SOUTH WEST LAKE MAXINKUCKEE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
10/25/2025

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Present: Chairman John Crist, Vice Chair John Stimson, Jackie Smith, Tom Fujimura, and Rick George were present. Secretary Jim Purucker attended remotely via Zoom. Ginny Munroe was present to act as recording secretary. Accountant Steve Carter of Krohn & Associates LLC was also present.

The meeting began at approximately 10:30 a.m. John Crist announced that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with state law and a quorum was present with 6 board members. Note that two board members were a few minutes late, but they approved of the minutes that had been covered right as they arrived.

Minutes

The minutes were presented for the Regular Meeting on 8-16-2025. **John Stimson motioned to approve the minutes. Tom Fujumura seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.**

The minutes were presented for the Public Hearing on 9-13-2025. **John Stimson motioned to approve the minutes. Tom Fujumura seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.**

Claims

Ginny Munroe presented the claims. **Tom Fujumura motioned to approve the Claims. John Stimson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.**

Management Report:

Ginny reviewed the report with the Board with the following topics:

- Budget adoption process and upcoming vote on the budget: Ginny explained that they conducted the public hearing and received no comments from the public.
- Stickers: Ginny will order stickers before spring to put on alarms as Thomas is called to properties.
- Astbury contract: Ginny provided information on the Astbury proposal for locator services. She acknowledged that Tom Ganz (the Astbury rep) would be presenting more on this later in the meeting.
- Realtor gatherings: Ginny said that in the coming winter months before the summer season, Ginny would be reaching out to realtors to remind them of contacting her when property on the lake sells, so that we can get new homeowners up and running.

Rick George motioned to accept the report. John Stimson seconded the motion. It passed 6 to 0.

Financial Reports: Steve Carter presented Financial Reports for August and September, including balances for the funds, interest accrued on bonds, and so on. **Rick motioned to approve the Financial Reports. John Stimson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.**

OLD BUSINESS

No old business topics were covered.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Ganz, a representative from Astbury, presented to the Board. He explained that Astbury works with other conservancy districts and municipalities all over Indiana to do locating, and he understood the Board's concerns about fees and lack of administrative support. He explained that their company charges one monthly fee no matter how many tickets are produced. He said that Astbury would be willing to work with SWLMCD on a longer-term contract that would stabilize pricing for locator services.

Tom reviewed the contract proposal with the Board, explaining that they do a monthly fee that doesn't change. After some discussion of how the company operates, Jackie requested that if they move forward with Astbury, they would like the company to include a report on the locations that are checked. Tom said that would not be an issue.

Ginny Munroe explained that East Shore Conservancy District voted to go with Astbury starting December 1. It would require the Board to give a 30-day notice to USIC. She was notifying them of East Shore's change via email, certified mail, and regular mail.

Rick George asked if Astbury could do a 5-year contract. Tom said he would definitely look into that and thought that the company would agree to do that. He said that sometimes they do a longer-term contract with only cost of living increases.

There was some discussion of Astbury's ability to do maintenance. The Board members said they were happy with Thomas but would be open to seeing proposals in the future.

John Stimson motioned to have the District move forward with Astbury for a longer, 5-year contract making November 30 the last day of working with USIC. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

Ginny said she would give the notice right away. She also asked the Board to authorize John Crist as Board Chair to review the contract that would be based on the proposal so that they could get it signed before the next quarterly meeting and before the December 1 deadline. John could sign based on authorization. **John motioned to authorize John to review the contract**

developed based on the Board's input at the meeting. Rick seconded. The motion passed 6 to 0.

The Board set a date of December 6, 10 a.m. Eastern time to meet regarding the Claims.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Motion to Adjourn: Tom motioned to adjourn. John Stimson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6 to 0.

Jim Purucker, Board Secretary and Ginny Munroe on behalf of Jim Purucker