

ANNUAL MEETING

Pursuant to notice, Fred Buckingham, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2025. Those in attendance: Fred Buckingham, Chairman; Beverly Matthews, Vice Chair; Ryan Heathco, Director; Angela Wirth, Finance Secretary; Micah Sarabyn, Project Coordinator; Jennifer Hess, Counsel for the District; Steven Brock, MBA, CPA Municipal Financial Advisor; Lou Savka, Darrin Garrett, and John Mowery VS Engineering; John Thurman, Maintenance Department; Brandon Cook; Maintenance Superintendent; and Brian Daviau, Maintenance Department.

Mr. Buckingham opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Mr. John Mowery was introduced to the Board by Lou Savka of VS Engineering. Mr. Mowery has been working with VS including work on an IU Health project. His background is in water resources. Mr. Savka mentioned the force main on the bridge on the High School Road project. He believes he has come up with a plan to hold the brackets. He will obtain pricing regarding this issue.

The Board expressed concern regarding the CEG increase of over 7% for 2026. Unfortunately, the Board was given notice of the increase after the 2026 budget was set. As the Board cannot change the ad valorem tax rate, the Board may need to slightly increase rates in 2026. The other option is to use cash on hand. The Board does not wish to make any decisions regarding this until such time as it can be determined how significantly flow rates have decreased from the 2025 lining project. Mr. Heathco noted that he believes that we should minimally increase the user fee to cover this expense, with the caveat that as we do not have a treatment plant, we cannot fully control cost. He also wishes to attempt to further eliminate clear water in the system and explain to the community how the presence of clear water raises rates and how they can help to reduce costs by complying with the Sewer Use Ordinance regarding not allowing clear water to flow into a sanitary sewer.

Mrs. Sarabyn brought up the idea of insurance for lateral lines for customers, if it was available. She was advised this was a potential resource from the Alliance Conference in Ft. Wayne, This will be further investigated as a possible resource for District customers and Mrs. Sarabyn will provide the contact information. Mr. Brock also brought up a requirement that when a house is sold, it would be nice if the District could get the lateral to be inspected by a certified company. While the District has the authority to request this, it would be difficult to enforce or police. In planning for 2026, Mr. Savka brought up the idea of a penalty for refusal

to comply with sump pump inspections and an ongoing fine until such time as Ben Davis employees are permitted to inspect the premises. He would like to add several penalties to the rate tariff, including the following; 1. refusal to allow inspection, 2. for noncompliant laterals, and 3. For failure to provide easement access (where people have parked over an easement). . These issues should also be addressed in the Sewer Use Ordinance.

Mr. Brock discussed the treatment plant and performed a calculation using the 2027 projected treatment expense with a treatment facility cost of \$30 million. He predicts that the District would “break even” with current 2027 projected costs. However, the size of the necessary treatment plan needs to be reevaluated as the sewer lining project is expected to significantly reduced flows.

Ms. Hess noted that she had filed with the court for the Board compensation increase. Ms. Hess brought up the issue of the Indianapolis Airport Authority and the current ad valorem tax for the parcels which are not receiving service. Mr. Heathco motion that the 15 parcels owned by the IAA do not receive service should not receive a property tax bill. Mrs. Matthews second and the motion and Mr. Buckingham was is also in agreement. Motion passed. Ms. Hess has permission to report back to the treasurer regarding the issue with IAA.

Mr. Heathco provided the communications report and discussed how we offer services other utilities do not include easy access to our staff, meetings, and Board.

Mrs. Sarabyn provided information regarding the Sanctuary Indy project, including easements and the necessary dedication agreement. She would also like to get the meet and great with the Health Department on the calendar.

Mrs. Wirth presented the minutes from November and December. Mr. Heathco made a motion to approve the November minutes. Mrs. Matthews seconded the motion. Mr. Buckingham was also in agreement. Motion passed. Mr. Heathco in a motion to approve the December minutes. Mrs. Matthews seconded the motion, and Mr. Buckingham was also an agreement. Motion passed. Mrs. Wirth presented the appropriations transfer prepared by she and Mr. Brock. Mrs. Matthews made a motion to approve the appropriation transfers for 2025. Mr. Heathco seconded. Mr. Buckingham was also in agreement. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Buckingham motioned to adjourn the meeting. The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Ben Davis Conservancy District was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. The next Meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ben Davis Conservancy District located at 703 S. Tibbs Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46241 in the Board Room.

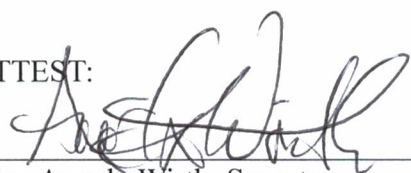


Fred F. Buckingham, Chairman



Beverly A. Matthews, Vice Chairman

Ryan Heathco, Director

ATTEST:


Mrs. Angela Wirth, Secretary