

CORDRY-SWEETWATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 8

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE POLICY
FOR BOARD MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District (hereinafter referred to as "District") is subject to the Indiana Open Door Law; and,

WHEREAS, the District holds regular public meetings; and,

WHEREAS, from time to time, and for various reasons, board members are unable to attend District meetings in person and there is difficulty establishing a quorum for the District to conduct its business; and,

WHEREAS, the Open Door Law permits board members to attend virtually as permitted pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-3.5; and,

WHEREAS, I.C. 5-14-1.5-3.5 requires that the District enact a policy to permit board members to attend virtually; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District determines a policy for virtual attendance at meetings should be adopted to authorize rules to allow members to meet virtually.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the virtual meeting policy attached as Exhibit "A" shall be adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policy allowing virtual attendance at meetings shall be in full force and effect from and after April 19, 2022.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all rules, policies or procedures of the District in conflict with the virtual attendance policy are hereby repealed or modified to the extent necessary to eliminate any conflict with the policy.

Adopted this 19th day of April, 2022.

CORDRY-SWEETWATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS


Herb Benshoof, Chairman

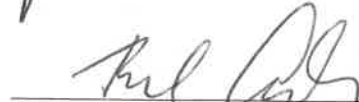
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Josh Edwards, Vice-Chairman

Aye Nay

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Matt Petersen, Board Member

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Pat Sherman, Board Member

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Aaron Parris, Board Member

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Mark Rasdall, Board Member

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EXHIBIT "A"

Pursuant to Indiana law which permits political subdivisions to meet by any electronic means of communication as long as the members simultaneously communicate with each other and allow the public to attend and observe, unless it is an executive session, and as long as the governing body adopts a written policy establishing the procedures that apply to a member's participating in a meeting by electronic means, the District has approved the following written policy to permit electronic meeting.

The policy provides that any member of the board may participate in a meeting by any electronic means of communication that allows all participating members to simultaneously communicate with each other and, other than a meeting that is an executive session, allows the public to simultaneously attend and observe the meeting either in person or through an online link. The monthly agenda will have a contact email address through which the public can obtain the meeting link for that month. A member who participates by an electronic means of communication shall be considered present for purposes of establishing a quorum and may participate in final action only if the member can be seen and heard. All votes taken during a meeting at which at least one member participates by an electronic means of communication must be taken by roll call vote. A member of a governing body may not participate in a meeting of the governing body by electronic communication if the governing body is attempting to take final action to: (1) adopt a budget; (2) make a reduction in personnel; (3) initiate a referendum; (4) establish or increase a fee; (5) establish or increase a penalty; (6) use the governing body's eminent domain authority; or (7) establish, raise, or renew a tax.

A member may not attend more than fifty percent of the meetings in a calendar year by an electronic means of communication unless the member's electronic participation is due to military service, illness or other medical condition, death of a relative, or an emergency involving actual or threatened injury to persons or property. A member may attend two consecutive meetings by electronic communication (a set of meetings) and then must attend at least one meeting in person between sets unless the member's electronic participation is due to military service, illness or other medical condition, death of a relative, or an emergency involving actual or threatened injury to persons or property.

The minutes of a meeting at which any member participates by electronic means of communication must identify who was physically present, who participated electronically and who was absent.