

LITTLE WALNUT CREEK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

MINUTES – January 7, 2026

The Little Walnut Creek Conservancy Board of Directors met in the basement at the Putnam County Community Foundation on January 7, 2026.

Directors Present: Steve Stamper, Steve Albin, Mike Dean, Zach Cox
Directors Not Present: Kevin Hubble
Also Present: Molli Newby, Tiffany Deer, Joe Nowling, and Laren Zeek

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am.

Albin approved the minutes from November’s meeting. Stamper seconded. Vote unanimous.

Tiffany gave the financial reports – Register of Claims, Budget vs. Actuals. The board voted to move the Park Establishment Fund over to Savings. Albin approved, and Stamper seconded. Vote unanimous. Mike asked about the Maturity date for the CDs. Tiffany is going to ask about penalty fees if the CD is moved early. Mike motioned that if the penalty fee is under \$5,000.00, or if there’s more benefit to move the CD. Albin approved, Stamper seconded. Vote unanimous. Albin approved the financials and register of claims. Zach seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mike asked if anyone had heard anything about the duck hunts.

Molli presented the dam inspection proposals. The board voted on using Burke Engineering again for the 2026 dam inspections. Albin approved. Zach seconded. Vote unanimous.

The board discussed what Joe has been doing around the lake and what he’s getting ready to start on, weather permitting. Zach was asked to look at the sea wall and give an estimate of fixing the concrete blocks. He was also asked to look at the small pond. Joe asked if we would be working with the LARE Grant again to get more rift raft put around the lake. Molli and Tiffany are to look into the grant.

Albin asked Stamper about front sign to the lake being redone. Stamper is to get a quote on new/updating the sign. He is also going to check into getting a sign to remind people to submit their photos. Molli and Tiffany are to check into getting a QR code.

Mike asked about how to market the kayaks better/get them to be used. They decided to check into lowering the rate/use. Molli and Tiffany are to look at the contract/contact information. Tiffany is to look into what income they brought in the years prior. The board talked about the potential of selling back the kayaks. Joe is to get the contact information for the kayak maintenance guy.

Laren asked about signs for the west docks for golf carts parking. Stamper is to check on getting a sign for that as well.

Stamper mentioned he met with the bird watching group and as going to get with them and see if they would be willing to help clear the trails and work on the burns.

With there being no further business, Albin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 am. Zach seconded. Vote unanimous.

The next regular meeting is to be held February 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., promptly after the annual meeting, at the Putnam County Community Foundation – 2 South Jackson Street, Greencastle, IN 46135.

Chairman

Secretary