

President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust Project Commission

**Indiana State Museum
Board Room - 3rd Floor
650 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana**

**September 9, 2025
11:00 A.M.**

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Comments by Chair
2. Review and Approval of the President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust (PBHCT) Project Commission Minutes for the meeting held June 10, 2025
3. Public Access and Open-Door Law Update – Stephanie Flittner, DNR General Counsel
4. Financial Report and Environmental License Plate Sales – Mark Becker, PBHCT Executive Director
5. Land Acquisition Report – Mark Becker, PBHCT Executive Director
6. State Fair T-shirt Report – Mark Becker, PBHCT Executive Director
7. Next Meeting
8. Adjournment

Appointed Officer Information:

Amanda Wuestefeld*	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(1)
John Seifert*	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(2)
Ron Hellmich*	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(3)
Brandt Baughman*	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(4)
Cathy Ferree*	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(5)
Missi Bush-Sawtelle*	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(6)
Emily Kress**	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)
Betsy Yankowiak**	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)
Mary McConnell**	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)
Sam Bond**	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)
Kristopher Krouse**	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)
Rep. Mike Karickhoff***	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(8)(A)
Rep. Ryan Dvorak ***	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(8)(B)
Sen. Greg Taylor***	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(8)(C)
Sen. Justin Busch***	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(8)(D)

* No term start or end date, as the commission appointment is based on the job title and does not have a specific term

** Continuing to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority

*** Non-voting member

**President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust Project Committee
Indiana State Museum
650 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Minutes of June 10, 2025

1) Call to Order

Missi Bush-Sawtelle called the meeting to order of the President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust (PBHCT) Project Committee at approximately 11:05 a.m., EST, on June 10, 2025, at Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis, Indiana.

2) Review and Approval of the Project Committee Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2025

Mike Linderman moved to approve the minutes. Ron Hellmich seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion was carried.

3) Land Acquisition Report

Mark Becker, Director of Land Acquisition, presented this item. He explained there are promotional funds within the stewardship account to purchase t-shirts for DNR staff and volunteers. Becker noted a quote has not been received.

Jack Seifert moved to approve the State Fair t-shirt design and funding up to \$7,000. Emily Kress seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion was carried.

4) Financial Report

Becker presented the financial report. He noted that every project in bold has had action taken. Becker indicated the importance of informing the board on the process of projects this fiscal year.

Becker spoke briefly on the Next Level Conservation Trust financials. He indicated to date 3,492 acres have been closed and \$20.3 million dollars.

Division of Land Acquisition has closed 67 projects this fiscal year. This includes various easements. There are 8 conservation easements and 4 fee simple acquisitions that total 79 acres.

5) PBHCT Projects

Redacted per I.C. § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) — To discuss strategy for purchasing or leasing property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11

President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust

Fund Accounts

(IC 14-12-2-26)

	<u>State Parks and</u>			<u>Outdoor Recreation</u>		
	<u>Historic Sites</u>	<u>Forestry</u>	<u>Nature Preserves</u>	<u>and Trails</u>	<u>Fish & Wildlife</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$ 2,057,538.00	\$ 1,440,610.00	\$ 1,165,946.00	\$ 1,745,155.00	\$ 1,832,065.00	
Income	\$ 13,682.59	\$ 13,682.59	\$ 13,682.59	\$ 13,682.59	\$ 13,682.59	
Appropriation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Revenue adjustment	\$ (12,338.05)	\$ (12,338.05)	\$ (12,338.05)	\$ (12,338.05)	\$ (12,338.05)	
Disbursements HT	\$ -	\$ (15,610.21)	\$ -	\$ (22,375.00)	\$ -	
Funds Available	\$ 2,058,882.54	\$ 1,426,344.33	\$ 1,167,290.54	\$ 1,724,124.54	\$ 1,833,409.54	
Commitments	\$ (148,400.00)	\$ (1,253,330.00)	\$ (832,121.00)	\$ (358,485.00)	\$ (465,912.00)	
Ending Balance	\$ 1,910,482.54	\$ 173,014.33	\$ 335,169.54	\$ 1,365,639.54	\$ 1,367,497.54	

