

**Open Work Session
Drainage Tax Ditches
October 16, 2018**

Ms. Karen Hoy, Public Drainage Associations Coordinator with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Mr. Dave Mister, Regional Coordinator with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Dallas Baker, Director of Public Works came before Council. Mr. Baker said he asked the Department of Agriculture to come out and talk to Council about the Public Drainage Association (PDA) formation. He said, as Council knows, they have been dealing with drainage throughout the County, and one of the areas that is somewhat difficult to address is when they see ditches and swales that eventually drain through private farmland, into some woods, and then meander and make their way to whatever the discharge point is. He said, once they leave the County right of way, it is a challenge to maintain them and keep them open. He said several suggestions were raised through the public outreach meetings regarding the formation of new tax ditches to get these areas cleaned out. He said, again, they had asked the Department of Agriculture to come and explain the process of setting up new PDAs, and whether it is possible. He said there are bits of conflicting reports of whether or not they still do that, so he asked them to come in and talk. He then thanked Ms. Hoy and Mr. Mister for being at the meeting.

Mr. Mister said he thinks all of Council has in front of them a summary of steps in the organization of a PDA. He said this information comes from the Maryland Drainage Law Article 25, and also from the Revised Title 26 Annotated Code of Maryland. He said he does not know whether Council wants him to read through this entirely because he is sure they can do that, so he thought he would try to summarize some of the points, and he will start by saying that they have taken this information from the Code. He clarified, before the County would start into any process, he is sure the County would use their attorney to follow this process, but this is, more or less, just what they have pulled from the Code, and what is required. He said PDAs, certainly, can be formed, and that is not an issue. He said the issue is the process that has to be followed according to the Code in order to establish a Tax Ditch Association. He said, as he moves down the summary, the first thing that has to occur is the watershed itself. He said the residents in the watershed, whether it is a third of the landowners or a third of the land owned, have to, basically, sign a petition saying they have a problem. He said it starts within the watershed itself, and the petition is filed with the Council. He said there would be a summary of what the issue is, and a proposal of how to address that issue, and that starts the process. He said, of course, there is a Public Hearing involved in the early phases of this, but, eventually, the Council decides whether or not to form a PDA. He said, if they do that, once that has been approved by Council, then a Board of Managers is appointed to start this process, and then they get into the technical aspect of the problem. Mr. Cannon said, when he talks about the petition coming from one-third of the area, he always wondered how it developed because he does not think many of Council is very familiar with this. He said this was done a long time ago, and he does not think the County has done it in years. He then asked how they begin a petition process where the end-game is to impose a tax on themselves. He said, at the very initial stage, they do not know what they are obligating themselves to, and they could decide to sign the petition, but the next thing they know they could be spending \$100 a month on taxes. He then asked if there is a clarification process before the petition starts, to which Mr. Mister responded, it is not before it starts, but it is at the Public Hearing. He said, at that first Public Hearing, there needs to be a discussion about what the burden will be on the residents, which are actually two things. He explained, not only is there a maintenance fee to maintain the system once it is established, but there is also the cost of constructing the system. He said there is a provision that the County can supplement that, but that is money from the County being used. He repeated, there are two things that take place, the first being the cost of

constructing the system, and then there is a maintenance fee that is assessed annually after that to maintain the system.

Mr. Joe Holloway said, back in the early 1980s, the Horse Bridge Tax Ditch was formed. He said he was not involved in it because his land did not get put in it, but his neighbor's did, and it became quite heated. He said it is a pretty dramatic event when this takes place, and there was a lot of discontent, and neighbors were really going at each other, so it is a pretty tough thing to get started. He said enough of the neighbors were able to get together to get the third that was needed to put it into a petition, but it is not easy to get done, and it is very dramatic when it starts. He said he guesses they would have to have a lot more people that were being affected by it for it not to be as bad as that was, but that was pretty bad when it happened.

Mr. Baker said it is very similar with how they address their Urban Services Districts for street lighting. He explained, it starts off with a community petition to Council, and that is, in effect, a tax to that community because they then are paying for the construction and operation of street lights, whereas this would just be the construction and maintenance of a tax ditch. He said they were talking about the drainage sheds, so he will use Tyaskin as an example. He said they could go down there and outline a drainage shed for Tyaskin, and then have a public meeting to educate the folks there, similar to what they did with the earlier meetings where they said what area they were looking at, and show them the options they have to help address the issues, educate the public, and then see if that is something they want to pursue. Mr. Matt Holloway said the way to successfully get a petition is to go in after a 7-inch hurricane because everybody is affected at that time.

Mr. Joe Holloway asked where this information came from, to which Mr. Mister responded, what he provided is from the Maryland Annotated Code. Mr. Joe Holloway then addressed Mr. Taylor and Mr. Wilber, and said, reading this, it needs to be changed because they have a County Executive now, and none of this has the County Executive in it. He said, somewhere along the line, that has to be addressed. He said, even though it has been since 2006, they keep running into similar things where they are discovering things that just say Council where it needs to include the Executive.

Mr. Dodd said he thought at one time the Council was given regular updates on the Tax Ditch Associations, to which Mr. Mister responded, he is not sure how it has worked here, but it is usually a local function, and it may have been from Ms. Hoy's predecessor, Mr. Dick Parsons. He said Mr. Parsons may have addressed this Body regularly, and that is, certainly, something that can be done on an annual basis. He said the tax rolls should be presented to Council, and Council approves the Board of Managers for each PDA, so that would be an excellent time for someone to come and address Council's concerns on an annual basis. Mr. Dodd said, for the past four years, Council really has not heard from the PDAs, so some of Council did not realize it existed, and then they were getting a lot of questions from the public when their ditches were flooding, or overgrown and not being maintained, and people did not know if they had a tax ditch or not. Mr. Baker said that is, actually, the case for the gentleman who spoke during the public comments of the Legislative meeting.

Mr. Joe Holloway said, after it is formed and the managers are appointed, the question he is getting from constituents is what governs the managers to make sure the work gets done that needs to be done. He said he is hearing from some people that the ditches are not being cleaned out, and they are not being maintained as they should. He then asked where the constituents can turn to if they are not satisfied by what they hear from the managers. He said these managers are volunteers, and they are highly regarded in their neighborhoods, but sometimes their neighbors come to the County and say their ditches are not getting cleaned out, or they are having flooding problems, and they have already talked to the tax ditch folks. He then asked if there is an enforcement part of this Code, to which Mr.

Mister responded, he will address that in two ways. He said the biggest limiting factor in work not being done is the amount of tax maintenance revenue they have to do the work, so they have to make decisions on a budget for the work they can do. He said some are not collecting enough taxes, or, as they discussed, and he will update Council on this today, the tax rolls have suffered, and they have not been able to collect enough revenue, so money is the big factor. He said, as far as who to address problems to, the tax ditches are, actually, local issues. He said they are something that the Council, Wicomico County in this case, would address, so if someone, such as the gentleman who was just speaking at the meeting, is not getting what they need from the tax ditch managers, he thinks it is appropriate to come to the County and raise the issue. He said, certainly, he and Ms. Hoy took note of what the gentleman just said about Beaver Dam during the public comments, and they are going to follow up on Beaver Dam themselves with those managers, and take a look at that situation and see what is going on there, but coming to the County is a local issue. Mr. Joe Holloway said they do not have any enforcement authority, to which Mr. Mister responded, he thinks they need to discuss that with the County Attorney. Mr. Cannon said the closest it seems to come is in Section 9 where it says "Upon approval of the report by the Wicomico County Council, the Board of Managers shall be empowered to install, operate, and maintain the work of its improvements described in the work plan," but it does not really say that the Council itself can follow up afterwards. He said the closest thing that appears as a follow up is an appeal, and that is to the Circuit Court. Mr. Mister said that deals with formation, and he is not sure he is qualified to answer that question as he thinks that is a question for the County Attorney.

Mr. Joe Holloway said this has been a big problem. He said, for example, Kilburnie drains into Horse Bridge, and those folks really do not want to pay anything because it does not matter to them, but with the folks where it is draining their farmland, they know how valuable it is. He said then when they get somebody in a neighborhood, or on a small portion of a lot, and their house gets flooded, suddenly they discover they are on a certain ditch, and they think their problems are not being taken care of. He said they need somewhere to go, and he does not see where this addresses that the County has any authority.

Mr. Cannon asked Mr. Paul Wilber, County Attorney, if he can expand on this at all with his experience. Mr. Wilber then came before Council, and said the Board of Managers is a big entity, and that is where the complaints go. He said they are the ones who have the budget, and, he thinks, as Mr. Cannon said earlier, it is hard for people to say they want something created where they will be taxed. Mr. Cannon asked, once it is established, what is the Executive's and Council's role in oversight, to which Mr. Wilber responded, he can certainly check into that, but he believes it is at the Board of Managers, and that is where the control is on the tax ditches. Mr. Kilmer said, if there is a Board of Managers that is not doing their job, they can be replaced every year. He clarified, every year Council appoints them, so they could appoint different ones, to which Mr. Joe Holloway responded, the trouble is finding people who want to do it. Mr. Kilmer said he guesses if there is someone who has a concern, they are highly motivated to be active.

Mr. Cannon asked Mr. Taylor if he has anything to add, to which Mr. Taylor responded, not on this particular point, but to the extent they are also talking about these flooding situations that are occurring generally, primarily in subdivisions, he is just wondering if a tax ditch idea even makes sense because they would probably have to condemn the ditch to go through some small homeowner's land, and that is not going to be popular, plus the cost. He said there is a provision in the Local Government Article for what they call Stormwater Associations, which are a little different than Tax Ditch Associations. He said that might be a better way to address these problems, not in farmland, but primarily subdivisions. He said because of the difficulty of forming any of these associations, he is wondering whether a particular tax district might not even be a better means to do it because he does not think that requires as much

consent of the people within the district. He clarified, these are just kind of overview comments that he is making. Mr. Baker said he has had earlier conversations, specifically with two residential neighborhoods like Kilburnie, about developing those as Urban Service Districts where they all put in some money. He said, again, it would start the same as the street lighting process where they would sign a petition, he would go in and develop costs for cleaning out their ditches, and then put that back to them and let them know how much it would cost spread out over X number of years. He said he agrees that tax ditches are not the answer to residential, but, again, this is more for those areas out in the middle of areas that do not have subdivisions, but clearly there is a ditch that drains, and drains off a County right of way through farmlands and woods. Mr. Taylor said Mr. Baker is correct that the original purpose of tax ditches, as he understands it, was to make agricultural land more productive, and what has happened is that some of the agricultural areas have become, of course, developed, so that has become the nexus of the problem the gentleman mentioned earlier with the tax ditches, and that is a little different than flooding.

Mr. Cannon asked Mr. Taylor to clarify what he had said the alternative was to tax ditches, to which Mr. Taylor responded, he thinks they can do a tax district. He clarified, he is not familiar, personally, where he can comment on all the P's and Q's of that, but he thinks that can be done without having to get as much consent of the people within the district. He said, if that is a possibility, he thinks it is worth looking at that. Mr. Mister said he will comment a little further on that. He then said, on the last page of the handout is a list of the tax ditches in the County, and when they were developed going back to 1946 for Green Branch PDA. He said the reason he brings that up, to Mr. Taylor's point, is that the purpose originally was for agricultural drainage, but they have become part of the infrastructure, and now more and more different types of land uses are depending on these systems. He said, at the bottom of that page, the very last comment is the most important thing. He said because they are PDA tax ditches, their designed on what is called c-curve, or agricultural drainage, meaning they are only designing them to remove 2 inches of rainfall in a 24-hour period, but Hurricane Michael just dumped about 7 inches of rain on the Westside of the County in four or five hours, so no matter what they design in that situation for a tax ditch, it cannot carry that kind of water. He said the frequency of their storm events has been greater and greater in the last several years calling more attention to this. He said the tax ditch itself is probably not going to be the way they would be designed. Mr. Joe Holloway said he just read that, and he was shocked to read that, to which Mr. Mister responded, a lot of folks do not know that. Mr. Joe Holloway said 2 inches is not a lot of rain, at least compared to what they have been having lately. Mr. Cannon said that is what they are trying to address. Mr. Baker said he is getting an education here himself. He then asked if it is possible to revise those standards for specific drainage. He further asked, if they said they wanted to establish a new PDA, could they specify what that new design standard would be, to which Mr. Mister responded, he does not know that the Annotated Code actually specifies that. He said that is the standard, or the specs that were used when they designed these originally. He clarified, that is not to say they could not design something larger, but the problem with that is then the cost because it becomes cost prohibitive on doing things like that. He said, again, remembering that at least with the Tax Ditch Association the landowner has to bear the cost of the construction and share that cost, and then the maintenance to maintain something much larger than they are already trying to maintain. Mr. Baker said that is the same thing they are facing on the residential side right now. He said the County's system is designed for two and ten-year storms, and a 15-inch pipe or an 18-inch pipe will suffice, but, for these larger storms, they are talking about having their systems designed to 25 or 100-year storms, so now they are looking at 24, 36, and 48 inch pipes, and that cost gets passed onto the developers, and to the homeowners. Mr. Cannon said it is better than the alternative. He clarified, it is better than them calling the County afterwards and asking what is going on because their basement is flooded, to which Mr. Baker responded, he agrees completely.

