

HUNTINGTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

MEETING DATE: May 1, 2025 TIME: 8:30 A.M. TO: 11:20 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 4/17/2025 minutes. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Matt Gilbert stepped off the Board at this time.

Bob Gressley motioned to approve the Charles Myers Public Hearing minutes from 4/17/2025. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Matt Gilbert stepped back on the Board at this time.

Jim Michel stepped off the Board at this time.

Drain Name: Michel-Young Landowners: Bryan Whitted 8667 W 700 N Huntington, IN 46750
Seth Doctor 6667 N 750 W Huntington, IN 46750
Zach Hiner 7771 E 500 N Huntington, IN 46750
Steve Hiner 6304 W 800 N Huntington, IN 46750
Micheal Winters 6654 W 700 N Huntington, IN 46750
Jim Michel 6710 W 600 N Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan and the Board reviewed the bids from the previous Board meeting. Phil Hibbert stated that the Commissioners are waiting for a response from IDEM on the amount of fill dirt that will be acceptable at the old landfill on CR 750 W. Terry Keiffer made a motion to accept the Bolinger Agricultural Drainage bid. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1. Tom Wall opposed. After further discussion between the Board and landowners a proposed change from open drain to tile was presented. Jerry Meehan stated that this proposal will need to be reviewed and approved by Aaron Carl, P.E., P.S. before proceeding. Matt Gilbert made a

motion to postpone any decisions for two weeks. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1. Terry Keiffer opposed.

Jim Michel stepped back on the Board at this time.

INFORMAL MEETING:

Drain Name: Mary Paul Landowners: Bryan Whitted 8667 W 700 N Huntington, IN 46750
Michael Winters 6654 W 700 N Huntington, IN 46750
Sue Meyer 14415 N State Road 13 North Manchester, IN 46962

Adam Jones from NRCS presented proposed plans for waterways on the Sue Meyer property. Jerry Meehan stated that the Board does not cost share with landowners on NRCS projects. Don Meyer (on behalf of Sue Meyer) and the Board discussed either a new open drain or new tile through the property. Tom Wall made a motion to proceed with a new open drain. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Bob Gressley made a motion to allow the sediment dipped on the Winter's property to be trucked away at the Winter's expense. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION OF LANDOWNERS CONCERNS:

No landowners present.

CLAIMS:

Board Payroll		\$520.00
Patriot Excavating	Miller-Gussman-Pasko-Smith	\$715.00
Shafer Excavating	W.G Griffith	\$350.00
Brian Warpup	Souers-Gilmer	\$244.74
Brian Warpup	Charles Colbert	\$257.06
Brian Warpup	Keller-Andrews	\$1,247.10

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

Drain Name: Palmer-McPherson & E.P. Thompson Landowner: Five Star Property LLC
P.O. Box 308 Warren, IN 46792-0308

Jerry Meehan updated the Board on the recent meeting with Maple Solar. Allen Bowers inquired what approvals have been given to date. Weston Paul ask what the next steps are? Jerry Meehan informed him that Maple Solar is working on a final proposal for the Board to consider.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

Matt Gilbert stepped off the Board at this time.

Drain Name: Leavell- Redding Landowner: William Decker 2416 Pinewood Street

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the riprap bowl on the recently completed tile project has been displaced and would like to redo the bowl during fall/winter work. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Matt Gilbert stepped back on the Board at this time.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

Drain Name: Lawrence-Lewis-McClarnon

Landowner: Richard Herber 2236 W 900 S
Warren, IN 46792

Jerry Meehan provided pictures of the recent disturbance of the banks and is requesting approval for multiple rock chutes. Bob Gressley made a motion to allow. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: John McKee

Landowner: George Ralston 4730 W 1200 S 35
Van Buren, IN 46991

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that Tri County Excavating will be in the area and could bottom dip the portion of the drain the Board had previously ordered. Tom Wall made a motion to allow. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: Charles Myers

Jerry Meehan presented pictures of the recently completed bottom dip. Jerry Meehan and the Board discussed INDOT's installation of new structures not being aligned with drains but 90° to the road. Tom Wall suggested sending a letter to INDOT. The consensus of the Board agreed.

Drain Name: Milton-Hubartt

Landowner: Tony Krumanaker 8740 N 200 W
Huntington, IN 46750

The landowner is requesting to place a permanent structure (add on to the garage) in the Right-of-Way. Terry Keiffer motioned to allow no closure than ~50 feet. Jim Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: Keller-Andrews

Landowner: Kenny Forney 129 E 700 S Warren, IN 46792

The tenant farmer recently contacted the Surveyors Office about the condition of the tile. The consensus of the Board is to contact the landowner about filing a petition to replace the tile.

Drain Name: D.S.S.M.B.

Landowner: Town of Roanoke P.O. Box 328 Roanoke, IN 46783

The Town of Roanoke is requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to place riprap in multiple locations at their expense. The consensus of the Board has concerns with the old foot bridge that

the Board was under the impression it was to be removed after the two new foot bridges were installed. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow at the vehicle crossing but not for the pedestrian crossing until updating the Board on their plans. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: Miller-Gussman-Pasko-Smith

Landowner: Bobby Smitley 2517 E 100 N
Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the operator (Tyler Cotton) for Amor Excavating has changed companies that he works for but will continue the previous work that had begun on the drain. Jerry Meehan stated that while locating the tile south of CR 100 N it was discovered that the tile is not draining very well and is proposing to do more investigation into the problem. The consensus of the Board is to proceed investigating.

Drain Name: Albert Gressley

Landowner: Bob Gressley 2175 Riverside Dr Ext.
Huntington IN, 46750

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that Public Service (Duke) will be doing all the finished work by the end of Spring.

Drain Name: W.G. Griffith

Landowner: Jordan Beaver 5505 E 550 N
Roanoke, IN 46783

Jerry Meehan updated the Board and presented pictures of the work on the Jordan Beaver property.

DISCUSSION OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER'S CONCERNS:

Bob Gressley inquired about the William Fahl Drain.

FIELD TRIP:

No field trip was taken.

The meeting concluded at this time.

Matt Gilbert

Terry Keiffer

Tom Wall

Jim Michel

Bob Gressley