

# HUNTINGTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

MEETING DATE: August 7, 2025 TIME: 8:30 A.M. TO: 10:22 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 (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 7/17/2025 minutes. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Terry Keiffer made a motion to approve the Michel-Young Public Hearing minutes. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

## **DISCUSSION OF LANDOWNERS CONCERNS:**

Drain Name: D.S.S.M.B & W.C. McPherren      Landowner: Roanoke Beautification Foundation  
P.O. Box 388 Roanoke, IN 46783

Ruth Marsh on behalf of Roanoke Beautification is requesting to have their contractor work in the Right-of-Way at their expense twice a year. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow with no work in the last two weeks of July and to contact the Surveyors Office prior to work. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Tom Wall arrived at 8:38 AM

Drain Name: Loon Creek      Landowner: Dave Hacker 1695 N 600 W  
Andrews IN, 46702

Dave Hacker is requesting to work in the Right-of- Way to remove sandbars and to repair banks on his property at his expense. Matt Gilbert made a motion to allow and under the Surveyors Office supervision. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Jerry Meehan informed the Board that there are corners that have eroded and are in need of armoring with riprap. The consensus of the Board is to add this to the riprapping list.

Drain Name: William McPherren

Landowner: Tom Clounie/ Sunflower Meadows  
6492 N US Highway 24 E  
Huntington, IN 46750

Tom Clounie is requesting permission to install a detention pond within the Right-of-Way, approximately 50 feet and to install two outlets. Tom Wall made a motion to allow. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**CLAIMS:**

Board Payroll	\$195.00
Amor Excavating	\$450.00
Kindler Landscaping	\$5695.00

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

**DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

Drain Name: Dustman-Stuart-Sheets-Miller-Bear	Landowner: Thomas Unger 9117 N 300 E Roanoke IN, 46783
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Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the landowner has planted trees within the Right-of-Way with metal rods around them without Board approval. The result of this has restricted the spray contractor from entering the property. The consensus of the Board is to send a letter to the landowner to remove them within 60 days. Jerry Meehan informed the Board that there is some bank erosion in the area as well. The consensus of the Board is to add it to the riprapping list.

Drain Name: Dustman-Stuart-Sheets-Miller-Bear	Landowner: Town of Roanoke P.O. Box 328 Roanoke, IN 46783
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Jerry Meehan updated the Board on his meeting with the Roanoke Town Council. Matt Gilbert made a motion to send a letter stating the “old” pedestrian foot bridge needs removed or raised by November 1<sup>st</sup> and the riprap that was install under the “new” pedestrian foot bridge that has washed into drain needs to be removed within 30 days. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Bob Gressley stepped off the Board at this time.

Drain Name: William Fahl	Landowner: Waide Voght 427 S Broadway Huntington IN, 46750
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Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the landowner is requesting to place temporary structure (fence) within the Right-of-Way. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow, with 16-foot gates on each end of the property. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Drain Name: William Fahl

Jerry Meehan presented a quote from Kindler Landscaping to repair multiple yards from the recently completed project on the drain. Terry Keiffer made a motion to accept the quote. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bob Gressley stepped back on the Board at this time.

Drain Name: Miles Byrd

Landowner: Joshua Wilson 1669 W 1100 N  
Huntington IN, 46750

Jerry Meehan notified the Board that after meeting with Contractor Tadd Eads and Fratco Tile it has been determined that Fratco will warranty the replacement of approximately 1,600 tile from a project that was completed in 2011. Since the original installation in 2011 there has been a considerable amount of tree growth encroachment within the Right-of-Way, and the contractor is requesting the Board clear this area before installing the new tile. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Drain Name: Milton Hubbart

Landowner: Brad Oliver 8770 N 200 W  
Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan provided photos of the repair and replacement of the 12-inch single wall to 12-inch dual wall tile.

### **DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

Drain Name: Thomas Moorman

Dan Pinkerton is requesting permission to work in the Right-of-Way to repair or replace a private tile. Terry Keiffer motioned to allow. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Drain Name: Ezra Williams

Landowner: Dan Burris 5835 N 200 E  
Huntington IN, 46750

Jerry Meehan notified the Board that the landowner had contacted him about issues with the regulated drain when he was having private tiling work done. The outlet was replaced and multiple repairs to the tile were done. Dan Burris is requesting \$1,000 of the cost to replace the outlet and repair tile. Tom Wall made a motion to allow. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Tom Wall stepped out at 9:41 AM

Drain Name: William Tribolet

Landowner: Bevin Best 329 Cottonwood Ct

Markle IN, 46770

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that we have received the work in the Right-of-Way permit from INDOT.

Drain Name: Golvin Summers

Landowner: Richard Shafer P.O. Box  
Markle IN, 46770

Jerry Meehan notified the Board that the landowner is requesting a contractor he knows to do his tile repair. Jerry Meehan inquired if the Board knew of any work done by Kim Snowden? The consensus of the Board is to allow Kim Snowden to do the tile repair.

Tom Wall returned at 9:43 AM

Drain Name: John McCombs

Landowner: Ed Pierce 9441 N 500 W  
Huntington IN, 46750

Ed Pierce reached out to the Huntington Commissioners seeking help with maintaining the side ditch in front of his property. Tom Wall requested that the Surveyors Office reach out to the landowner. Jerry Meehan informed the landowner that the side ditch is not part of the regulated drain, therefore the Drainage Board has no jurisdiction. The consensus of the Board is to have Jerry Meehan investigate the exact location of the drain.

Drain Name: Garretson-Fahl-Parker

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that letters have been sent out to landowners that Enyeart Construction will be bottom dipping a portion of the drain.

US Signal has requested to work in the Right-of-Way to install new fiber optics that will cross multiple drains. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow along with being a minimum of six (6) feet below the flowline of either tile or open drain and to notify the Surveyors Office before starting work. Anyone working and crossing drains will need to provide signage on both banks of an open drain and on top of tile. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Jerry Meehan notified the Board that Spray was completed on 8/5/2025.

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that he and Terry Keiffer would be attending the Farm Bureau Drainage School on 8/26/2025.

Drain Name: Carroll-Young

Jerry Meehan provided photos of the ongoing project.

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

Drain Name: Harry Kessler

Bob Gressley inquired about cleaning out the old railroad crossing.

Drain Name: Michel-Young

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that work started on Tuesday 8/5/2025.

Marilyn Bradford inquired if there are any updates on the Maple Solar project. She also inquired about Jim Michel's status on the Board.

The Board thanked Allan Bowers for supplying donuts.

**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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Absent

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Jim Michel

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Bob Gressley