

# **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, August 4, 2025

Gary Friend starts, all right, let's call the Randolph County Drainage board meeting to order. First order of business is the minutes for July 7th 2025. Tom Kerns makes motion to accept the minutes for July 7th 2025, Missy Williams seconds. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye. Opposed same sign. Motion passes 3-0.

Gary says next is a Stormwater site plan approval Ed. Ed starts, Alright Pine Knoll facility. they are making a great expansion; I'm going to just pass this one sheet around. It shows where the building the addition and driveway is. The city and I have both held these folks up for last couple of months because they want their retention out by the road. Where their retention is by the road is right next to where you leave the moose club. I said you know you got people in and out of there. You got people in and out of the facility and not everybody 's on their best driving when you're going, you're worrying about your loved one in the nursing home or when you spent too long at the moose. And they they've agreed to add curbing, and we settled on a wooden guardrail around the edges of this retention basin. That satisfied the city, the city 's engineering, and me so I'm recommending you guys to pass the plan. Missy Williams makes motion to pass the stormwater plan for Pine Knoll, Tom Kerns seconds. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye. Opposed same sign. Motion passes 3-0.


Gary asks if there is anything else? Ed says, yes, I do have something and got called in after the last rain got called over the Farmland. The prong part of the B.F. Hill ditch is tile that runs adjacent to the new EMS building that tile actually comes from quite a way north that comes down through there. It goes two blocks then into the old mobile Home Park. The city actually had this ditch camera a few months ago I have not got to see the video, yet. I pretty much know what to expect, I had it videoed several years ago, and it was in bad shape then, especially in the mobile Home Park. The week I started in 2007, the first places I got to go was to that park where somebody 's boat and trailer had fallen into a hole that had come into the tile in front of a mobile home there. A year earlier the same tile broke under his trailer and the blocks at each end have carved into the hole. Now this is what we've got for the tile and there is water clear up to the house behind the EMS building. Melvin 's got the video from the last round I haven't seen it yet I'm going to propose, and I proposed this string in several years ago and I couldn't come up with the money to make it happen. But the street that runs in front of that mobile Home Park the city owns. Of course, the street plus a little extra right away we could put 400-foot tile in there and bypass the mobile Home Park so the tile in that area is just trying to load that is there. I would like to replace this line clear up to Jackson Street. Jackson it's currently a 12-inch tile and I believe it is 16 most of the way through there but I like I'm going to investigate it. We've been lucky and not have to spend a ton of money on that drain the last couple of years, so I have a little money. Gary asks if Jackson Street is the being the

northern limit of it or farther north or are we starting south. We will start out we'll start at the B.F. Hill open ditch, and I don't remember the name of the street. Gary says, but it goes north to Jackson. Ed replies, Yes, that drain goes it's almost a half mile north of Jackson. And now we have replaced it for about 500 or 600 feet of new tile starting at Jackson Street. I replaced that probably 15 years ago. The storm drain was a clay tile directly under it was the city 's sanitary sewer which was a clay field tile. We replaced this, and they put new sewer line in it was pretty interesting project. It would help with their infiltration problem they were having at the sewer plant. some of that is better than it was but the outlet still isn't pretty. the city looks like I'll be agreeable to an easement to go down along the side of the street there. Hopefully by next month I'm going to have some fairly solid numbers of what we got to do to do. I told the assistant who works with Melvin over there if I get you guys to buy on this some there might enough money make happen, I'd like to make the whole thing happen to. One of those nagging problems I'd like to see done. Gary replies, OK.

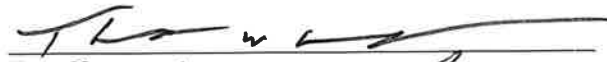
Ed continues, I'm going to go down and talk to the guys from the US 27 project about right rerouting part of the ditch around the wink wall to the new Culvert their putting in. Gary asks, how long is that going to be closed on the 27 projects? Ed says, well this is the first of the 2 culverts they're putting in. They are talking about setting pipe on Wednesday. Gary says. That quick. Ed replies, Yes, now setting pipe is a month from being done. They literally stopped to telling me this morning that they have got 30 inches of stone under where the pipes are going to sit. They'll haul off and I think they're going to global fill above the top of the pipe there. Before they start building the road base back up that may be flow will fill all the way up, I don't really know it's like that cut is over 14 feet deep. if the wing walls hadn't been so large they would have missed me entirely. My ditch through the 227 there was put in in the reinforced concrete pipe back in the 50s or 60s when they built 27 so we got good pile under the road there as opposed to some other places. Then I've got another one that's a quarter of a mile from there they're going to be 2 of those right at the same time. Both of them have county drains on the. Gary says Alright sounds good anything else for the drainage board.

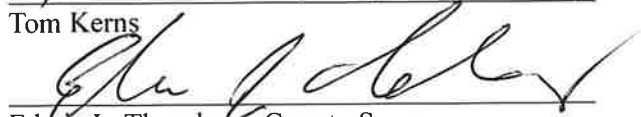
Tom makes a motion adjourn, Missy seconds the motion, second. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye, opposed. Same sign. Motion passes 3-0.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.

  
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Gary Friend

  
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Missy Williams

  
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Tom Kerns

  
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Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor