development could be placed there, and which lift station would supply. Mr. Smolar advised the US 30 lift station would supply and this force main would be sufficient. In the interim, the pressure was brought down to address the leak issues with the current force main.
- B. Personnel: Director Mirin Chair, No Report.

a. None.

Financial Report:

Claims: Accounts Payable Voucher Register Summary batch dated July 2, 2024. Motion made by George Kymakis to approve vouchers 34050 through 34095 in the amount of \$468,799.97. 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 5:16 p.m..

APPROVED this 16th day of July
By: 
Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary

ADA NOTICE

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A Quorum existing, the meeting was held.

Chairman Report: (Chairman David Uzelac)

- A. US30 Lift Station: Chairman Uzelac stated that the refund check from NIPSCO in the amount of \$112,976.00 has been deposited in the IHCD bank account.

Minutes of Meetings:

- A. **July 2, 2024:** Motion made by Michael Mirin to approve the minutes and seconded by Christina Williamson. No discussion, all in favor and none opposed, motion carried.

Attorney/Legal Report

N/A

Accountant Report:

- a. Mr. Bronowski stated that he would be presenting a proposed budget to the Board in

the near future.

- b. Mr. Bronowski noted that on the Claim Docket for this evening there is a claim in the amount of \$11,660.00 to the Lake County Treasurer. This is a check refunding the amount that was deposited in the District's account in error.

Engineer Report:

- A. Redwood Merrillville Sewer Main Extensions: Mr. Smolar will provide information of his findings on the contractor's TV inspection of Sewer main between Manhole 8 & 9.
- B. Overflow Basin Generator: Contractor plan to install the new generator on site either in the week of July 15th or July 22nd.
- C. Sikh Church Development – Sewer Main Extension: No Development.
- D. Franklin Estates, 8257 Grant Street: Sewer Main Extension. No development.
- E. US 30 Force Main Between Hendricks & Marshall Street: Design of a new 10" DR 18 PVC force main: Attached is copy of partial preliminary plans of the above project (Attachment 1). We will finalize these plans after we receive surveying information from the surveyor. Engineer is anticipating the specifications will be ready for submittal at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- A. Maintenance: Brian Smolar, Project Manager:
 - a. Redwood Estates: During the televising of Redwood, it was discovered that the sewer main between MH#8-MH#9 has 4 sags. The contractor has been made aware of it and will investigate. The report will be presented to the Board about the decision whether to accept the pipe or to have the contractor replace it.
 - b. Force Main: Mr. Smolar stated the there were two more breaks in the force main bringing the total to eight. Mr. Uzelac stated that due to the high cost of repairing these multiple breaks it would be cost wise and more effective to bypass pump until the reconstruction of the force main. The cost for bypass pumping would be \$300 per day plus the cost of purchasing pipe.
 - c. Taney Lift Station Pump #3. A new impeller and cutting bar is needed to replace the original parts. The pump is currently pumping 100 gpm less than the other two pumps. Superior Pumping originally gave the District a proposal in the amount of \$7,440.65 to repair the pump. The District is in the process of replacing the diesel generator at the retention pond with a new gas generator. In exchange for removing and keeping the old diesel generator Superior Pumping has submitted a proposal for the repair of the Taney pump in the amount of \$2,320.00. Mr. Smolar stated that IHCD will be purchasing the necessary hose for the bypass pumping 750

Mr. Beshears made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Williamson to accept the proposal from Superior Pumping to repair the Taney Lift Station Pump #3 in the amount of \$2,320.00 and to allow Superior Pumping to remove and keep the diesel generator that is being replaced at the retention pond. And to allow

Mr. Smolar to purchase the hose that is necessary for the bypass pumping. No discussion, all in favor, motion carries.

B. Personnel: Director Mirin Chair, No Report.

a. None.

Financial Report:

Claims: Accounts Payable Voucher Register Summary batch dated July 16, 2024. Motion made by Mr. Kymakis to approve vouchers 34096 through 34134 in the amount of \$134,434.50. Seconded by Mrs. Williamson. No discussion. All in favor, motion carries.

Old Business:

A discussion was held on the 2024 IHCD Christmas Party. Mr. Uzelac stated that the party will be placed on the next agenda for a vote.

New Business:

None.

Audience Comments:

There were no audience comments.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

APPROVED this 10th day of Aug

By: 
Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary

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