	<u>Descretionary</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,151,297.00	\$ 2,388,266.00
Income	\$ 68,412.97	\$ 13,532.24
Appropriation	\$ -	\$ -
Revenue adjustment	\$ (61,690.27)	\$ (12,202.47)
Disbursements HT	\$ (22,375.00)	\$ -
Funds Available	\$ 5,135,644.70	\$ 2,389,595.77
Commitments	\$ (3,466,014.00)	\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ 1,669,630.70	\$ 2,389,595.77

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BALANCE SHEET FISCAL YEAR 2026
As of 7/31/2025

	Period FY26	
Beginning Balance on 07/01/2025	\$ 15,780,877.00	
	\$ -	
FYTD Plate Sales: 4,736	\$ 118,400.00	+1,279 plates from July 31, 2024
Misc. Income	\$ -	
Riembursed Match Funds	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	
Interest	\$ 31,958.17	Interest is retained in the fund account
Appropriation	\$ -	FY26 Appropriation not yet deposited
Total Income	\$ 150,358.17	
Revenue Adjustment	\$ (135,583.00)	
Funds Available	\$ 15,795,652.17	
Total Disbursements	\$ -	
Admin Exp.	\$ -	
Stewardship Exp.	\$ -	
Land Acq. Exp.	\$ (60,360.21)	
	\$ -	
Fund Balances	\$ 15,735,291.96	
Stewardship	\$ (2,389,595.77)	
HT Commitments	\$ (6,524,262.00)	
Ending Available Balance	\$ 6,821,434.19	

Indiana Heritage Trust
Plate Revenue

	CY2014		CY2015		CY2016		CY2017		CY2018	
	Distribution	# of Plates	Distribution	# of Plates	Distribution	# of Plates	Distribution	# of Plates	Distribution	# of Plates
January	\$ 89,175.00	3,567	\$ 84,375.00	3,375	\$ 77,100.00	3,084	\$ 72,900.00	2,916	\$ 80,850.00	3,234
February	\$ 94,625.00	3,785	\$ 92,650.00	3,706	\$ 91,900.00	3,676	\$ 98,100.00	3,924	\$ 85,525.00	3,421
March	\$ 94,250.00	3,770	\$ 104,550.00	4,182	\$ 102,350.00	4,094	\$ 99,450.00	3,978	\$ 87,750.00	3,510
April	\$ 99,150.00	3,966	\$ 94,725.00	3,789	\$ 89,550.00	3,582	\$ 89,925.00	3,597	\$ 85,550.00	3,422
May	\$ 91,125.00	3,645	\$ 88,975.00	3,559	\$ 90,625.00	3,625	\$ 89,400.00	3,576	\$ 92,900.00	3,716
June	\$ 96,350.00	3,854	\$ 88,900.00	3,556	\$ 90,350.00	3,614	\$ 87,750.00	3,510	\$ 87,125.00	3,485
July	\$ 88,425.00	3,537	\$ 85,175.00	3,407	\$ 86,900.00	3,476	\$ 86,300.00	3,452	\$ 82,175.00	3,287
August	\$ 90,525.00	3,621	\$ 92,550.00	3,702	\$ 85,850.00	3,434	\$ 87,100.00	3,484	\$ 87,975.00	3,519
September	\$ 90,275.00	3,611	\$ 91,025.00	3,641	\$ 83,350.00	3,334	\$ 85,650.00	3,426	\$ 82,928.00	3,317
October	\$ 85,425.00	3,417	\$ 85,050.00	3,402	\$ 76,325.00	3,053	\$ 81,975.00	3,279	\$ 85,250.00	3,410
November	\$ 58,050.00	2,322	\$ 54,325.00	2,173	\$ 58,050.00	2,322	\$ 58,050.00	2,322	\$ 56,600.00	2,264
December	\$ 30,050.00	1,202	\$ 28,500.00	1,140	\$ 29,600.00	1,184	\$ 32,250.00	1,290	\$ 39,950.00	1,598
	\$ 1,007,425.00	40,297	\$ 990,800.00	39,632	\$ 961,950.00	38,478	\$ 968,850.00	38,754	\$ 954,578.00	38,183