Mr. Mister said he has been in Soil Conservation for 30 years, and everybody has a drainage problem until the cost is put in front of them, and then the drainage problem goes away, at least temporarily, so cost has a lot to do with it. Mr. Cannon asked if Soil Conservation used to take care of this, and if they used to focus on this and take care of the ditches, to which Mr. Mister responded, there were, actually, watershed programs back in the day before his time where they did all the surveying, and laid all this stuff out. He said that has changed considerably since then, and they do not have the resources to do this anymore, just as the Maryland Department of Agriculture does not have those resources either, so the cost of actually doing the survey is another cost associated with it, along with the construction. Mr. Cannon said it may be the only solution for the State because he thinks it is very obvious that this is a Statewide problem, and not just a problem in Wicomico County. He said, when they go in to look at these ditches, it used to be much simpler, but nowadays, if they are going to do anything to a ditch, it is going to involve the Department of Natural Resources, the Maryland Department of Environment, and the Department of Agriculture. He said there are so many State agencies that now have to be a part of it that he would think the State might be inclined to review this as a State matter where they would control all the aspects of it, and do so for the benefit of the County, even if it is cost sharing. Mr. Mister said that may be something to look into, and he is glad Mr. Cannon mentioned cost sharing. He said he wants to give them a historical perspective. He said, over the years, there was cost share funding that came from the State to help with maintenance of these systems, and the local jurisdictions also provided cost share assistance. He said, to his knowledge, only Worcester County now is providing any cost share assistance, and it is limited to what they are providing to their Tax Ditch Associations. He said the State funding went away years ago, and the program has dwindled. He said he thinks they all know that, in the current environment, drainage is not a good thing, or viewed as a positive thing. He explained, they look at the Bay, and trying to protect the Bay, and, certainly, from agricultural runoff, the idea of having drainage off farmland directly into the Bay without a lot of best management practices to help reduce the nutrient inputs is, certainly, something they have to be very conscious of because the times have changed, so he is not exactly sure how the State would receive a request to take on a drainage program. Mr. Matt Holloway said this gives him a little bit of heartburn because he thinks of two years ago when the Federal Government tried to classify all of the ditches as blue water streams, and they would have had to have followed all their Federal guidelines, and he does not know if the County should really give up their control of all of their ditches. He said he would like to keep that local, though he likes the funding part, to which Mr. Cannon responded, that is a good point.

Mr. Joe Holloway addressed Mr. Wilber and asked, when there is a citizen who is not having any luck with the PDA managers, what is their next step, to which Mr. Wilber responded, they could start a movement to replace the PDA managers. Mr. Dodd asked if the managers are appointed by the County Executive, to which Mr. Cannon responded, that is not even in the Code now as it has to be updated. Mr. Dodd asked who does that, to which Mr. Kilmer responded, the Council appoints them every year. Mr. Joe Holloway reiterated, Council confirms them every year. Mr. Kilmer asked where the names come from, to which Mrs. Hurley responded, the names come from the County Executive's Office. Mr. Joe Holloway said it is tough to find people to do it. Mr. Mister clarified, each PDA has an annual meeting, so the managers are voted on annually, and they are on three-year rotating terms, so the Board never turns over, and it is one each year. He said they are voted on at the annual meeting, and then they are brought before Council for approval.

Mr. Cannon asked if they will have to go to their Legislators to introduce Legislation to have this statute changed, to which Mr. Wilber responded, yes. Mr. Baker asked, if they are finding they do not have enough funds to do the work the citizens want them to do, do they have the ability themselves to increase what they are charging, or do they have to bring those charges in front of Council to get approval before they are increased, to which Mr. Mister responded, they have the authority to levy the

tax themselves. He said last year they talked about the review of the tax rolls, and the first step was to review and update the tax rolls to make sure that all of the original properties that were included in the Tax Ditch Association were being taxed to see if that made a difference in the revenues, and, if that was not enough, the next step would be to possibly raise the taxes. He clarified, each Association does that separately, and it is not done across the board, but each Association decides how they want to do that. Mr. Kilmer said Council approves rates for crops, to which Mr. Mister responded, there is a ratio between the amount of cropland and amount of woodland, and that remains fixed, and comes from the viewer's report, but the actual fee per acre is approved by Council.

