TCDDCD Board meeting minutes

3rd quarter 2026 August 7, at WACF Education Center 3:30pm

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Pipp welcomed members of the public in attendance.

Roll Call:

J Silcox reported that all BOD members were present. Brad Quinn, Judy Roberts, Bill Pipp, Todd Mikel and Jim Silcox.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by B Quinn and seconded by J Silcox to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by J Roberts and seconded by T Mikel to approve the minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

Consultant Reports:

Attorney

Approval Status of TCDDCD Work Product Report submitted to the DNR: *The attorneys are drafting a letter to the DNR stating that all the work has been completed to expectations. The DNR will approve and accept the letter and the work is considered complete once the letter is acknowledged.*

Baker Tilly

Financial Resolution Considerations Presented
Paying via Electronic Transfer of funds. The current methods we are using to pay invoices are deemed acceptable. *A motion was made by T Mikel and seconded by J Silcox to approve a resolution to approve pay bills and transferring funds electronically. The resolution will be written and submitted by the attorneys.*
Authorizing the use of credit and debit cards. This was discussed and is not considered a viable option.
Pay Claims prior to being approved at board meeting (example Nipsco bill) Again. *The current method being used by the Treasurer is deemed appropriate and acceptable.*

The attorneys will be writing a piece to clarify the nomination process including terms and rotations for each board position.

Financial Consultant

Confirm receipt of all Financial Statement approval signatures YTD 7/31/26.
Claims Approval Forms
Monthly Financial Review & Approval Forms

Baker Tilley confirmed that all required receipts, claims and approval forms are in order.

Review YTD 7/31/26 Fund Balances, Receipts, Disbursements
Provide update on Trust Indiana Interest Bearing Account recently opened
Provide recommendations on how much of our YTD 7/31/26 fund balance we should move to our Trust Indiana Interest bearing account.

The board discussed all the options for moving funds into alternative interest-bearing accounts and opted to the Trust Indiana Savings plan. The decision was based on reasonable interest rates and the flexibility of access to funds if required. Baker Tilley was instructed to transfer $470,000 from the cumulative fund to a Trust Indiana Savings account.

Present 2027 Budget Recommendation for board review, questions & approval. *Complete*

Provide chart showing conservancy constituents general fund $ tax & cumulative fund $ tax for the following:

$250,000, $500,000, $750,000 & $1,000,000 assessed value homes. *Baker Tilley committed to updating this chart so it can be shared with the constituents.*

Provide chart showing conservancy constituents general fund % tax rate & cumulative fund % tax rate. *Pending*

2025, 2026 actual & 2027 (for recommended budget)

Highlight the relevant state review milestones required prior to final approval of 2027 budget request

There is a virtual meeting September 14 related to the final approval by the state of our 2027 budget. Bill Pipp and one other will participate.

Engineering

Pipp Update on Advanced Diving planned 2027 annual preventive maintenance inspection and cleaning

All 2026 repairs & maintenance that were approved have been completed and documentation received and provided to insurance provider

Due to high water levels this spring/summer, there is still a small area that needs the final coat of sealer applied when the water level is no longer going over spillway.

Standard cleaning & preventative maintenance has been scheduled for late August or September 2027

B Pipp reviewed all the above topics to update the board. There were no questions or concerns.

Old Business

Silcox to provide update on 2026 lake level/flow rate management technology plans & reporting from Ecosystems Connections Institute & term of current contract. *Herb Manifold, from ECO Systems, was present and reported that all monitoring devices except the flowrate at the RR bridge are operating as expected. The flow-rate device has been subject to several forms of vandalism.*

Silcox update on constituent use of the live streaming video monitoring system of Gatehouse, spillway & flood control gates and our website activity in general. *Olivia Pratt, BCS was present and reported that all the cameras are functioning as expected. We have experienced over 500 visits to the streaming service on our website by interested parties, seemingly constituents. Over 200 hours of viewing time for the north facing camera and 277 unique visits. The concept of advertising on our website was discussed. The board members asked this was legal considering our not-for-profit organization. The Attorneys will look into this and report their findings and the next board meeting.*

New Business

Alan Tehan presentation (owner Technical Services, Engineering Power & Performance Company) *Alan presented a three-phase plan and costs to enable an automated approach to managing lake level adjustments using ECO Systems data and related algorithms. The board acknowledged all of Alan's team's work and indicated an interest in pursuing this phased approach at future meetings. Alan will be meeting with Herb Manifold to gain access to all the data currently being collected.*

Guage & Camera Administration: *This was covered by Olivia Pratt and Jim Silcox.*

Dam Control Upgrade Proposal: *This was covered in Alan Tehan's presentation.*

Pipp DNR Stewardship Manager Conservancy Workshop Group Participation. *Bill Pipp will continue to participate in these meetings.*

Pipp 2026 August Dike & Dam Insurance renewal process update: *There does not appear to be any increases in our insurance premiums.*

Pipp Drainage Ditch Board *dredging of Turkey Creek north of Henry St. bridge to allow greater flow of water under Henry Street bridge during high lake level periods. Bill Pipp reported that the County is giving serious consideration to spending available funds to dredge the creek from Henry Street bridge to the Polywood property to allow for better flow out of the spillway.*

Pipp Approval of payment for TCDDCD Ad Placement in 2026 Wawasee Property Owners Association Directory for $921. *Bill Pipp explained that the invoice from the WPOA Directory for advertising was miscommunicated and is still being sorted out.*

Other

Confirm Board meeting dates, time, location for meetings below

2026 4thQuarter BOD Meeting date. *The 4th quarter meeting is set for Friday October 30 at 3:00 at the WACF office.*

Annual Meeting & Election date for 2027: *Pending guidance from the attorney's, preferred dates are in early February.*

Motion to adjourn meeting: *A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn.*