

HUNTINGTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

MEETING DATE: April 17, 2025 TIME: 8:30 A.M. TO: 9:30 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 (A) 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.

Opening of the Bids for the Michel-Young Drain:

	<u>Project Bid</u>	<u>Commissioners Bid</u>
Tri-County Excavating	\$338,462.00	\$69,000.00
Doctor Excavating	\$208,694.00	\$97,295.21
Bolinger Farm Drainage	\$261,240.00	\$89,100.00
Amor Excavating	\$452,000.00	\$137,000.00

MINUTES:

Terry Keiffer made a motion to approve the 4/3/2025 minutes. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF LANDOWNERS CONCERNS:

No landowners present

CLAIMS:

Marion Chronicle Tribune		\$75.72
Brad Blinn	Fred Sparks Drain	\$74.00
Brad Blinn	Charles McClurg Drain	\$88.08

Terry Keiffer made a motion to pay the claims. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

Drain Name: Samuel Gesaman

Landowner: Danny Gearhart 3320 W Division
Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the landowner is good with continuing the open drain through his property.

Drain Name: Carl Nieman

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that ongoing discussions with INDOT about relocating the drain out of the Right-of-Way of State Road 105 don't seem to be promising at this point but will continue the discussion with them.

Drain Name: Lester Pinkerton

Jerry Meehan provided pictures of damage to the culvert under State Road 105.

Drain Name: Michel-Young

Landowner: Jim Michel 6710 W 600 N
Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan provided pictures, lots of fodder has collected at the structure under State Road 16, the consensus of the Board is to notify the landowner that it will need to be removed.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

Drain Name: Jonathan Whitelock

Landowner: Jody Irick 6195 S 500 E
Markle, IN 46770

The landowner's contractor (Jay Williams) is requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to place a pond ~ 60 feet from the drain. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow along with the ground between the pond and drain being required to maintain the original grade. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: Adam Schenkel

Jerry Meehan provided pictures with concerns with the riprap bowl on the South side of Maple Grove Road. The consensus of the Board is to contact County Highway.

Drain Name: Golvin Summers

Landowner: Husbands Family Trust 4753 N 500 E
Huntington, IN 46750

The landowner reported concerns with drainage at CR 500 E. Investigation of the area found that the inlet on the East side of CR 500 E was clogged with fodder and the trash basket was missing. Jerry Meehan informed the Board that he contacted County Highway, and they jetted under the road and replaced the trash basket.

Drain Name: Golvin Summers

Landowner: Bolen Investments 2834 N 300 E
Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the riprap bowl has eroded and would like to add it to the fall/winter jobs list. The consensus of the Board agreed.

Drain Name: John Buzzard #1

Landowner: Richard Goodrich 2719 W Division Road
Huntington IN, 46750

The tile has collapsed and will need topsoil after repaired. Jerry Meehan provided pictures. The consensus of the Board is to proceed.

Drain Name: John McKee

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

The landowner had contacted Tom Wall via email about concerns with the drain. Jerry Meehan provided pictures. Matt Gilbert made a motion to bottom dip from CR 400 W to the west end of the open drain. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Meeting was paused at 9:30 a.m. for the Charles Myers Public Hearing.

Meeting resumed at 9:51a.m.

Matt Gilbert stepped back on the Board at this time.

Drain Name: Mary Paul

Landowner: Sue Meyer 14415 N State Road 13
North Manchester, IN 46962

Terry Keiffer made a motion that if we do not hear anything back from the landowner by next meeting, May 1st, move forward with open drain. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Board also requested to get quotes to de-brush and bottom dip the open drain.

Drain Name: Martin Broyles

Landowner: Kess Berg 7841 S County Road 100 W
Clayton, IN 46118

The landowner reported concerns with drainage. The trash basket in the middle of the field was found to have been run over and smashed down. The consensus of the Board is that the landowner repairs any damage to the tile and replaces the trash basket at his expense.

Drain Name: William Fahl

Landowner: Vincent Hunnicutt 3485 N Meridian Road
Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan received a call that Public Service of Indiana (Duke Energy) had put a structure over drain without permission. Duke is now asking for permission to have structure in the Right-of-Way, and will remove the structure once done, and return everything to the previous state. Jerry Meehan provided pictures of the structure. Bob Gressley made a motion to allow. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. Matt Gilbert opposed.

Matt Gilbert stepped off the Board.

Drain Name: Leavell- Redding

Landowner: William Decker 2416 Pinewood Street
Jenison, MI 49428

The riprap bowl needs repaired but will need to be addressed at the next Board meeting because of the lack of a quorum. Jerry Meehan provided pictures.

Matt Gilbert stepped back on the Board.

Drain Name: W.G. Griffith

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

The landowner is requesting a 24-inch "T" to lower the 12-inch overflow outlet that is across his farm field from the neighboring pond. Jerry Meehan provided pictures. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow and under supervision the Surveyors Office. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: Elsworth Ruggles

Landowner: Jan Tinkle 9670 W 1200 S 35
Marion, IN 46952

The landowner is requesting to replace ~500 feet of tile. Jerry Meehan provided pictures. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: Keller Andrews

Landowner: TD Wall 93 E Wall Road
Warren, IN 46792

REMC is requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to place a temporary structure (new utility pole) ~50 feet from the tile. Matt Gilbert made a motion to allow. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: W.C. McPherron

Landowner: Gabriel Ventures 6492 N U.S. 24
Huntington, IN 46750

Tom Clounie is asking what criteria the Board would want, when place power lines either under the drain or over the drain in the Right-of-Way. The consensus of the Board is under the drain. The boring should begin a minimum of 100 feet from the top of the bank and be a minimum of 100 feet from the opposite bank when resurfacing along with a minimum 15 feet under the flow line of the drain.

DISCUSSION OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER'S CONCERNS:

Bob Gressley voiced concerns regarding the settling of dirt around the manholes on the recently completed reconstruction of the Albert Gressley Drain and stated that if Duke would provide the topsoil, he would spread it.

The Board discussion the reconstruction bids for the Michel-Young Drain.

FIELD TRIP:

No field trip was taken.

The meeting concluded at this time.

Matt Gilbert

Absent
Tom Wall

Bob Gressley

Terry Keiffer

Absent
Jim Michel