

# **Randolph County Drainage Board**

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## Present:

Gary Friend - Chairman                      Term: January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026  
Tom Kerns - Vice Chairman              Term: January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028  
Missy Williams – Member                Term: January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028  
Meeks Cockerill, Drainage Board Attorney  
Edwin Thornburg, Surveyor  
Casey Keener, Secretary

Minutes for Monday, December 1, 2025

Gary Friend starts, all right welcome everybody we're going to open up the drainage meeting for December. First is we have the minutes to approve the minutes for Monday November the 3rd. Would someone like make a motion to accept the minutes for Monday November 3, 2025. Tom makes motion except the minutes. Missy Williams seconds. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye. Opposed same sign. Motion passes 3-0.

Gary says, next, GDIF transfers. Casey say, this is where when we get our collections for our ditches the ones that we have borrowed from so essentially are in the negative. We pay that back. Gary says Is this is transferring funds back into the ditch lines. Casey replies, Yes, backing to maintenance. Gary says, Got it. Has everyone had a chance to review this. Missy makes a motion to approve the transfer. Tom Seconds. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye. Opposed same sign. Motion passes 3-0.


Gary says, next we have ditch on slash off. What you got going on there? Casey replies so ditches are allowed to collect 4 times the amount of their annual income so when they get to that we turn them off and the people don't have to pay on them until they're turned back on. Gary says OK. So, means when they have enough revenue in their funds to equal 4 years of collection they get turned off. Casey says, Yes. Ed adds, sometimes we hold the smaller units longer because we need to accumulate enough money to actually do a repair. Gary says, to do anything right? Ed continues, hat normally at the end of 4 years actually you know if you got 5 years' worth of money we quit collecting. Gary says, so is this an actual. Casey says, this is a list of all the ditches that are going to be turned off that are not going to be collected on. Then we have one that are all the ditches that are going to Be collected on. Because we have to turn that into the Auditors office. Missy ask So how much do you collect? Casey says, I should have brought my paper. Missy says, That's OK. There continue to be some discussion on the collection process of the ditches. Gary says, we'll need a motion to approve the on and off ditches. Tom says I'll make a motion to approve the on and off of the ditch's assessments. Approved by the Surveyor. Gary says, all right we have a motion. Do we have a second? Missy seconds. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye. Opposed same sign. Motion passes 3-0.

Gary says then the surveys report. Ed starts, yes well this is. Been an interesting month. We're still dealing with little fallout with the 700-east project. Gary says, Missy ask you on the side how's that going. Ed says, it's going. I met with the landowner that having some other challenges with them over on the east side of the project. And I think there's still working on it. Just. Gary says, it's moving forward though isn't. Ed says, it is moving forward they are they're getting all of the pipe buried. I Have dealt with a few obstruction removals that's something this time of year you get to see some of that. There's no water

flowing but enough to cause a couple backups. People are working on what's already going on but not a lot of new going on right now. Gary ask What else in your survey report? Ed says, That's it. Gary says, That's the survey report. OK Missy everything you want to bring up to the drainage board before we adjourn. Missy says, I do and do they have to get does the company has going to do these projects do they have to come and show anything to you on this is happening because I know there's some complaints from some of the people. Ed says like you mean that water line project, no. Because I had to Show them where some legal drains were at their crossing. They board under the little the Little Miss prong that's on that county owned property they're boring under the O'Connor ditch over there by the behind the trailer park. They board under a couple of tile lines actually have several tile lines and that work they've done has been all right. I had no I had no review on these plans. The highway department and I met with them early on when we found out what they were planning to do in the road and then brought to you guys. For the correction. But On this project, they would have never met with me had I not put a flag on them. Gary says on 700. Missy continues, I mean I'm sure they have to Have insurance. Sometimes I wonder if they shouldn't have to do a show you a proof of insurance or the county a proof of insurance. In case they have a job. Ed says, if there were working for me they would have Done that. Missy says, Yeah. Ed continues they were working for the city so they would have had to provide that to Union City. Gary says, they didn't even know they were in our jurisdiction. they thought that was in the Union City jurisdiction. they were all done with it all of a sudden come to find out it was our county road. Ed says, Well make it better their engineer didn't even realize that county roads right away is different than the Street. Gary says they don't get a pass on that they're supposed know that and where they're at actually. Ed says Well actually they are. That company also is working one of the donut counties and Did not understand the rules are the same way there. I Helped him with a little late life education, I guess. Gary says I'm not so Sure that he can make that claim. you can't Work with those counties and not know. You have 3 level engineer to even get in there. Ed says well they have a big building on 465 north that's all they know.

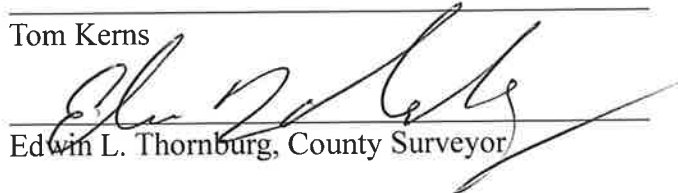
Tom makes a motion to adjourn, Missy seconds the motion, second. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye, opposed. Same sign. Motion passes 3-0.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.

  
Gary Friend

  
Missy Williams

  
Tom Kerns

  
Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor