

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, Secretary

Minutes for Monday, December 2, 2024

Mike starts, its after ten thirty, I'll call this meeting of the Randolph County Drainage Board to order. First item on the agenda is to approve the Minutes from our Monday, November fourth meeting. Gary Friend says, I'll make the motion to accept the motion to accept the minutes of Monday, November Fourth meeting. Gary Girton, seconds. All in favor of that motion signify by saying aye, all opposed, same sign. Motion Passes 3-0.

Surveyors Report

Mike say the next thing is the surveyors report. Ed says, not a lot of excitement going on. There's one thing I do think we need to touch on for a minute. Been working with Jay Long, the Highway department, we've got some folks out at shaded acres that are knee deep in water. Mike ask is that storm water or sewage water? Ed replies, Stormwater is what we're talking about. It's the in two houses on the South end, southeast corner. I am of the opinion there is a tree that is growing through the ditch there. this drain is in the in the road right of way. Danny always took care of problems out there when he was running highway. Gary friend ask if this going on right now. Ed replies, Yeah. Gary says, they asked me about it's a week ago or two. Ed says this is still on going. I just wanted everybody to be aware we're at the stage now that I was talking to Mark at Culy's this morning. It's past what the highway guys are able to do. Gary Friend asks, what's going to be the end result, what is step two, Step one is we can't handle it. Ed says, step two is I think, jet it, and get an absolute firm location, and probably bore through the tree it's under. then the final resolution is probably to replace the section of that ditch. Gary Friend asks, would be homeowner responsibility.

Ed replies We are right on the edge. the tree is in the right of way. My proposal was that they go around this tree if. If We have to put in new tile, they've got a root cutter attachment where they could be able to carve through it, if the ditch isn't collapse. My understanding was they had to have the permission from the person that owns. They're real concerned about killing the tree. Gary Girton ask what size is under the bridge. Ed replies, probably six there, it's not big. The

county ditch that drains this subdivision, which is an eighth of a mile away. Is only an eighth for nine hundred feet. This subdivision was built in nineteen fifty by Clarence Kritch and Paul Funk. This this is a common drain between the twenty-five of this of this subdivision. The county owns this lot right here. The county lot is the outlet for the entire. The two houses that's having trouble are here, and here. This drainage appears to run down. We know there are catch basins at the corners of all the intersections. The Highway Department worked on this section here about three years ago. And it goes across and ties into a catch basin where three or four drains cross the road. On the other half of this subdivision actually runs here, not the way I had originally drawn, but then highway worked this section over right before Danny left the last time. It runs under Steve Longnecker's garage and ties into the John Wilson Ditch over here. Then when we drained this a few years ago, this ditch actually, quits being county at the edge of the road. We there is a tile that runs Right behind the McHolland building and this whole field is drained through that tile. Gary Friend ask Randolph County owns this road, and do they have any funding for the subdivision. Ed replies, Yes, it is a county road, they don't have any kind of funding. The subdivision does not have an HOA. Now at one time they did. They used to have a well utility. And the well went bad, and they all had to drill their own wells. That was about what, twenty years ago, twenty-five. I was contracted when it happened. they all have their own septic's. They're failing, the lady whose son has been calling, leaving us messages and actually who I've met with Friday afternoon. Jason Allen called me. I told them Friday afternoon, I. To put sump pump in your crawl space and pump the water out to the back, it's down, it's down the hill porch, the back of the of the Tartar lot. But there's nothing back there. Make the pump water there temporarily. For a few days. I haven't talked to him about since I got the Friday, the Friday afternoon message on my phone at the office. Jason hasn't called me back. Mike ask, so why can't the Highway Department handle this? Ed replies it Is passed what Jay is comfortable with doing himself? Mike asks Because there's a root there that needs to cut out. Ed says, Well, first thing we don't have that ability I. Mike says, I Understand. Ed continues, yeah, I think you he just wants everybody to be aware of what's going on before we get a bill from Culy for four thousand dollars. I don't think he has an issue there. Gary says I think we have a bit of an implied responsibility, that may not be a hundred percent ours. Mike ask, what are you recommending we do here? Ed replies, I'm recommending we just let him go ahead. I just want you to be aware of where we're at and be sure that when we see a claim from Culy contracting on this come through, Jay or me, either one that this is what it's about. Mike and Gary friend both say, Sounds like a plan to me. Ed replies, OK, I want everybody to be aware. That was my concern.

Ditches to collect, not collect

Mike says, next is Ditches to collect, not collect. Casey says So, as you know, every year we have to Turn in a list of ditches that will be collected on and not collected. We turn the ditch off collections when it has four times the yearly collected balance. Mike ask Ed, so you're recommending this list to be collected in the year 2025, you're certifying that to us at. Ed replies, Yes. Gary Girton makes the motion to accept the on list of ditches, Gary Friend, seconds. All in favor of that motion signify by saying aye, all opposed, same sign. Motion Passes 3-0. The next is the list of ditches not to be collected. So, I'd entertain a motion to approve these certified ditches not to be collected in 2025. Gary Friend motions to approve the ditches to no be collected

on. Gary Girton seconds. All in favor of that motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same, sign. Motion Passes 3-0


GDIF Transfer

Mike says, then the general Drain improvement fund. This is just this is moving money from one account to another. Gary Friend makes a motion to approve these movement of money from General grain fund back to the Maintenance Fund. Gary Girton seconds. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed same sign. Motion Passes 3-0.


Anything else to bring before the drainage?

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

Signed this 6th day of January, 2025 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.



Gary Friend

Missy Williams

Tom Kerns

Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor