

SOUTH-WEST LAKE MAXINKUCKEE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING & REGULAR MEETING

February 8th, 2020

The annual meeting was called to order at 9:58 a.m. and the Chair stated that the Indiana Open Door law was followed and that there was a quorum present. Those present were Crist, Stimson, George, and Purucker. Clark was present as both operations manager and acting secretary to the board. No members of the public were present.

A discussion took place about how to encourage freeholders to participate on the board as Area 1 hasn't been represented since 2013 and now, in 2020, Area 4 and Area 6 both have their representative positions unfilled. Operations Manager Clark passed out listings showing every freeholder within those three districts and those lists were reviewed by board members present. After the discussion it was determined to move towards reducing the number of board members from the original seven to three. This will allow for an easier quorum to be formed and business to be conducted. Clark will draft up a new map to distribute to the board for their final approval. After that, Mr. Hux will be contacted and asked to begin the procedure of reducing the board size. Clark explained to the Board that Hux had confirmed that all the steps necessary to do this would cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000. Purucker suggested joining the conservancy group he'd heard about as others may be having the same problems getting people to step up and serve. Clark said she would try to contact them.

The Annual meeting was adjourned by a motion from George and a second from Stimson at 10:16 and approved by all members present.

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Crist.

New Business:

Election of Board Officers. The slate of Crist, Stimson, and George was put forth by Purucker for positions of chairman, vice chairman, and secretary respectfully. The motion made by Purucker was seconded by Stimson and the motion was approved by all present.

Hux and Krohn Billing. Both Alan Hux and Buzz Krohn submitted invoices to Clark in December 2019 for a report addressing their concerns about SWLMCD issuing some type of credit to freeholders due to an excess of funds on hand. The time spent on this by both, plus a report that Clark never saw until late December, was never requested by Clark or any board member. The report advised that not enough funds were escrowed to cover all bond principal and interest payments over the life of the bond, which ends December of 2030. The report suggests a need for \$120,000 escrow, and it is believed by the Board that we have over \$200,000 in funds set aside in CD's which will continue to be added to after the small credit is offered to the freeholders. Rosy Oshry has already agreed to rename one account an escrow account and will do that monthly so no one is ever confused again. Clark was advised by motion (George/Stimson) to call both Buzz Krohn and Alan Hux and explain that the invoices would not be paid for by SWLMCD as it was not requested. Clark agreed to do so.

Minutes from the October 19th meeting were approved from a motion made by George with a second by Purucker. Motion was approved by all.

Financials: Clark reported that the DLGF accepted the 2020 budget. After a review of the financial reports offered, including year end 2019, there were several questions that the Board had. It was decided to table any further discussion until Clark could contact Rosy Oshry of Krohn & Associates.

Operations Manager's Report:

1. Clark presented her report and because most of it had been discussed in detail earlier in the meeting. It was accepted as written by the Board.
2. Clark next presented the 2019 Year End Claims Register with a total of \$51,961.15 claims. This was approved by a motion from Stimson with a second by Purucker with unanimous consensus.
3. Claims for 2020 in the amount of \$10,837.67 were approved by a motion from Purucker and a second by Stimson. Approval was unanimous.
4. A motion to allow Clark to pay the June 15th bond principal and interest was made by Purucker and seconded by Stimson. Approval was unanimous.

Issues of Board, Not on Agenda:

Crist explained to the other board members that he had to learn how to enter the final budgets in the State's Gateway system, taking over for Clark. This was due to DLGF finally accepting that Clark was not an actual employee but an independent contractor. State rules dictate that only an employee or an elected official can have access to the State's Gateway system. Crist, Clark and Oshry argued with several people at DLGF and this was reaffirmed to be the State's final decision. Crist asked the other members to think about

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Purucker and seconded by Stimson at 11:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Kathy Clark, Acting Secretary to the Board

For Secretary Richard George.

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