

REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to notice, Fred Buckingham, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026. Those in attendance: Fred Buckingham, Chairman; Beverly Matthews, Vice Chair; Ryan Heathco, Director; Angela Wirth, Finance Secretary; Sarah Kennedy, Administration & Finance with the Ben Davis Conservancy District; Jennifer Hess, Counsel for the District; Steven Brock, MBA, CPA Municipal Financial Advisor; Lou Savka, Darrin Garrett, and John Mowery of VS Engineering; John Thurman, Maintenance Department; Brandon Cook, Maintenance Superintendent; and Brian Daviau, Maintenance Department. Also in attendance was Ms. Christy Hayes, Freeholder and Mr. Younger Torress. Micah Sarabyn is still on maternity leave.

Mr. Brandon Cook, maintenance supervisor, introduced Mr. Torres. As part of the lining project, a large section of West Morris Street which contains many taps, Inliner, apparently covered Mr. Torres lateral and did not open it back up causing him sewer issues. Mr. Cook confirmed as did Mr. Darrin Garrett that this incident did take place. Mr. Garrett stated that VS was not aware there was a need for both the front and rear taps to be open; the front tap was covered, not the rear. Mr. Torres, came requesting reimbursement from the District for his expenses. Mr. Torres explained what took place and the problems he was having as well as the expense he incurred to remedy the problem. Mr. Heathco asked Mr. Torres some questions and confirmed with Mr. Cook and Mr. Garrett the error was made and Mr. Torres statement was accurate. Mr. Heathco, motioned for reimbursement of the \$2,300.00 of incurred expenses to Mr. Torres with receipts provided. Ms. Matthews seconded the motion, and Mr. Buckingham approved the motion.

Mr. Cook presented the maintenance report from March 13 to April 9 of 2026. Mr. Cook stated that 637 feet of sewer line had been cleaned, 80 feet of sanitary lines were dye tested, 50 feet of sewer lines were visually inspected, 52 Manholes were inspected with GPS, 33 manhole lids were replaced, 3 inspections were performed, 134 sanitary sewer locates were completed. In addition, 1 location was monitored with a portable flow meter and 7 incident reports were filed. Mr. Cook stated the backhoe is in need of a full workover and the costs for repairs is over \$15,000.00. The Skidster's hydraulic arms and system can be repaired for around \$5,000. Mr. Cook presented the CWA Pass through meter flows and credits in addition to the District flows for February and March.

Mr. Savka of VS Engineering presented Pay claim Number 21 in the amount of \$76,297.39. Mr. Savka stated this pay claim represented 100% completion of Inliners work on the SRF project. The retainage balance is is \$294,122.80. Ms. Matthews made a motion to approve Pay Claim Number 21, Mr. Heathco seconded the motion, and Mr. Buckingham was in agreement. Motion passed. Mr. Savka will issue the Certificate of Substantial Completion to the SRF. Mr. Heathco made a motion for Mr. Buckingham to approve the certificate of substantial completion once Mr. Garret completes his inspection. Mrs. Matthews seconded the motion and Mr. Buckingham was also in agreement.

Mr. Mowery of VS Engineering, passed out a diagram of the Bertha Avenue Sewer Replacement and an estimate of construction costs to complete this project. Mr. Mowery believes this project based on information from Mr. Garrett and Mr. Cook to be a priority for the District to begin work as soon as possible. Mr. Mowery expressed his concern for this project and how DPW will need to be involved. Bids/quotes will be sought to confirm actual pricing for the work, however, the estimated cost is between \$345,000.00 and \$418,095.00. This is a 15 inch main and approximately 402 feet is needed to be repaired and or replaced along with several new lateral connections that will need to be made off Bertha. CSC attempted to get through this section with a root cutter with no success and Inliner was only able to jet 40 feet upstream with a camera before being stopped by a 50% blockage or breakage of the line. Mr. Heathco asked if a point repair and/or a bypass could be performed in lieu of the \$345,000 cost. After lengthy discussion, it was determined that this could ultimately cost more given the condition of the line and multiple attempts that may be required to find the blockage/collapse and that this line will soon need to be replaced anyway given the age and condition of the line. In addition, it was note that this stretch of Bertha is a major bus route so we must also consider the solution that causes freeholders the least disruption. Several suggestions were made and discussed between VS and the Board. Mr. Heathco did ask Mr. Garrett if he could get a bid on both the Lucerne Street project and the Bertha Street project for a more competitive price for both. Mr. Heathco would like to see a bid of around \$500,000.00 come in for both projects. VS will put the Lucerne Avenue Sewer and the Bertha Sewer work out for quotes/bids as soon as possible.

Concerns were raised about the maintenance staff not being able to get into several Storage Unit facilities in which the District had infrastructure and or manholes. Ms. Hess

indicated that she has sent out letters to all land owners provided in the list she received on April 8, 2026.

Mr. Brock presented the March financial statement and discussed the following: billing rates and budget through the year 2026. The SRF and the First Merchants Bond, interest and payments. The status of the 2026 budget and timeline and steps in planning for the 2027 budget with Mr. Brock and Ms. Wirth to begin the process in July of 2026. The District will then file it with the DLGF in September of 2026, a public hearing will take place for any objections or concerns to the 2027 budget, the Board will approve and adopt in October of 2026 and all info will be entered into the Indiana Gateway before the deadline in 2027.

