

HUNTINGTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

MEETING DATE: January 16, 2025 TIME: 8:30 A.M. TO: 9:47 A.M. PLACE: D.A.R. ROOM 206

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

SURVEYOR STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE
JERRY MEEHAN JR/ SURVEYOR
STACY WILEY/ CHIEF DEPUTY
WENDI WITT / BUSINESS OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

Meeting was called to order.

Members of the Board were announced.

Introduction of the Surveyors Staff was announced.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Terry Keiffer made a motion to elect Matt Gilbert as Chairman of the Board. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Matt Gilbert made a motion to elect Terry Keiffer as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Terry Keiffer made a motion for Wendi Witt to be the Secretary to the Board. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Terry Keiffer made a motion to have Andy Boxberger from Carson, LLC as primary Attorney. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Matt Gilbert made a motion to have Gordon & Associates as the back-up attorney. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

MINUTES:

Bob Gressley made a motion to approve the 12/19/2024 minutes. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

DISCUSSION OF LANDOWNERS CONCERNS:

Drain Name: Brubaker Drain

Landowner: Brian Warpup 3344 E 700 S
Warren, IN 46792

Brian Warpup is requesting to replace a portion (~2,200 feet) of the county regulated tile with 10” dual wall tile starting at the West Right-of-Way of CR 300 E and proceeding West. He is requesting funds from the maintenance fund to assist with the project. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow Brian Warpup to work in the Right-of-Way to replace a portion of the county regulated drain and allow 75% of the maintenance fund towards the project with Brian Warpup paying the balance. To be done under the supervision of the Surveyor’s Office. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

CLAIMS:

DB Payroll		\$585.00
Brian Warpup	E. P. Thompson	\$162.60
Brian Warpup	Leavell-Redding	\$254.48
Brian Warpup	Garrett Huffman	\$281.98

Terry Keiffer made a motion to pay the claim. Jim Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

Drain Name: Miller-Gussman-Pasko-Smith Landowner: Andy Kline 1820 N 350 E
 Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that after the written permission from the landowner was granted to Gabriel Ventures to locate the tile for the viability of tying into the tile in the future. Jerry Meehan informed the Board his only concern is the possibility of tree roots in the tile. The plan is to expose the tile on the North side of the trees and inspect the tile.

Drain Name: Charles Myers Drain Landowner: Eric Cobbs 572 W 450 S Warren, IN 46792

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that ~250’ of the open portion of the drain had to be bottom dipped before tile repairs could be made on the Cobbs property due to the amount of sediment holding back water. Amor Excavating is continuing to work on the tile repairs.

Drain Name: William Brown Drain Landowner: Karl Miller 10189 N Goshen Road
 Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meeham presented photos of work completed on the drain.

Drain Name: Carl Nieman Landowner: Charles Millner 7853 W 600 N
 Andrews, IN 46702

Jerry Meehan presented photos of completed grinding on the drain.

Drain Name: Weber-Williams-Kauff

Landowner: IMI, Inc P.O. Box 297
Wabash, IN 46992-0297

Jerry Meehan presented photos of six exterminated beavers. 😞

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

Jerry Meehan presented to the Board the End of the Year information for review including new fund sheets, petitions list, other projects list, drains with a negative balance, temporary structures in the Right-of-Way, and permanent structures in the Right-of-Way. The tile repair sheets that are outstanding were reviewed.

Jerry Meehan reviewed the out of County Collections with the Board. The Drain Collection list was handed out to the Board for review and approval. Matt Gilbert made a motion to approve the list. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Drain Name: Carroll-Young Drain

The consensus of the Board is to request quotes to bottom dip and de-brush the drain North of CR 900 N.

Drain Name: William Morgan Drain

Landowner: Skylar Newsome 1530 Etna Ave
Huntington, IN 46750

Skylar Newsome is requesting permission to place a temporary structure (shed) within the Right-of-Way. Bob Gressley made a motion to allow no closer than ~50 feet. Jim Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Drain Name: Albert Gressley Drain

Landowner: Public Service Co. P.O. Box 37996
Charlotte, NC 28237

Duke is requesting permission to place a permanent structure within the Right-of-Way (pole). Bob Gressley made a motion to allow no closer than ~20 feet. Jim Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Drain Name: J. M. Hicks

Landowner: Bendix 35500 Chester Road Avon, OH 44011

Bendix is requesting permission to place a temporary structure (fence) within the Right-of-Way. Bob Gressley made a motion to allow no closer than ~65'. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Drain Name: Little River

Landowner: Little River Farms 492 E 200 N
Huntington, IN 46750

Todd Landrum is requesting permission to work within the Right-of-Way to harvest trees. Jerry Meehan informed the Board he has spoken with the Allen County Surveyor about this, and he

did not have an issue. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow it under the supervision of the Surveyors Office. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Drain Name: George Sloan

Landowner: Ronald Warner 3681 S 400 E
Markle, IN 46770

There were multiple erosion areas reported and upon investigation it is believed that they are being caused by drainage from the side ditch along SR 3. INDOT is investigating and will report on their findings.

Drain Name: Dustman-Stuart-Sheets-Miller-Bear

Landowner: Two Js Real Estate
7311 Venture Lane Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Two J's Real Estate is requesting permission to work in the Right-of-Way to enclose their existing deck. Matt Gilbert made a motion to allow under the supervision of the Surveyors Office. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Drain Name: William McPherron

Landowner: Triple D Acres 2870 Varsity Ter.
Deltona, FL 32738

Triple D Acres is requesting approval to install two crossings. Bob Gressley made a motion to allow with the culvert being sized by and under the supervision of the Surveyors Office. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0,

DISCUSSION OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER'S CONCERNS:

There were no Board concerns.

FIELD TRIP:

No field trip was taken.

The meeting concluded at this time.

Matt Gilbert

Terry Keiffer

Absent
Tom Wall

Jim Michel

Bob Gressley