

HUNTINGTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

MEETING DATE: February 20, 2025 TIME: 8:30 A.M. TO: 10:08 A.M. PLACE: D.A.R. ROOM 206

DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBERS: – PRESENT (P) ABSENT (A)
MATT GILBERT (P) TERRY KEIFFER (P) TOM WALL (P) 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.

MINUTES:

Terry Keiffer made a motion to approve the 1/16/2025 minutes. Jim Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION OF LANDOWNERS CONCERNS:

Drain Name: Lawrence-Lewis-McClarnon Landowner: Alicia Rupert 3536 W 1000 S
Warren In, 46792

The landowner is requesting to place a temporary structure (10' x 30' moveable building) and fence within the Right-of-Way. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow the temporary structure no closure than ~50 feet and requiring the landowner to locate the tile before installing the fence. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Allen Bowers inquired about future solar requirements.

CLAIMS:

DB Payroll		\$260.00
Kristopher Geyer	Weber-Williams-Kauff Drain	\$600.00
Pinkerton Farms	Ed Harris Drain	\$243.38
Patriot Excavating	Dunton-Deemer Drain	\$542.50
Patriot Excavating	Deemer-Slusser-Meese-Brown Drain	\$1,075.00
Enyeart Construction	Milton-Hubartt Drain	\$1,980.00
Amor Excavating	Charles Myers Drain	\$22,644.50
Amor Excavating	John Lucabaugh Drain	\$4,150.00
Amor Excavating	Dustman-Stuart-Sheets-Bear Drain	\$1,495.00

Amor Excavating	William McPherron Drain	\$1,480.00
Amor Excavating	John Snyder Drain	\$1,225.00
Amor Excavating	Eliot-McClurg Drain	\$1,965.00
Amor Excavating	Outlet Drain	\$2,255.00
Amor Excavating	John Dumbauld #1 Drain	\$1,735.00
Amor Excavating	William Brown Drain	\$3,935.00
Amor Excavating	Carl Nieman Drain	\$4,902.50
Amor Excavating	Beaty-Morrison Drain	\$19,335.00

Tom Wall made a motion to pay the claims. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

Drain Name: Samuel Gesaman Landowner: Danny Gearhart 3320 W Division Road
Huntington, IN 46750

The landowner is requesting guardrails on both sides of his drive and more stone on his drive after the recently completed project on his property. The consensus of the Board is no to guardrails but would be willing to allow boulders recovered from other projects in the future. The Board will revisit his request for more stone on the driveway in the spring.

Drain Name: George Sloan Drain Landowner: Ronald Warner 3681 S 400 E
Markle, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that INDOT stated that the repair for the broken down tile has been added to their repaired list to be done in the spring.

Drain Name: Dustman-Stuart-Sheets-Miller-Bear Landowner: Sherman Bell 151 Sonora Drive
Fort Wayne In, 46825

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the trees planted in the Right-of-Way without permission have not been removed. Matt Gilbert made a motion to send a letter to Contractor Tom Clounie to remove trees by July 1, 2025 or the Board will have them removed at the contractor's expense. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1. Tom Wall voted against.

Drain Name: Miller-Gussman-Pasko-Smith Landowner: Bobby Smithly 2517 E 100 N
Huntington In, 46750

Jerry Meehan stated that the tile has been located, and is requesting that the Board clear ~50 feet of trees in proximity to the tile. Terry Keiffer made a motion to clear the trees and to replace a portion of the tile if necessary. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: William Norris

Landowner: Dennis Allen 2918 E 1000 N
Roanoke, IN 46783

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that after investigating concerns with a tile repair it was discovered that ~150 feet of tile (tree roots) will need to be replaced. Patriot Excavating provided an estimate to clear the trees and replace the tile for \$9,734.50. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow the repair and clearing, and to be done under supervision of the Surveyors Office. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: Weber-Williams-Kauff

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

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the trapper hired to remove nuisance animals (Beaver) believes that they have all been eliminated. Jerry Meehan stated that the dams will be removed, and the area will be monitored more closely in the future. Kris Geyer (trapper) is in the process of obtaining a nuisance license.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

Drain Name: George Favorite Drain

Landowner: Claude Weese 2858 N Rangeline Road
Huntington, In, 46750

The landowner is requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to grade out uneven ground and to place a new fence ~60 feet from the top of bank. Matt Gilbert motioned to allow. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: Vendrick-Slusser-Altman

Landowner: David Stoffel 6864 N 200 W
Huntington, In, 46750

The landowner returned a petition to vacate branch #2 of the drain.

Drain Name: Okuly-Coble

Landowner: Howenstine Properties 1621 S Jefferson
Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that after investigating a reported tile repair it is believed that there is an obstruction in the tile and the landowner is requesting to run a jetter in the tile. Matt Gilbert made a motion to allow and to pay 50% of jetting under supervision of the Surveyors Office. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: Cut-Off

Jerry Meehan is requesting the Board allow the grinding of invasive species of wood vegetation from Taylor Street to Riverside Drive. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER'S CONCERNS:

The Board discussed proposed requirements for Solar or Wind projects in drain Right-of-Ways.

The consensus of the Board is to not have a July 3rd meeting.

FIELD TRIP:

No field trip was taken.

The meeting concluded at this time.

Matt Gilbert

Terry Keiffer

Tom Wall

Jim Michel

Bob Gressley