

Agency/Board Name: President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust Project Commission
Governing Body: Commission

DATE POSTED: 9/1/2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to Indiana's Open Door Law (**I.C. § 5-14-1.5**), notice is hereby given that the **President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust Project Commission** will hold a public meeting as follows:

- **Date:** September 8, 2026
- **Time:** 11:00AM
- **Location:** Canyon Inn (Oak Room), McCormick's Creek State Park, 451 McCormick Creek Park Road, Spencer, IN 47460
- **Livestream Website:** <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/82af9082-72e0-42fe-ae48-f4bc620a36b3@2199bfba-a409-4f13-b0c4-18b45933d88d?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog>
- **Archived Recording Website:** <https://www.in.gov/dnr/land-acquisition/about-the-trust/president-benjamin-harrison-conservation-trust-meetings/>

- **Appointed Officer Information:**

Name	Term End Date	Appointing Authority
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)
Katie Hobgood	June 30, 2029	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)(i)
Kristopher Krouse	June 30, 2029	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)(i)
Randall Retherford	December 31, 2029	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)(ii)
Dawn Ritchie	December 31, 2029	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)(ii)
C. Sam Bond	June 30, 2029	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)(iii)
Kade Carter	June 30, 2029	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)(iii)
Gene Hopkins	December 31, 2029	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)(iv)
Emily Kress	December 31, 2029	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)(v)
Mary McConnell	June 30, 2029	IC 14-12-2-14(b)(7)(v)
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

** Non-voting member

Accessibility:

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations to participate should contact **Mark Becker, Director of Land Acquisition, 317-234-8494, mbecker@dnr.in.gov** at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Additional Information:

- In accordance with **I.C. § 5-14-1.5-2.9**, the meeting will be live-streamed and archived for public access for at least 90 days.
 - Archived recordings will include links to the agenda, minutes, and memoranda.
 - Final action on matters discussed in any executive session will be taken only in an open public meeting.
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Posted by: Mark Becker

Title: Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Director of Land Acquisition

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Posting Location: Principal office location

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The **President Benjamin Harrison Conservation Trust Project Commission** will meet in Executive Session on September 8, 2026 at the conclusion of the public meeting at Canyon Inn (Oak Room), McCormick's Creek State Park, 451 McCormick Creek Park Road, Spencer, IN 47460 for the following purpose(s) permitted under I.C. § 5-14-1.5-6.1(b):

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](#)