

HUNTINGTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

MEETING DATE: July 17, 2025 TIME: 8:30 A.M. TO: 10:49 A.M. PLACE: D.A.R. ROOM 206

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

MINUTES:

Bob Gressley made a motion to approve the 6/19/2025. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

DISCUSSION OF LANDOWNERS CONCERNS:

Drain Name: Siegmund-Herran-Baker

Bryn Keplinger and Adam Cuttris representing the City of Huntington are requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to place a 12-inch water main (Riverfork West). Tom Wall made a motion to allow. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: William Morgan

Bryn Keplinger and Adam Cuttris representing the City of Huntington is requesting two amendments from previously approved (06/19/2025) conditions for the Indian Ridge Sec 9 subdivision. They're requesting to use a concrete sleeve opposed to encasing the sewer line in concrete. Tom Wall made a motion to allow. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The second request is to amend the reduction of the Right-of-Way from 30 feet with no permanent structures within 50 feet to nothing being allowed within 40 feet of the top of the bank. Tom Wall made a motion to allow. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

CLAIMS:

Board Payroll	\$585.00
Tri-County Excavating	\$33,125.00

Marion Tribune (Michel-Young) \$31.87

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

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

Drain Name: Miller-Gussman-Pasko-Smith

Jerry Meehan provided photos. County Highway found an obstruction under CR 100 N. They replaced the tile from Right-of-Way to Right-of-Way with inlets on both sides of the road.

Drain Name: Huffman-Bolinger-Walters

Landowner: Michael Kloer 8705 N 750 W
Huntington IN, 46750

The Huntington County Commissioners petitioned the Board to reconstruct the drain. Julia Surber Brnadic from VS Engineering provided a proposal that was presented to the Commissioners and is here today for Drainage Board's thoughts. Landowner Danielle Line spoke about her concerns with her yard flooding. Tom Wall stated that the Commissioners would pay the invoice from VS Engineering. Bob Gressley made a motion to proceed with engineering. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bob Gressley stepped off the Board at this time.

Drain Name: William Fahl

Landowner: Ron Wall 810 S Broadway St
Huntington IN, 46750

Jerry Meehan provided photos of the recently completed project. The amount of sediment under the old Erie Railroad trussell which is the outlet for the Fahl Drain is holding water back and will need to be addressed. Jerry Meehan informed the Board he had sediment trucked away from the Angie Hum property due to amount of limestone in the spoil.

Bob Gressley stepped back on the Board at this time.

Drain Name: Levi Smith

Landowner: Kevin Quickery 1861 E 675 N
Huntington IN, 46750

Amor Excavating provided a recommendation and cost estimate to address the issues on the Quickery property. Terry Kieffer made a motion to complete work as recommended. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The consensus of the Board is to schedule a public hearing later this year.

Drain Name: Thomas Detamore

Landowner: Gary Buzzard 2488 W 1100 S
Warren, IN 46792

Amor Excavating provided a recommendation and cost estimate to address the issue on the Detamore Drain. Bob Gressley made a motion to complete work as recommended. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: John Buzzard #1

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

Amor Excavating provided a recommendation and cost estimate to address the issue on the Buzzard #1 Drain. Terry Keiffer made a motion to complete work as recommended and under the supervision of the Surveyors Office. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: Joseph Stevens

Jerry Meehan presented photos of the drain and found no issues to report.

Drain Name: Joseph Amiss

Jerry Meehan informed the Board found no issues to report.

Drain Name: Mary Paul

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

Jerry Meehan updated the Board on the quote Don Meyer requested from Andy Bolinger to replace the tile.

Drain Name: Carroll-Young

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the notices for the upcoming project have been mailed.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

Drain Name: Arford-Jackson

REMC is requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to place a temporary structure (utility pole) and will be removed after INDOT completes the work on the structure on State Road 9. Tom Wall motioned to allow. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: Aaron Sutton

Landowner: Bray Farms 800 S 300 E

Jerry Meehan provided photos. The consensus of the Board is to contact the farmer to clean the fodder out of the culvert.

Drain Name: McCrillus-Brooks

Landowner: Patty Deibler 6527 S 100 W
Warren IN, 46792

Jerry Meehan provided photos. The landowner has requested the culvert to be cleaned out. Tom Wall made a motion to complete the work. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the contractor installing fiberoptic has requested to cross multiple drains. Bob Gressley made a motion to allow with a minimum of six feet below the flow line of all drains and under the supervision of Surveyors Office. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: Charles McClurg

County Highway is requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to replace a culvert on CR 300 E. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: Pond Creek

County Highway is requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to replace a culvert on CR 900 S. Bob Gressley made a motion to allow. Terry Kieffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: William Tribolet

Landowner: Bevin Best 329 Cottonwood Ct
Markle IN, 46770

Jerry Meehan provided photos. The landowner a bottom dip and armoring on the banks. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: John Wilson

Landowner: Wesco Family Farms 3384 W 700 S
Warren IN, 46792

Jerry Meehan provided photos. The outlet pipe cover has eroded away, and needs repaired. Bob Gressley made a motion to complete work. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: Dustman-Stuart-Sheets-Miller-Bear Landowner: Town of Roanoke 141 3rd St
Roanoke IN, 46783

Jerry Meehan discussed previous granted approvals to replace multiple foot bridges at the park with the understanding that after the new foot bridges were installed the old ones would be removed. The Town of Roanoke is now requesting that the middle foot bridge remain. After collecting elevations on all three (3) foot bridges the middle one is approximately a foot and half (1 ½) lower than the other two (2). Tom Wall made a motion to raise the middle bridge to the same elevation as the other foot bridges or remove it. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: Michel-Young

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that he has requested that EMA fly their drone for before and after photos of the upcoming project. Landowner notifications have been mailed.

Drain Name: Weber-Williams-Kauff

Landowner: Carol McCauley 430 W 459 N
Huntington IN, 46750

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that he received a call from the landowner complaining about the control of weeds from the spraying of drain. Jerry Meehan had found in past minutes from September of 2011 that Jay Poe stated will “touch up” spray to control weeds. Tom Wall stated that he would contact IMI about them spraying for weeds.

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the spray contractor will be starting on Tuesday July 22nd.

Drain Name: Miles Byrd

Landowner: Mark Hardy 1599 W 100 N
Huntington IN, 46750

Jerry Meehan notified the Board that Fratco may not warrant the tile now because of possible tree roots causing the issues with the tile. Ongoing discussions and will report back.

Jerry Meehan provided an update regarding Maple Solar design.

Jerry Meehan is to gather information from other counties about charging for alcohol permits.

DISCUSSION OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER’S CONCERNS:

Terry Keiffer mentioned Farm Bureau Drainage School coming up on August 26, 2025, in Indianapolis.

FIELD TRIP:

No field trip was taken.

The meeting concluded at this time.

Absent
Matt Gilbert

Terry Keiffer

Tom Wall

Absent
Jim Michel

Bob Gressley