

# MINUTES OF

## Waldron Conservancy District

### Board of Directors

November 6, 2019

5:00 PM

The meeting of the Waldron Conservancy District Board of Directors was called to order by President Bruce Kuhn at 5:05PM. All directors were present, with the exception of David McCrary and Justin Beyer. Also present was Superintendent Ron Fuchs and office manager, Kim McCrary.

After reading the minutes for the regular meeting on October 2, 2019 Joe Runnebohm made the motion to accept and approve the minutes Kevin Pruitt seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and was unanimously carried by all.

### **Old Business**

Omni Site has ordered the kit to switch out alert system to 4G. Verizon has extended the deadline to December 2020.

Superintendent Ron Fuchs submitted his response to the sewer inspection.

Ron changed a few more meters out that were not reading properly.

The board had a brief discussion about the position on the board that will be available at the end of the year. Vice president David McCrary will not be running again next year.

### **New Business**

Kelly Gardner from Alliance of IN Rural Water was in attendance. She came to the meeting to speak to the board about the apprentice program that the Alliance has. Workforce Development/Work One and Veterans Affairs all have possible funding available to help offset the financial burden. Work One has a Registered Apprenticeship Program with Alliance that may be an option for us. She advised to contact them about that option and to tell them it is on their ETPL list. She also strongly suggested contacting local high school guidance counselors for a possible apprentice. It could even be a high school senior on a work study program. Kelly can help set that up if we find someone interested. The IFA also has some grants available but we do not qualify for those. The median household income is too high in our community. She also advised that if something happened to Ron and we need immediate help, to call Alliance and they and our circuit rider through them, Gordon Myers, can help set up temporary help. The help would be from neighboring utilities and the other circuit riders.

The board discussed the financial situation with water. The last DNR loan payment is due next month. Joe Runnebohm made a motion to declare a financial emergency with water and to take a temporary loan of \$8,000.00 from sewer, to be transferred into the water account. Kevin Pruitt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. The temporary loan must be repaid to sewer within 6 months.

The board discussed salaries for 2020. They opted to leave Ron Fuchs at his current salary and gave Kim McCrary a \$.50 raise per hour. Kevin Pruitt made a motion for the salary change. Joe Runnebohm seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The board will have a dinner meeting at Fiddler's Three on Wednesday December 11, 2019 at 6pm.

Both Ron and Kim gave a brief report over the classes they attended at the Alliance conference in October.

The board discussed charging anyone disconnected for nonpayment an addition to their deposit, so that it brings their deposit up to the current \$75. This will help protect the conservancy from being left with unpaid balances. Kevin Pruitt made a motion to approve the change. Joe Runnebohm seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. The disconnect policy will be rewritten.

The board also revisited the idea of writing a sewer ordinance. The idea was tabled for now.

### **Superintendent's Report**

There is a copy of the superintendent's report with the minutes.

### **Financial & Office Report**

The office and financial reports, and past due accounts were presented and reviewed by the board. A motion to accept the reports as presented was made by Joe Runnebohm. Kevin Pruitt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried after a vote was taken.

### **Public Comments**

### **Board Members Comments**

## **Adjournment**

There being no other business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn by Joe Runnebohm and seconded by Kevin Pruitt. The Board voted unanimously to carry the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7PM.

## **Attest**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Kuhn, President
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
David McCrary, Vice president
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Justin Beyer, Financial Clerk
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Pruitt, Director
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
Joe Runnebohm, Director