

HUNTINGTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

MEETING DATE: August 21, 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 (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 8/7/2025 minutes. Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION OF LANDOWNERS CONCERNS:

Jim Michel stepped off the Board at this time.

Drain Name: Michel -Young

Landowner: Seth Doctor 6667 N 750 W
Huntington, IN 46750

Seth Doctor is requesting a change order of 30-inch tile through his property instead of an open drain. The engineering has been completed and approved by Aaron Carl, P.E., P.S. This request would reduce the open drain contract cost by \$34,000 but increase the overall cost to \$107,959.00 on his property. Jerry Meehan advised the Board that they should require Seth Doctor pay the difference of \$73,959.00 up front. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow with Seth Doctor depositing a cashier's check in the amount of \$73,959 to the Michel-Young Drain Fund. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Jim Michel ask for clarification about the change of order in relation to the drain fund.

Jim Michel stepped back on the Board at this time.

Drain Name: Bolinger-Meyers

Landowner: Andy Bolinger 4420 E 800 N
North Manchester, IN 46962

Andy Bolinger is requesting permission to work in the Right-of-Way to place two 10-inch outlets. Matt Gilbert made a motion to allow and under the supervision of the Surveyors Office.

Tom Wall seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

CLAIMS:

Tri-County Excavating	\$55,010.00
Snowden INC	\$1,436.41

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

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Michel stepped off the Board at this time.

Drain Name: Michel-Young

Andy Bolinger notified the Board that after meeting with NuStar Pipeline about the location and depth of the pipeline that crosses the intersection of CR 700 N and CR 750 W. NuStar has requested that the tile be a minimum of two feet from the pipeline. Andy Bolinger believes that adjusting the placement of the new 30-inch tile on Seth Doctor would mitigate future issues with the pipeline. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow and to contact the Surveyors Office with the changes. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Andy Bolinger inquired about damages for removing crops outside of the Right-of-Way. He is offering to compensate Jim Michel for .09 acres of crop. The consensus of the Board is to allow them to negotiate between themselves.

Jim Michel stepped back on the Board at this time.

Drain Name: Carroll-Young

Jerry Meehan provided photos of the completed work.

Drain Name: William Tribolet	Landowner: Bevan Best 329 Cottonwood Ct Markle, IN 46770
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Jerry Meehan provided photos of the completed work. Steve Best is requesting to leave the spoil in Right-of-Way till after crop harvest. Tom Wall made a motion to allow for 90 days. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

Drain Name: Weber-Williams-Kauff	Landowner: Carol McCauley 430 W 459 N Huntington, IN 46750
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Jerry Meehan provided photos and informed the Board that the landowner had previously voiced concerns about not spraying enough of the drain but now is complaining about spraying too

much of the drain. The Board was informed that there was no spraying done outside of the Right-of-Way.

Drain Name: Keller-Andrews

MCC Network Services has requested to work in the Right-of-Way to install new fiber optics lines. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow with them to be a minimum of six (6) feet below the flowline of the tile and to notify the Surveyors Office before starting work. After installation signage will need to be placed over the top of the tile. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Tom Wall abstained.

MCC Network Services has requested to work in the Right-of-Way to install new fiber optics that will cross multiple regulated drains. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow with them to be a minimum of six (6) feet below the flowline of either tile or open drain and to notify the Surveyors Office before starting work. After installation signage will need to be placed on both banks of an open drain and over the top of the tile. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. Tom Wall abstained.

Tom Wall stepped off the Board at this time.

Drain Name: Wall-Hite-Stephan

Landowner: Richard Glassie 1590 W 200 S
Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan provided photos of a line of trees planted in the Right-of-Way. The consensus of the Board is that Jerry Meehan speak with the homeowner about removing the trees.

Tom Wall stepped back on the Board at this time.

Drain Name: Arford-Jackson

INDOT is requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to replace the structure on State Road 9. Bob Gressley made a motion to allow, and the new structure to be aligned with the drain. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: Dustman-Stuart-Sheets-Miller-Bear

Landowner: Thomas Unger 9117 N 300 E
Roanoke IN, 46783

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that the landowner contacted the Surveyors Office and has agreed to remove the trees but not the metal rods. Jerry Meehan will remove the metal rods.

Drain Name: Dustman-Stuart-Sheets-Miller-Bear

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

Jerry Meehan updated the Board that there has been no response from the Town of Roanoke since the letter to raise or remove the pedestrian bridge in the park was mailed to them.

Drain Name: Joseph Stephans

Landowner: Willow 3 LLC 1607 W 1100 S
Warren, IN 46792

Eads and Son Bulldozing is requesting permission to work in the Right-of-Way to place a new outlet. Terry Keiffer motioned to allow. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Drain Name: Miles Byrd

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

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that he contacted landowner Josh Wilson about clearing the woods over the tile. Eads and Son Bulldozing will be scheduling to install the new tile during next years (2026) crop season.

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that as of now Maple Solar is planning to stay out of the drain Right-of-Way. Maple Solar to attend next Commissioner meeting Monday August 25th.

DISCUSSION OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER'S CONCERNS:

Bob Gressley was approached by Jerry and David Kline about their outlets being clogged after the recently completed work on the William Fahl Drain.

Tom Wall expressed concerns about pattern tiling and hooking into tiles that were engineered 100 years ago.

FIELD TRIP:

No field trip was taken.

The meeting concluded at this time.

Matt Gilbert

Terry Keiffer

Tom Wall

Jim Michel

Bob Gressley