Mr. Brock continued to express concerns regarding the flows and CEG treatment rates. Mr. Brock continues to be concerned about the Districts flow increases regardless of the lining project. March and April bills will provide more insight to where the Sewer Processing Budget lies for the remainder of the year. Mr. Brock believes the District will need to implement an increase next year in terms of the Sewer User Rates with the freeholders.

Next, Ms. Hess provided the legal update. Ms. Hess indicated 18 letters were sent regarding the manhole accessibility. She indicated that she and Mrs. Garret met to go over upcoming projects and what easements and other legal documents would be required. She also sent the lease addendum to Mr. Denny and presented the same to the Board. Mr. Mowery noted that the point of contact for engineering needs to be him as Ms. Revnyak is retired. Mrs. Matthews made a motion to approve Addendum #1 to the 900 S. Tibbs lease. Mr. Heathco seconded the motion and Mr. Buckingham was also in agreement. Motion passed and Mr. Buckingham executed the addendum on behalf of the District. Ms. Hess discussed the need for changes to the Sewer Use Ordinance and is working with the Maintenance Team on this matter. She discussed the letters that went out to the auto dealership and church on West Washington regarding a grease issue and a connection issue. Ms. Hess made a request for permission to engage outside counsel for assistance with upcoming contracts with CEG. Mr. Heathco made the motion to permit Ms. Hess to obtain the assistance of outside counsel. Ms. Matthews seconded the motion, and Mr. Buckingham was also in agreement. Motion passed.

The Board gave Ms. Hess permission to procure several parcels of land that would be beneficial to the District. The Board authorized Ms. Hess to purchase the land offering up to

\$10,000.00; A motion was made by Ryan Heathco, seconded by Beverly Matthews and approved by Mr. Fred Buckingham. Motion passed.

The month of March the District collected \$ 22,716.00 for exceptional benefits and contract customers. Cathey Vaughn continues to make progress and is working on return mail, processing payments, finalizing accounts in Ampstun, entering Pre-Lien and Lien Release letters, searching the Property Cards for resident/owner verifications in Map Indy.

Sarah Kennedy is working with Mr. Cook on ensuring additional EDU's are being added to the billing system, following up with the customers that Mrs. Sarabyn sent letters to regarding repairs to be completed and if repairs have not been completed sending out new bills for these customers regarding fines and fees, i.e., Home City Ice, Mobile Home Park, etc., for penalties. Ms. Kennedy has worked with customers who received liens and directed them to the Marion County Treasurer's Office.

Mrs. Wirth worked with Mr. Garrett, Mr. Cook, Mr. Savka and Erica of Sanctuary Indy regarding Sanctuary Indy. After several emails going back and forth regarding the payment plan and the invoice. Mrs. Wirth received a signed document that will need to be signed by Fred Buckingham with the first payment of \$10,000.00 to be received this month. Sanctuary Indy elected the (3) year plan for payment purposes.

Mrs. Wirth, Mr. Cook, and Ms. Kennedy worked on an issue with a homeless population behind the District's Pole Barn. Mrs. Wirth reached out to Officer Brad Bentley and Mr. Cook reached out to IMPD and the officers helped to get a vehicle removed as well as The Cleaning Source came and removed their trash and furniture left behind. Mrs. Wirth has been working with Melissa and Lincoln on the STD for Mrs. Sarabyn. Mrs. Wirth and Mr. Cook collected all keys cards and uniforms from Mr. John Thurman as he retired on April 2, 2026. We wish Mr. Thurman well and thank him for his many years of service and dedication to the District.

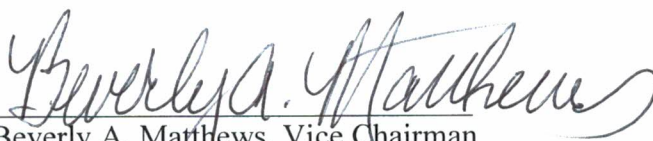
Mrs. Wirth presented the March 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Heathco made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Matthews seconded the motion and Mrs. Buckingham was also in agreement. Motion passed and minutes approved. Next, Mrs. Wirth presented the claims register from March 11, 202 to April 8, 2026 which was reviewed and approved by the Board. She also presented the Financial Statements for Chase Bank and Trust Indiana.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Buckingham

motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.. The next Meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on Thursday, May 14, 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.



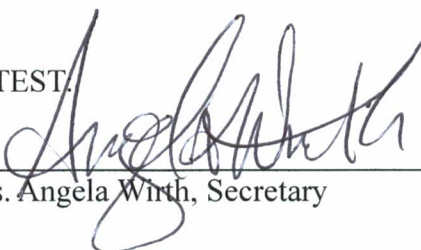
Fred F. Buckingham, Chairman



Beverly A. Matthews, Vice Chairman



Ryan Heathco, Director

ATTEST.


Mrs. Angela Wirth, Secretary