Mr. Cannon asked Mr. Mister if he is familiar with any Counties that have transitioned to a more productive or more efficient method, to which Mr. Mister responded, all of the Counties have actually struggled with this, but are all still following it the same. He said there are six Counties on the Shore with tax ditches. Mr. Joe Holloway said he knows they have meetings. He then asked if there is a significant amount of revenue that is going to be raised from these properties that are being included that had not been previously, to which Ms. Hoy responded, some are getting a significant amount back, but most of them are not. She said, for example, Beaver Dam increased their parcels by almost 17 percent, which gives them an increase of \$825.44 per year. She said that does not sound like much, but their collections usually average \$6,097 per year as of October 2017. She said \$825.44 might be the cost of a tile to install. She said another example is Head of Creek, which is only getting \$50 back a year. Mr. Joe Holloway clarified, Beaver Dam is getting an increase of roughly \$800 per year, to which Ms. Hoy responded, that is correct. Mr. Joe Holloway said they are going from a little over \$6,000 to roughly \$6,800. Mr. Mister said they worked specifically with one PDA earlier this year who for a while did not collect a tax, and their theory was that they were not doing any maintenance and things were in good shape, so they did not collect the maintenance fee. He said, in the end, they had a situation where they needed to do some work, and did not have enough funds to do it. He said they had a conversation with them about the need to collect this every year, and plan for what they do not expect. He said he thinks they are trying to do their best, but they do not want to raise taxes, and he thinks at some point they are going to have to face that situation and make some tough decisions. Mr. Joe Holloway said 20 or 30 years ago it was \$100 to rent a bulldozer, and now it is \$225, so that is where they run into issues where the cost of doing business gets away from them. He then asked, if some of these tax ditches have funds building, and, going back to the Code where it says 2 inches of rain for every 24-hour period, if some of these tax ditches have money available, would it not be good for them to change that ratio a little bit if they could, to which Mr. Mister responded, the funny part of that is it is kind of happening naturally anyway. He clarified, if they look at a system that was built back in the 1960s, for instance, they would go back and survey that system today and see it is scoured and undercut, and the banks are eroded, so they actually have greater capacity now than when it was originally installed, so, obviously, could carry a heavier rainfall event, but it is still not carrying the frequency of the storms they have had in recent years. He said they do have situations where that is a problem, and they have actually eroded to a point that they are tough to manage.

Mr. Dodd asked if the Associations are allowed to collect the maintenance fee and put it in a reserve fund if they do not use it, to which Mr. Mister responded, absolutely. He said they do that, and the County Treasurer maintains the fees as they collect the fees for the Tax Ditch Associations. Ms. Hoy added, it is an itemized list on their County bill, and it goes specifically to each PDA account. She said nobody can touch it, except when a manager submits a bill to the Treasurer's office. Mr. Dodd asked if they should be collecting that each year anyway, to which Ms. Hoy responded, yes.

Mr. Cannon said it seems to him that they should probably have a Work Session with the managers to find out even if their Associations are intact, how much they have in reserves, and what their goals are. He then asked if Mr. Mister thinks that would be a good process, to which Mr. Mister responded, they have that information. He said, first of all, the information about what their accounts are should be available from the County Treasurer's office. He said the second thing is that Ms. Hoy does an annual Operations and Maintenance Plan after each meeting where she puts together a list of the work they plan to do for the next year, so they have that information about their goals. Mr. Cannon said that would be very helpful because this is, surprisingly, unexplored territory for Council. Ms. Hoy said she personally creates the plan from the information that comes from the annual meetings and what the managers decide they want to do. Mr. Cannon said, if she could share that with Council, that would be great. He said Finance, of course, knows what they collect, but are they made aware on a regular basis of what is spent, to which Ms. Hoy responded, yes, because she submits a bill to the Treasurer's Office after the manager signs it, so she keeps a record of what is going out. Mr. Cannon asked if all expenditures go through Ms. Hoy's office, to which Ms. Hoy responded, yes. She said she sees a copy of the invoices that come through.

