

HUNTINGTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2025 TIME: 8:30 A.M. TO: 11:28 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 5/1/2025 minutes. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

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
Jim Michel 6710 W 600 N Huntington, IN 46750

Aaron Carl, P.E., P.S. recommends that the Board proceeds with the original proposed open drain as opposed to tile due to the lack of cover for the tile. The discussion continued with other options. Tom Wall stated that the Commissioners would be willing to contribute funds if the tile proposal works. Terry Keiffer made a motion to proceed with the project public hearing as original proposed. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Jim Michel stepped back on the Board at this time.

DISCUSSION OF LANDOWNERS CONCERNS:

No landowners present.

CLAIMS:

Tinkle Family Farms

Elsworth-Ruggles

\$ 1,603.75

Tri-County Excavating	Charles Myers	\$10,775.00
Tri-County Excavating	John McKee	\$ 7,475.00
Brian Warpup	Joseph Ruble	\$ 325.00
TW Excavating	Stewart-Hoover-Thrift-Ellis	\$ 455.00
TW Excavating	Susanna Smith	\$ 1,030.00
Amor Excavating	Golvin Summers	\$ 1,237.96
Amor Excavating	Stocksdale-Fellabaum-Shmuck	\$ 2,683.63
Amor Excavating	B. F. Updike	\$ 968.10
Amor Excavating	John Snyder	\$ 723.91
Amor Excavating	Norris-Helms-Babcock-Blair	\$ 1,019.98
Amor Excavating	Enos Kelsey	\$ 193.28
Amor Excavating	Edwin Scheerer	\$ 376.17
Amor Excavating	John Buzzard #1	\$ 2,331.66
Amor Excavating	Eliza Beghtel	\$ 401.04
Amor Excavating	Russell A Herran	\$ 1,057.62
Amor Excavating	Samuel Gesaman	\$ 668.24
Amor Excavating	Martin Broyles	\$ 1,091.80
Amor Excavating	Susan Johnson	\$ 1,359.68
Amor Excavating	Souers-Gilmer	\$ 471.55
Amor Excavating	Aaron Sutton	\$ 543.28
Amor Excavating	S. S. Foust	\$ 481.56
Amor Excavating	John Wilson	\$ 688.38
Amor Excavating	Samuel Livingston	\$ 535.00
Amor Excavating	Weber-Williams-Kauff	\$ 1,085.00
Amor Excavating	Dustman-Stuart-Sheets-Miller-Bear	\$ 1,390.00
Amor Excavating	Henry Michel	\$ 352.50
Amor Excavating	Cut Off Drain	\$ 3,900.00
Amor Excavating	Weber-Williams-Kauff	\$ 2,162.50
Shafer Excavating	W. G. Griffith	\$ 450.00
Marion Chronicle Tribune	Charles Myers	\$ 12.14

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: Milton Hubartt Landowner: Rex Tribolet 2186 W 800 N Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that ~175 feet of the tile needs replaced. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: John McKee

Jerry Meehan provided pictures of the completed project.

Drain Name: Milton Hubartt Landowner: Todd Krumanaker 8740 N 200 W
Huntington, IN 46750

The landowner is requesting to place a permanent structure in the Right-of-Way. Tom Wall made a motion to allow no closure than ~39 feet. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

Drain Name: Diffenbaugh-Biehl

Landowner: Todd Wiley 9886 W 600 N
Huntington, IN 46750

The landowner is requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to de-brush and bottom dip the drain on their property at their expense and if the Board would contribute from the maintenance fund. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow with the Board to contribute \$10,000.00 and to be done under supervision of the Surveyors Office. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: Miles Byrd

Landowner: Mark Hardy 1599 W 1100 N
Huntington, IN 46750

The manufacture (Fratco) of the tile (15-inch single wall) used for a project in 2011 has been determined to have failed. Jerry Meehan showed video's provided from Fratco of the tile. Fratco is willing to warrant the replacement of the tile with 15-inch dual wall at their expense but not the installation. The consensus of the Board is for Jerry Meehan to speak with the Hardy's to see how much, if any, they will contribute to the installation.

Drain Name: William Fahl

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that notifications were sent out to landowners for the upcoming project.

Jerry Meehan presented a letter that the Board had requested be prepared for INDOT concerning the poorly aligned of recently replaced structures in Huntington County.

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the positive fund amounts for completed reconstructions projects for the Max Warner Drain and John Strobel Drain are eligible to be moved from the Reconstruction Fund to the Maintenance Fund. Tom Wall made a motion to allow. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: Thomas Detamore

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the structure on CR 300 W has been undermined, and County Highway is requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to repair or replace it. Matt Gilbert motioned to allow. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: William Eikenberry

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the riprap from the side ditch of State Road 124 has washed down and has created a blockage. Jerry Meehan stated that INDOT has been notified and will remove the obstruction.

DISCUSSION OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER'S CONCERNS:

Terry Keiffer voiced concerns about the collection of debris against bridge at State Road 124 and CR 300 W on the Salamonie River. Tom Wall asked Jerry Meehan to send information to Gretchen Lenfestey so the Commissioners can reach out to INDOT.

Bob Gressley stepped off the Board.

Bob Gressley inquired about the removal of the fence on County Highway's property for the William Fahl Drain project.

Bob Gressley is requesting that the spoil from the William Fahl Drain project be left on his property and he'll remove it at his expense. Matt Gilbert made a motion to allow with the spoil to be removed by November 1, 2025. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Bob Gressley stepped back on the Board.

Tom Wall suggested the Drainage Board contact Thomas Fuller with EMA for drone training.

Jim Michel inquired about getting a second opinion on the Michel-Young drain project.

FIELD TRIP:

No field trip was taken.

The meeting concluded at this time.

Matt Gilbert

Terry Keiffer

Tom Wall

Jim Michel

Bob Gressley