

SOUTH-WEST LAKE MAXINKUCKEE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 24th 2020

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m., announcing that the agenda had been posted accordance to the Indiana Open Door Law and that a quorum was present. Crist also wanted the minutes to reflect that everyone in the room was social distancing and wearing the required face masks.

Those present in the meeting included John Crist – Chair, John Stimson – Vice Chair, and Rick George – Board Secretary. Present by phone was Jim Purucker. Also present was Kathy Clark who was acting as deputy secretary to the Board under the direction of George.

Minutes: The minutes of the SWLMCD Board meeting that took place on August 8th were approved by a motion from George and seconded by Stimson. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: There was no new business conducted.

Financials: Oshry was called previous to the start of the meeting and informed her presence was not required. The September financial reports and the Fund report were both reviewed and passed by a motion made by George and seconded by Stimson. Motion passed unanimously.

The 2021 budget as prepared for entry to the State's Gateway system was reviewed a third time and approved by a motion made by George and seconded by Stimson. Motion passed unanimously.

Operation Manager's Report: Claims were presented by Clark in the amount of \$21,984.12. George asked about the amount of the locate fees paid to USIC. Clark explained that each ticket charge is \$53.75 and multiple tickets can be issued for the same address, one for any contractor doing work at that location. She also explained that she was attempting to get USIC and IN811 to straighten out the maps for SW and East Shore as they are mixing up billing, even though neither district comes close to the other geographically. Claims were approved on a motion by George and a second by Stimson. Motion passed unanimously.

Clark presented her report which has been done in a time log fashion. All members expressed their positive reactions to this format. George asked about the lien that was approved at the last meeting for a home in Venetian Village and Clark explained that the sale was apparently a land contract, so nothing will be done until that actually becomes a sale, if that happens.

Clark then explained that she was asking for clarification of a couple previous resolutions. First was that the amount the Deputy Financial Clerk has Board permission to pay is up to and including \$5,000. Second was that the Deputy Financial Clerk had been issued a Lake City debit card with a daily limit of \$500; that all charges are to be listed on the claims register and presented to the Board at the next available meeting. Third was that no base fee shall be set for anyone within the District who demolishes a dwelling or guts a dwelling due to there being no plumbing in place. Charges will be stopped on the first of the month following tear down or demolition and restarted on the first of the month following the inspection walkthrough is done and plumbing fixtures are confirmed to be in place. All requests were passed by a motion made by George and seconded by Stimson. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Discussion took place about the draft of potential new legislation to take effect July of 2021 that had been submitted by Eric Perry of Legislative Services. This was a result of the petition the SW Board sent to Senator Donato and Senator Jordan in August. Crist reported that he was going to have a second phone call with Mr. Perry on Monday, October 26th. It looks very positive.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20th, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at the Culver Library. This will be the Annual meeting. This meeting may also be held as a Zoom meeting. Clark will send petitions to Crist and Purucker for their re-election to the Board.

Stimson made a motion to adjourn at 10:53 a.m. and that was seconded by George. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Clark, Deputy Secretary to the Board. 10/27/2020