Mr. Joe Holloway said there is another issue with Horse Bridge that he has heard complaints about, which is downstream on Horse Bridge before they get to Twilley Bridge where the Nature Conservatory is. He then asked if Mr. Mister knows anything about what is going on there, to which Mr. Mister responded, yes. Mr. Joe Holloway said they are, basically, trying to back up the water, to which Ms. Hoy responded, they are trying to restore their floodplain. Mr. Mister clarified, it is a restoration of the floodplain, and it is not actually backing water up, to which Mr. Joe Holloway responded, not according to the neighbors. Mr. Mister said the projects involve, actually, a breach in the bank of the tax ditch, so they are putting a notch in that, and actually lowering the bank down so that during periods of high flow the water can go out of the channel into the adjacent floodplain on private property and reside there until the flow goes down. He said the water then goes back out, or the floodplain uses it to filtrate the water. He said, when they first started Horse Bridge, some of the early ones they did were installed on a 4:1 slope, which made it almost impossible to drive a tractor through those breaches in order to do maintenance. He said they met with them, and a lot of concern was raised over that. He said there were some other issues too, but he does not think the managers were made aware of what they were going to wind up having to maintain, so that was a problem. He said, since that time, through this program they have gone to 10:1 slopes on those breaches, so now it is a very gradual drive down into the breach, they are very wide and very long, and much easier for the Tax Ditch Association to maintain. He again clarified, they are not backing up water, but they are just simply using the floodplain on private property. He said these landowners own this land and have participated in this program through the Federal Government. Mr. Joe Holloway said, back when they were doing this ditch in the early 1980's, the Tax Ditch Association went in and took care of the problem themselves, and almost had to go to Federal Court because they cut down a bunch of trees in there that they were, supposedly, not supposed to do, but they took care of the problem.

Mr. Dodd asked if these floodplains on private property considered non-tidal wetlands, to which Mr. Mister responded, to be honest, he is assuming that is the case. He said it is part of the original floodplain, and then when they dug the ditch, a lot of times the spoil just went next to the ditch and did not go anywhere, so the water had to come up very high to get over into the floodplain. He said this alleviates that, and makes this floodplain more accessible. He said it may be that originally this was a non-tidal wetland. Mr. Dodd asked, if they see flooded land in their travels during the rain, it may be a floodplain that is designed for this purpose, to which Mr. Mister responded, it may be. He said a lot of this is on the lower end of Horse Bridge, if he is not mistaken.

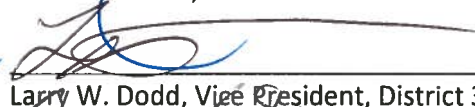
Mr. Joe Holloway said, going back to Beaver Dam, how far does that tax ditch run, and does it run all the way to Route 50, or does it run to just Walston Switch Road, to which Ms. Hoy responded, without looking at her map, she is not sure. Mr. Baker said he believes it is just past where the old railroad bridge crosses over between Walston and Winterplace, to which Ms. Hoy responded, she thinks the maintenance itself stops at Winterplace.

Mr. Mister said he thinks they pretty much covered everything, and they will leave this with Council for them to review. He said he thinks maybe this is not the way to address this, or maybe it is, but Council can review this, and they would be glad to come back again and discuss it further. Mr. Cannon said this has been very informative, and Council really appreciates them being here as it has been very productive, to which Mr. Mister responded, they appreciate the cooperation of Council, especially with this project in Wicomico, and review of the tax rolls.


Mr. Hoe Holloway asked if they can inform Council when they have meetings with some of the Tax Ditch Associations, to which Ms. Hoy responded, she gives Gail in the Treasurer's Office the dates of the annual meetings. Mr. Joe Holloway said, if she could inform the County Council, that would be better, to which Ms. Hoy responded, she will do that. She said they also have an annual breakfast on November 15 for all of the managers. She said they have a guest speaker, and food, and she can send that out as well. Mr. Cannon asked her to send it to Mrs. Hurley because the more communication they have, the better. There was no further discussion.




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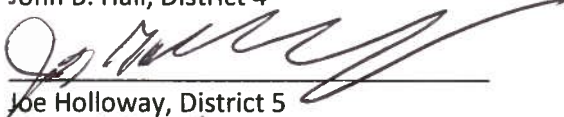


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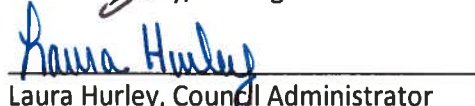
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