

**VILLAGE OF LOCH LLOYD**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
July 15, 2025  
Meeting Minutes

**THE VILLAGE OF LOCH LLOYD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 15, 2025, IN THE BANQUET ROOM OF THE LOCH LLOYD COUNTRY CLUB LOCATED AT 16750 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, VILLAGE OF LOCH LLOYD, MISSOURI. MEMBERS PRESENT INCLUDED TRUSTEE/CHAIRMAN ETHERINGTON, TRUSTEE/CLERK LAFATA, TRUSTEE ELSBERRY, TRUSTEE MURPHY AND TRUSTEE WORSTELL-BENJAMIN.**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Etherington called to meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He noted the attendance in person of all Trustees and the confirmation of a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Chairman Etherington requested all present, as capable, to rise and join in the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Chairman Etherington then opened the floor for a motion to approve the minutes for the Trustees' May 14, June 11 and June 11, 2025 (special) meetings. Upon a motion duly moved and seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously, with no objections or abstentions.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.** Trustee Murphy provided an update on the Village's Emergency Management Response efforts. He provided a brief history of the Village's emergency preparedness efforts, expressing the belief that we have good infrastructure in place through prior investments in emergency communication radios, a Gator, the emergency weather siren and the recent purchase of 40-50 Go Bags. He highlighted that Jed West continues to volunteer his time and participates in the Cass County emergency preparedness meetings. He then discussed his view that the committee's next focus needed to be on educating residents on how they can and should prepare themselves and their households for various emergencies, as well as providing information on what to do in the event of an emergency. There was discussion about the difficulties of centralizing an all-volunteer community response team in a community like Loch Lloyd. Trustee Murphy circulated copies of Emergency Preparedness booklets that Cass County makes available for free. He reported that he is exploring ways to communicate this type of information to residents more conveniently and more frequently.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

- a. **Intermodal Update and Next Steps.** Trustee Elsberry led a discussion regarding the status and next steps regarding the City of Belton's request to annex a portion of Holmes Road. By way of background, Trustee Elsberry reminded the Board that the City of Belton originally requested the Village's support for annexing Holmes Road between Old Highway 58 and Missouri Highway 150. Instead, the Village submitted a letter opposing the original annexation request based on concerns that the annexation was related to a proposed intermodal project and would lead to roadway improvements enabling and encouraging increased truck traffic along Holmes Road, thereby posing safety risks and negatively impacting existing residential use along that corridor.

The City of Belton subsequently revised its annexation request seeking to annex only the right-of-way at the intersection of Holmes Road and Old Highway 58 and north on Holmes to the driveway of the St. Mary Magdalene Church. The revised request specifically rescinds its request to annex any portion of Holmes Road from the Church driveway north to 155<sup>th</sup> Street. Trustee Elsberry and Village Attorney Zerr met in person with representatives of the City of Belton, reviewed Belton's revised annexation request, Master Land Use Plan and RAISE Grant application and engaged in discussions with the developer of a proposed grocery store project at the subject intersection. During that conversation, Belton representatives stated that the revised annexation request is solely related to the proposed grocery store development and is not related to the proposed intermodal project or any desire to increase heavy truck traffic along Holmes Road

After an extensive discussion, the Trustees concluded that supporting the revised annexation request will facilitate the development of a beneficial commercial amenity for Village residents and the surrounding community, while limiting the scope of the annexation and addressing the Village's prior concerns. The Trustees discussed the contents and caveats of a supportive response.

Based on those discussions and assurances from the City of Belton, Trustee Elsberry moved that the Village of Loch Lloyd:

- (i) formally support the City of Belton's revised annexation request concerning the right-of-way at the intersection of Holmes Road and Old Highway 58, and
- (ii) authorize the transmittal of a letter in support of the revised annexation request to the appropriate representatives of the City of Belton [and the Missouri Department of Transportation] following confirmation of the answer

to a question raised by Trustee Lafata regarding whether the City of Belton's annexation of the right-of-way at the intersection of Holmes Road and Old Highway 58 is required to annex the property for the proposed grocery store project, and

- (iii) continue discussions with the City of Belton to, among other things, discourage and minimize any future increase in heavy truck traffic along Holmes Road in connection with the proposed intermodal project, and advocate that the land surrounding the grocery store development be zoned for single-family or single-family attached residential use, rather than multifamily or apartment-style development.

The motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

- b. **MODOT Traffic Light.** Trustee Lafata provided a status update on MODOT's project to put a stop light on Holmes Road at the Village's south entrance. He read an email from MODOT stating that they were planning to hold a preconstruction meeting towards the end of July or early August.
- c. **Planning and Zoning Candidate Selection.** The next order of business was the selection of four new commissioners for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Chairman Etherington introduced the topic and explained that three of the commissioners would serve four-year terms and one would serve a two-year term. He announced that Nate Irvin and Sheri Stamper had withdrawn due to personal conflicts. As a result, there remained six candidates for 4 positions. Chairman Etherington reviewed the voting procedures. After responding to questions, he called for the Trustees' first round of written ballots.

Chairman Etherington and Village Clerk Lafata counted the votes and announced that Glenn Etherington, Mark Frankovic, John Rieckman and Jordan Wilson each received a majority of votes and were elected. Glenn Etherington was then selected for the two-year term by random drawing.

**NEW BUSINESS.** Chairman Etherington discussed briefly his desire to improve the Village website. He noted difficulties in layout, navigation, stale content and the ability to provide updates. He also expressed a desire to have a platform that would support hosting email for trustees and commissioners to aid in retention and collection of Village records for purposes of the Missouri Sunshine Laws and litigation requests. He has asked Confluence to secure bids from website consultants.

Chairman Etherington reminded those in attendance the next Trustees' Meeting was scheduled for August 13, 2025 at 6 pm in the Loch Lloyd Country Club banquet room.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, Chairman Etherington adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Etherington, Meeting Secretary