

# HUNTINGTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2024 TIME: 8:30 A.M. TO: 9:44 A.M. PLACE: D.A.R. ROOM 206

DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBERS: – PRESENT (P) ABSENT (A)  
TERRY KEIFFER (P) MATT GILBERT (P) TOM WALL (P) JIM MICHEL (P) BOB GRESSLEY (P)

SURVEYOR STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE  
JERRY MEEHAN JR/ SURVEYOR  
STACY WILEY/CHIEF DEPUTY

The meeting was called to order by Matt Gilbert.

Jerry Meehan announced the members of the Board.

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## **MINTUES:**

Bob Gressley made a motion to approve the 10/3/24 minutes, Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

## **LANDOWNER CONCERNS:**

William Fahl Drain                      Landowner: Shawn Putt 449 S Broadway Huntington, IN 46750

During the September 5, 2024 Huntington County Drainage Board Meeting, Shawn.Putt's contractor, Jason Doctor, was denied approval to install a septic outlet into the drain due to the drain being bottom dipped and de-brushed in the near future. Shawn came before the board today to discuss options to get his septic installed so he could proceed. After discussion, it was decided Jerry Meehan would contact Alicia Symons at the Huntington County Health Department to approve the Putt's to utilize the existing septic system on the property, and the Drainage Board would approve the outlet of the new system when the bottom dipping was completed. Shawn Putt is also requesting to work in the right-of-way to harvest three trees. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow, Bob Gressley seconded, motion passed 5-0

Paddlefish Solar Project              Landowner: Chris Parker 10797 N 100 E Huntington, IN 46750

Chris Parker discussed the solar project with the board.

## **CLAIMS:**

Postage	Certified letter, William Fahl Drain	\$ 8.95
Amor Excavating	Milton Hubbart	\$ 613.12
Amor Excavating	John Buzzard #1	\$10,665.20

Enyeart Construction Samuel Gesaman \$15,754.40  
\*Total bill is \$35,754.40, \$20,000.00 to be paid by commissioners

Terry Keiffer made a motion to pay the claims, Jim Michel seconded. Motion passed 5-0

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

Drain Name: Fry-Souers-Stech

Jerry Meehan presented photos of the corrective action taken by INDOT to repair the drain.

Drain Name: Samuel Gesaman

Jerry Meehan presented photos of the complete open ditch. He informed the board that all seeding has also been completed.

Drain Name: Joseph Amiss Landowner: Steven Hartman 2155 Engle St  
Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that he had sent a letter to the landowner, via certified mail, to clean the debris out of the drain per the Board's request. Jerry presented photos of the completed clean-up by the landowner.

Drain Name: Logan-Charles Landowner: Cale Eckert 5214 S 900 W Andrews, IN 46702  
Mary Wallis 4471 W 231<sup>st</sup> Ave Lowell, IN 46356

Jerry Meehan presented photos of completed rock chutes, armoring, and tree removals at various points on the ditch. He also presented photos of the crossings constructed by Cale Eckert that the banks have not been rip-rapped per the approval of each crossing. After discussion, the consensus of the Board is for Jerry to reach out to Cale to get a timeline of completion.

Tom Wall left the meeting at 9:30

Drain Name: W. C. McPherron Landowner Lee Harvey 9109 S 600 E-92  
Roanoke, IN 46783

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the area under the Third Street bridge is 18" higher than under the Fourth Street bridge. After investigation it was discovered that a mixture of sand and slurry from a 2015 project has settled under the bridge.

As a part of the project to bottom dip and de-brush the drain, landowner, Lee Harvey has contracted with Amor Excavating to rip-rap along the length of his building. Terry Keiffer made a motion to pay \$1,000.00 of this project. Bob Gressley seconded, motion passed 4-0.

**DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

Drain Name: Marion B.Thompson

Landowner: Melinda Welch 11256 N U.S. 24 E  
Roanoke, IN 46783

Melinda Welch is requesting permission to work in the Right-of-Way to remove a tree in her yard. Bob Gressley made a motion to approve, under the supervision of the Huntington County Surveyor's Office. Matt Gilbert seconded, motion passed 5-0

Drain Name: Thomas Detamore

Landowner: James Leazier 86515 Warren Rd  
Warren, IN 46792

Jerry Meehan informed the Board the James Leazier called the office with concerns about his approach off of 300 W and the spraying of the open ditch. Jerry Meehan presented photos to the Board of his findings. After discussion, the consensus of the Board is that there are no issues.

**DISCUSSION OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER'S CONCERNS:**

Terry Keiffer informed the Board that Indiana Farm Bureau will be holding a seminar on November 22, 2024 discussing farm drainage.

No Board concerns.

**FIELD TRIP:**

No field trip.

The meeting concluded at this time.

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Matt Gilbert

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Terry Keiffer

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Tom Wall

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Jim Michel

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Bob Gressley