

Public Hearing

Fleming Garden Christian Church

September 29, 2025

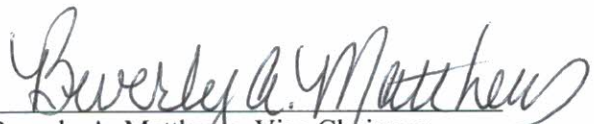
Chairman, Fred Buckingham, called the meeting to order at 6:05 o'clock p.m., on Monday, September 29, 2025, at Fleming Garden Christian Church, 530 S. Taft, Indianapolis, IN 46241. Those in Attendance: Fred Buckingham, Chairman; Ryan Heathco, Director; Beverly Matthews, Vice Chair, Angela Wirth, Secretary/Finance Officer; Micah Sarabyn, Project Manager; Jennifer Hess, Hess Hess & Donnelson, LLP (Attorney for the District); John Thurman, Maintenance, Carolina Posada, Billing Clerk, and Brandon Cook, Maintenance. Also in attendance were Freeholders Mr. Donald & Mrs. Deena Robinson and Ms. Christy Hayes. Not in attendance was Steve Brock, MBA CPA, Therber, Brock & Associates, Lou Savka and Darrin Garrett, VS Engineering.

Mr. Buckingham opened the meeting with introductions of the Board Members and the District Staff. Mr. Buckingham stated that the purpose of this meeting was to hear public comments and concerns regarding the three proposed 2026 resolutions; the 2026 Budget Resolution, the 2026 Rate Resolution and Tariff, and the 2026 Salary Resolution.

Ms. Wirth introduced herself and shared information regarding the 2026 Budget. Ms. Wirth explained how the District submits proposed figures to the Indiana Gateway and the Department of Local Government Finance ("DLGF"). Ms. Wirth stated that the 2026 budget gave way for another year of monthly sewer rates to remain at \$40.00 and that the ad valorem property tax would also decrease with the new fiscal year. Ms. Wirth asked if there were any objections or questions regarding the 2026 Budget Resolution presented, there were no objections by any of the freeholders in attendance regarding the proposed 2026 Budget. Ms. Wirth then introduced Ms. Jen Hess to discuss the 2026 Salary and Rate Resolutions for the District.

Ms. Hess introduced the Rate Resolution and Tariff and the Salary Resolution. The Rate Resolution provides for a user fee of \$40 per EDU or equivalent dwelling unit (which is the current rate). Ms. Hess briefly explained the two-tier system of revenue collection (ad valorem taxes and user fees) and provided information on how to calculate total cost per customer by looking at the property tax bill. She also introduced the Salary Resolution which provides modest increases in current salaries. Ms. Hess asked if there were any questions or comments related to any of the resolutions and there were not.

  
Fred F. Buckingham, Chairman

  
Beverly A. Matthews, Vice Chairman

  
Ryan Heathco, Director

ATTEST:

Angela Wirth, Secretary