

HUNTINGTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2026 TIME: 8:30 A.M. TO: 10:09 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 (P) BOB GRESSLEY (P)

SURVEYOR STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE
JERRY MEEHAN JR/ SURVEYOR
STACY WILEY/ CHIEF DEPUTY

Meeting was called to order.

Members of the Board were announced.

Introduction of the Surveyors Staff was announced.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Terry Keiffer motioned to elect Matt Gilbert as Chairman of the Board. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Matt Gilbert motioned to elect Terry Keiffer as Vice- Chairman of the Board. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Terry Keiffer motioned to make Wendi Witt Secretary of the Board. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Terry Keiffer motioned to have Adrian Halverstadt III from HRGHC, LLP as primary Attorney. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Matt Gilbert motioned to have Gordon & Associates as the back-up Attorney. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

MINUTES:

Terry Keiffer made a motion to approve the 12/18/2025 minutes. Jim Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Terry Keiffer made a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes for the Nancy Sanger Drain. Jim Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Terry Keiffer made a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes for the Vendrick-Slusser-Altman Drain. Jim Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Matt Gilbert stepped off the Board at this time.

Jim Michel made a motion to approve the Public Hearing for the John Brown Drain. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Matt Gilbert stepped back on the Board at this time.

Terry Keiffer made a motion to approve the Public Hearing for the Dustman- Stuart-Sheets-Miller-Bear Drain. Jim Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

DISCUSSION OF LANDOWNERS CONCERNS:

Drain Name: Carroll-Young

Landowner: Gabriel Ventures 6492 US-24
Huntington IN, 46750

Tom Clounie is requesting to place structures within the Right-of-Way on North side of the drain on his property. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow the landowner to place structures (temporary or permanent) no closer than ~35 feet and under the supervision of the Surveyors Office. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1. Jim Michel opposed.

Marilyn Bradford, 9359 S 400 E Warren, IN 46792, inquired if there were any communications from Maple Solar?

CLAIMS:

Marion Chronicle	Notice of Hearings	\$48.06
The Desk and Copy Stop	Board Supplies	\$41.64
Board Payroll		\$520.00

Terry Keiffer made a motion to pay the claims. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

Drain Name: Siegmund-Herran-Baker

Bryn Keplinger discussed with the Board the Han-Jung project. Engineering Resources is requesting to work in the Right-of-Way to put in an access road and an aqua swirl. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow a permanent structure (aqua swirl) no closer than ~55 feet and temporary structure (access road) no closer than ~35 feet. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Drain Name: Huffman-Bolinger-Walters

Jerry Meehan presented engineering plans and went over his profile versus profile done by VS Engineering. The consensus of the Board is to request quotes for both replacing the tile or a new open drain. The consensus of the Board is to do work this year.

Drain Name: Stewart-Hoover-Thrift-Ellis

Landowner: Eric Cobbs 572 W 450 S
Warren, IN 46792

Jerry Meehan notified the Board that the petition has been withdrawn due to work done on the Cobb's property.

Jim Michel stepped off the Board at this time.

Drain Name: Michel-Young

Landowner: Carl Zinsmeister 711 Keswick Dr
Huntington IN, 46750

Jerry Meehan notified the Board that he spoke with Todd Landrum regarding the remainder of the dirt. Bob Gressley made a motion to give Todd Landrum until July 1, 2026, to get the dirt removed. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Jerry Meehan presented reconstruction certification for the project, \$275, 000. Bob Gressley made a motion to approve the certification. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bob Gressley made a motion to approve returning the performance and bid checks to Bolinger Agricultural Drainage, LLC. Terry Keiffer seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Michel stepped back onto the Board at this time.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

Jerry Meehan presented to the Board the End of the Year information for review including new fund sheets, petition list, other projects list, drains with negative balance, temporary structures in the Right-of-Way, and permanent structures in the Right-of-Way. The tile repair sheets that are outstanding were reviewed. The out of County Collections were reviewed with the Board. The Drain Collection list was handed out to the Board for review.

Drain Name: Logan-Charles

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that Bowman Agriculture is proposing to replace and upsize the current 18- inch tile to 30-inch tile at their expense, across the Richison, Sprowl and Smelser properties. All three landowners are ok with this. The consensus of the Board is to return with a finalized plan if they want to proceed.

Drain Name: Adam Schenkel

Landowner: Rex Grossman 6174 E 400 N
Urbana, IN 46990

Musselman Water Management is proposing to replace ~2,275 feet on the Grossman property at their expense. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow. Jim Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Drain Name: Moses Alspach

Landowner: Sharon Staley 782 S 200 E
Huntington, IN 46750

The landowner is requesting permission to install a culvert crossing at their expense. Terry Keiffer made a motion to allow and under Surveyors Office supervision. Bob Gressley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Drain Name: Miller-Gussman-Pasko-Smith

Landowner: Bobby Smithley 2517 E 100 N Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan is requesting that the Board install a 15-inch Tee at the Board's expense. Bob Gressley made a motion to approve. Matt Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Drain Name: Mary Paul

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

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that he will start field work for the Mary Paul Drain on January 21st.

Drain Name: David Channey

Landowner: Verlis Yarger 425 Buckingham Lane Huntington, IN 46750

Jerry Meehan informed the Board that Ted Trout will be hiring Aaron Carl to do engineering for the petition turned in for the replacement of tile on the Yarger property.

DISCUSSION OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEMBER'S CONCERNS:

Jim Michel informed the Board that he will not be at the next meeting.

Bob Gressley inquired about the William Fahl Drain.

Terry Keiffer inquired about the new fiber optics being installed.

Terry Keiffer informed the Board that he will not be at the next meeting.

Jerry Meehan notified the Board that there was no Judicial Review's filed for any of the public hearing's held on December 18th, and that he would reach out to David Stoffel to let him know.

FIELD TRIP:

No field trip was taken.

The meeting concluded at this time.

Matt Gilbert

Terry Keiffer

Tom Wall

Jim Michel

Bob Gressley