

# **Randolph County Drainage Board**

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## Present:

Michael D. Wickersham, Chairman  
Gary Friend, Vice Chairman  
Gary L. Girton, Member  
Edwin L. Thornburg, Surveyor  
Meeks Cockerill, Drainage Board Attorney  
Casey Keener, Drainage Board Secretary

## **Minutes for January 2, 2024**

Mike Wickersham calls the meeting to order. Let the time reflect it is after 10:30 A.M. The first thing we need to do is to elect officers for this coming year. We have offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and member. Gary Girton nominates Mike Wickersham as Chairman, Gary Friend seconds, Motion to have Mike Wickersham as Chairman is approved, Motion Carries. Gary Girton nominates Gary Friend as Vice Chairman, Mike Wickersham seconds, Motion to have Gary Friend as Vice Chairman is approved, Motion Carries.

Next item is to approve the Minutes for Monday December 4, 2023 meeting. We all received a copy via Email. Any additions, deletions, or corrections to those. Gary Girton moves to approve the minutes as presented, Gary Friend seconds, Minutes approved as presented, motion carries.

Next, we have the Surveyors report on project updates. I understand we have an update on the Deerfield tower, Ed. Ed says, Yes, we are prepared to move forward on that. I had talked to the landowner previously, then he contacted me recently. He wanted to update something, I'm going to

attempt to talk with him today. So, we are pretty much go to go on that. Mike says, OK, I also understand that there is a project update on Richey-Wood-Mendenhall ditch at 600 N and 1000 W. Ed says, I have a quote to replace that lateral. We are sorting the details on this right now. It looks like we can run this a maintenance, because the property owners are willing to put up their portion. Ed says I think that is it.

Mike says we will move on to General Drain Improvement transfers. A spread sheet is presented with the Ditch Units that have borrowed funds from the general drain fund and after receiving Fall tax distributions is the amount that is to be returned to the general drain fund. The total amount to be returned to the GDIF is the amount of \$72,402.83. Mike Wickersham would entertain a motion to approve the transfer. Gary Friend motions to approve the transfer, Gary Girton seconds, motion approved, motion carries.

Mike says, next is the on/off ditches. These are the one that we collect and don't collect on every year. We can collect four times the yearly amount collected on the taxes. This is based on the acreage times the tax rate for each ditch unit. So, when the amount in a ditch account is at max rate we turn it off, and it is not collected that year. If it is below that amount it stays on or is turned on if previously turn off. Gary Friend makes a motion to Approve the On/Off list of the ditch units. Gary Girton seconds, Motion is approved, Motion Carries.

Last thing I have is we have received a waiver form for the MS4.

Gary Friend makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Girton seconds, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Signed this 6th day of February, 2023 in the Randolph County  
Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.

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Michael D. Wickersham, Chairman



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Gary Friend, Vice Chairman



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Gary L. Girton, Member

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Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor