TCDDCD Board meeting minutes

Public Budget Hearing & Board Meeting – September 28, 2026, 3:00pm

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Pipp called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing on the 2027 budget.

Roll Call:

J Silcox reported the following BOD members were present: (Brad Quinn, Judy Roberts, Bill Pipp, Todd Mikel and Jim Silcox].

Public Budget Hearing:

The public hearing on the 2027 budget was conducted. No members of the public were in attendance and no public comments were received. The hearing was adjourned and the board proceeded with consultant reports.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made to approve by Todd Mikel, seconded by Jim Silcox and approved unanimously.

Consultant Reports:

Attorney
Board Term Reconstruction: *A report was provided on the staggered term system for the five-member board. Current term expirations are: Todd Mikel – 2030; Jim Silcox – 2027; Bill Pipp – 2028; Judy Roberts – 2029; Brad Quinn – 2029 (appointed to fill an unexpired term). A chart of all past and present board members and their terms will be posted on the website for public transparency.*

Annual Meeting Date Flexibility: *Legal efforts are underway to modify the court order to give the board more leeway in selecting the annual meeting date, which must still occur by March 1st, to better accommodate members who are away during the winter months.*

Baker Tilly

2027 Budget Adoption Process: *The budget adoption meeting is scheduled for October 30th. Following adoption, the budget forms must be submitted to the DLGF within a 5-day window.*

2027 Tax Rate: *A slight decrease in the tax rate is expected for next year, pending final assessed value data.*

Trust Indiana Interest Bearing Account: *The board plans to move funds into the Trust Indiana Fund to take advantage of the higher interest-bearing account. T Mikel will reach out to Mary Jo Burst (Baker Tilly) to coordinate the transfer of funds to Trust Indiana.*

Engineering

Flood Control Gate Automation – Alan Tehan, Technical Services: *Alan Tehan presented a proposal to electrify one of the flood control gates using a custom-built, waterproof DC motor assembly, which reduces shock hazards and increases torque. The system will use three separate circuit boards (gauge, motor and algorithms) for redundancy and to lower replacement costs. It will include fault detection and potentially a beacon/light to notify the town or fire department of any issues. The system is designed to allow remote operation; robust security gateways will be required to prevent unauthorized access. A prototype motor is expected within four weeks so it can be tested for weather durability over the winter. Alan Tehan will coordinate with David Wilkins regarding the Town's responsibility for water level management and automated controls.*

Old Business

Pipp Drainage Ditch Board – dredging of Turkey Creek: *The County Surveyor is initiating paperwork with the DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge Turkey Creek, which would increase water flow capacity.*

Henry Street Bridge: *The Henry Street Bridge currently acts as a bottleneck on water discharge. The board discussed the long-term need to potentially raise the bridge to help prevent flooding.*

Other

Confirm Board meeting dates, time, location for meetings below

2026 4th Quarter BOD Meeting / 2027 Budget Adoption: *The 4th quarter meeting and budget adoption is set for Friday, October 30 at 3:00pm at the WACF office.*

Annual Meeting & Election date for 2027 and 1st quarter board meeting, *Pending the outcome of the court order modification. Board members agreed to meet Friday February 5th, 2017 at WACF offices from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.*

Motion to adjourn meeting: Motion by Jim Silcox seconded by Judy Roberts
unanimously approved to adjourn.