

# HUNTINGTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2025 TIME: 8:30 A.M. TO: 10:31 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:**

Tom Wall made a motion to approve the 2/20/2025 minutes. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

## **DISCUSSION OF LANDOWNERS CONCERNS:**

Drain Name: Eliot-McClurg

The Huntington County Highway Department is requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to extend culvert 10 feet each direction at the intersection of CR 400 S and CR 200 E. Matt Gilbert made a motion to allow. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Darwin Garde, 3760 N 300 E Huntington, IN. 46750, inquired about solar concerns.

Don Freiburger, 3545 E 300 N Huntington, IN. 46750, inquired about the Board's requirements to work in the Right-of-Way of regulated drains.

Chris Parker, 10797 E 300 N Roanoke IN. 46783, The Board and landowner discussed proposed solar standards.

Terry Keiffer arrived at 8:52 AM.

## **CLAIMS:**

Patriot Excavating

William Norris drain

\$4,867.25

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

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

Drain Name: Charles Myers

Jerry Meehan proposed to do a public hearing to raise the rate per acre and minimum to bring the fund out of the red and to do additional work needed. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with a public hearing.

**DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

The following quotes were received for maintenance work for the following drains:

At this time Matt Gilbert stepped off the Board.

Drain Name: Charles Myers

Tri-County Excavating- \$10,775.00  
Amor Excavating- \$14,250.00  
Enyeart Excavating- \$12,000.00

Terry Keiffer made a motion to accept the quote from Tri- County Excavating. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Matt Gilbert stepped back on the Board.

At this time Bob Gressley stepped off the Board.

Drain name: William Fahl

Tri-County Excavating- \$32,625.00  
Amor Excavating- \$76,500.00  
Enyeart Excavating- no quote submitted

Terry Keiffer made a motion to accept the quote from Tri-County Excavating. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Bob Gressley stepped back on the Board.

Drain Name: Carroll-Young

Tri-County Excavating- \$65,000.00 All \$53,000.00 Huntington Co. \$12,000.00 Allen Co.  
Amor Excavating- \$125,400 All \$95,400.00 Huntington Co. \$30,000.00 Allen Co.  
Enyeart Excavating- no quote submitted

Matt Gilbert made a motion to accept the quote from Tri-County Excavating to do Huntington County only. Jim Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: David Channey

Landowner: Verlis Yarger 425 Buckingham Lane  
Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that after investigating reported tile repairs issues it was discovered that there were up to 15 holes on the landowner's property. After discussing the issues between the Board and Jim Yarger who was speaking on behalf of Verlis Yarger it was decided to begin the petition process of replacing ~3,100 feet of the tile from the North side of State Road 218 to Pond Creek.

Drain Name: Albert Gressley

Landowner: Public Service Co of Ind Inc P.O. Box 37996  
Charlotte, NC 28237-7996

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that someone has been working in Right-of-Way without approval. Tom Wall suggested contacting the Board's Attorney. Jerry Meehan stated he would like time to further investigate and report back to the Board. The consensus of the Board agreed to allow.

Jerry Meehan shared various photos of completed projects.

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

Tom Wall proposed that the Board consider setting up a fee scheduled for any entity wanting to cross or place items in the Right-of-Way of regulated drains.

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that their meetings will be staying in the D.A.R. room, livestreaming is not required for Board meetings at this current time.

**FIELD TRIP:**

No field trip was taken.

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