	CY2019		CY2020		CY2021		CY2022		CY2023	
	Distribution	# of Plates	Distribution	# of Plates	Distribution	# of Plates	Distribution	# of Plates	Distribution	# of Plates
January	\$ 67,525.00	2,701	\$ 64,700.00	2,588	\$ 72,325.00	2,893	\$ 67,000.00	2,680	\$ 71,975.00	2,879
February	\$ 86,500.00	3,460	\$ 86,675.00	3,467	\$ 88,150.00	3,526	\$ 85,925.00	3,437	\$ 101,575.00	4,063
March	\$ 94,525.00	3,781	\$ 82,050.00	3,282	\$ 106,625.00	4,265	\$ 100,400.00	4,016	\$ 103,325.00	4,133
April	\$ 86,775.00	3,471	\$ 81,850.00	3,274	\$ 95,350.00	3,814	\$ 107,250.00	4,290	\$ 105,650.00	4,226
May	\$ 91,900.00	3,676	\$ 91,950.00	3,678	\$ 96,450.00	3,858	\$ 100,475.00	4,019	\$ 100,050.00	4,002
June	\$ 90,875.00	3,635	\$ 98,525.00	3,941	\$ 104,275.00	4,171	\$ 105,125.00	4,205	\$ 104,050.00	4,162
July	\$ 87,950.00	3,518	\$ 93,850.00	3,754	\$ 93,325.00	3,733	\$ 94,350.00	3,774	\$ 98,225.00	3,929
August	\$ 88,100.00	3,524	\$ 101,550.00	4,062	\$ 95,225.00	3,809	\$ 107,800.00	4,312	\$ 110,025.00	4,401
September	\$ 84,175.00	3,367	\$ 101,625.00	4,065	\$ 88,675.00	3,547	\$ 91,500.00	3,660	\$ 96,925.00	3,877
October	\$ 87,675.00	3,507	\$ 92,475.00	3,699	\$ 96,025.00	3,841	\$ 97,825.00	3,913	\$ 93,725.00	3,749
November	\$ 59,800.00	2,392	\$ 65,700.00	2,628	\$ 65,475.00	2,619	\$ 72,450.00	2,898	\$ 74,775.00	2,991
December	\$ 43,875.00	1,755	\$ 47,000.00	1,880	\$ 50,125.00	2,005	\$ 52,950.00	2,118	\$ 53,625.00	2,145
	\$ 969,675.00	38,787	\$ 1,007,950.00	40,318	\$ 1,052,025.00	42,081	\$ 1,083,050.00	43,322	\$ 1,113,925.00	44,557

From PY	\$ 15,097.00	604	\$ 38,275.00	1,531	\$ 44,075.00	1,763	\$ 31,025.00	1,241	\$ 30,875.00	1,235
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	CY2024		CY2025		CY2026		CY2027		CY2028	
	Distribution	# of Plates	Distribution	# of Plates	Distribution	# of Plates	Distribution	# of Plates	Distribution	# of Plates
January	\$ 79,050.00	3,162	\$ 70,250.00	2,810	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	\$ 96,125.00	3,845	\$ 102,575.00	4,103	-	-	-	-	-	-
March	\$ 98,050.00	3,922	\$ 109,050.00	4,362	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	\$ 102,100.00	4,084	\$ 111,400.00	4,456	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	\$ 102,125.00	4,085	\$ 112,450.00	4,498	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Plate Revenue

June	\$	100,375.00	4,015	\$	110,000.00	4,400	-	-	-
July	\$	104,675.00	4,187			-	-	-	-
August	\$	108,550.00	4,342			-	-	-	-
September	\$	101,300.00	4,052			-	-	-	-
October	\$	104,275.00	4,171			-	-	-	-
November	\$	76,025.00	3,041			-	-	-	-
December	\$	61,150.00	2,446			-	-	-	-
	\$	1,133,800.00	45,352	\$	615,725.00	24,629	\$	-	-
From PY	\$	19,875.00	44,117						