

Turkey Creek Dam and Dike Conservancy Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Pipp

Pledge of allegiance was led by Carolyn Anderson

Present for the meeting; William Pipp, Jim Silcox, Carolyn Anderson, and David Johnson and Todd Mikel. Vendors; Dave Hollenbeck, Ross Hagen and Chris Jeter.

Motion was made and approved to approve the agenda.

Motion was made and approved to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2022, meeting.

Chairman Bill Pipp reviewed the mission:

The Turkey Creek Dam and Dike Conservancy was established to help monitor and maintain structures that are integral to lake water level management. The lakes and our residents are what make Syracuse a great place to live, and the creation of a conservancy district ensures that structures get the attention they require to remain functional.

The conservancy district will oversee crucial and intermediate maintenance projects, while keeping the community informed of progress. Doing so will protect area property values and increase the quality of life for residents. In turn, improving water level management structures will go a long way in sustaining environmental areas, wildlife habitats and recreational opportunities throughout our area.

Legal

David Hollenbeck reviewed status of the first work of improvement for the dike in Hawaiian Village. Once we have the green light from the DNR on Lawson Fisher's dike plan, they will review the engineers work and refer to the IDNR. Once approved, the IDNR will require the board to hold a public meeting to review the plan. After the public meeting the work can be submitted for bids. Once a bid is accepted, a second public meeting will be held to review criteria, specifications, and the capability of the contractor. Final costs cannot exceed 5% of the original bid. (Same process as stated at the previous meeting)

Dave also discussed the nominations process and rotation of officers as well as the need for related nominations and election letters.

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TERM ENDS 2025

Financial

Ross Hagen reviewed the now approved 2023 budget and how it compares the 2022 budget. There should be adequate funding for all operations, the Dike project and cumulative fund. Based on the budget timing for 2023, the rates will go down.

2022 rate .0457 2023 rate .0193

Bill Pipp explained that we are still working with the town of Syracuse to contribute to costs associated with the dike construction.

Carolyn Anderson reported that we are now managing TCDDCD funds with a checking account at Lake City Bank and that our Donor account with WPOA is closed. We spent the balance of the donor funds to pay vendors.

Dave Hollenbeck explained we need a motion to approve a monthly claims approval process and collective ratification approval. A motion was made and approved. Dave also mentioned that we need to ratification to future meeting agendas.

Engineering

Chris Jeter reviewed changes to the dike construction plan following the June Deficiency Notice. Based on counsel from the DNR, our approach to the construction

plan has changed. The new plan will include the 'No Permit Needed' responses that we are anticipating from IDEM and the Army Corps in our response to the IDNR.

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Jim Silcox updated the board on how we are working with Chad Jonnson and Eco Systems Connections to monitor lake levels. Since there hasn't been a lot of change during the summer season, there has not been much activity. However, the devices are helping Chad monitor the effects of rain events in real time. An interview with Chad will be published on the TCDDCD website. Observations over winter and spring will help determine if additional monitoring devices are going to be needed. Jim also stated, we are getting more traffic on the website <https://turkeycreekddcd.org/> Jim will be working with BCS to keep articles current and submit new information to raise awareness levels with constituents.

The board was pleased to hear the news that Dave Johnson has agreed to stay on the board to serve out his term or until his house sells, whichever comes first.

Fourth quarter meeting

A motion was made and accepted to hold the next board meeting Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 3:00pm at the WACF office.

A motion was made and approved to adjourn