

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
TWIN CREEKS CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

November 18, 2024

The Twin Creeks Conservancy District met at the South Haven Public Library at 7 pm.

Board Members present: Dean Efantis, Mark Lippie, Mike Jacob, Sharon Kniola, Theresa Dixon and Scott Retherford.

Others Participating: Attorney Barkes, Engineer Frank Stewart, Professor Juan Carlos Ramirez

Regular meeting called to order

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Motion made by M. Lippie to approve the October 2024 minutes, seconded by M. Jacob, unanimously approved, motion carried.

Financial Statements Report –

October 2024 financials reviewed. Motion made by S. Kniola to approve financials as submitted, seconded by T. Dixon, unanimously approved, motion carried.

CLAIMS – November 2024 claims presented for payment: Motion made to approve the claims for payment by M. Jacob seconded by S. Retherford, unanimously approved, motion carried.

Legal

- Nominating petitions due. Chairman Efantis returned his. Theresa and Mike to get theirs signed and returned before deadline.
- Will contact Chelsey to work on MS 4 collaboration agreement.
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Engineering

- Chelsey inquired on easement for sink hole in Salt Creek Commons. T. Dixon to reach out to the County on easement signatories.
- S. Retherford reports that Loundenber sinkhole has been filled with gravel. Neither the County nor TCCD was granted an easement. Unsure of who filled sinkhole.
- Engineer Stewart requests that TCCD or County be deeded easements around boundaries. Current status is unknown who the easements were granted.
- MS 4 report/plan passed out. Discussion ensued.
- Outfalls need maintenance. D. Efantis to reach out to John McQuestion for repair of outfalls. Possible December meeting attendance to speak about specifics of outfall upgrades.
- MOU needs to be completed with the County for MS 4 compliance. Attorney Barkes will reach out to County Stormwater so that collaboration can be completed.

Professor Juan Carlos discussed how Valparaiso University and TCCD could collaborate with their engineering students on flooding/environmental issues. Engineer Stewart will provide the professor with the requested documentation. Engineer Stewart suggested using the students to test the outfall stormwater.

Chair/Board

- Nothing to report

Public: Professor Juan Carlos Ramirez

ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting 12/16/24

There being no further business to come before the Board, S. Retherford motioned to adjourn, seconded by M. Lippie, unanimously approved, motion carried.