

**Drainage Board Meeting
May 4, 2026**

Present: Jim Seiler, Heather Gries, Mac Webb, Auditor Melissa Bunner, and Surveyor Tyler Daming.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

The meeting was called to order by President Webb at 8:15 A.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes for April 7, 2026. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Surveyors Report

There have been complaints about the R.W. Richards in Baker Creek watershed for several months. There are two (2) residents that are disposing of things in the ditch and lining the bank with garbage. With the area floods, the trash clogs the drain and causes damage and drainage issues to the adjoining properties. Daming is asking Claybourn for any information on the responsibility that the owner may hold if we work on the drain and then the issue recurs. There were pictures provided.

Clint from Midwest is working up a plan to create a watershed in the lower half of the county along River Road. There should be an update by mid-May.

The Surveyor's office filed paperwork to work on Little Sandy but due to people changing positions at DNR and the CORPS, the application was lost. They have filed new paperwork and they were going to restart the process. It is a protected wetland so we cannot move forward until they get the approvals.

Continuing to look at the Ira Tower Drain. A contractor removed log jams from a portion of the ditch way, but the rest of the ditch needs cleared and worked on. Daming is planning on a project to take this fall, after crops have been harvested.

They have been contacted about clearing a ditch in Richland. It is the William E Dawson Drain, Lateral #2. This is a regulated drain but is inside of the incorporated town. Daming wants to discuss how to handle the maintenance and cost that is put toward this project. Typically, incorporated towns would be responsible for any maintenance needed within the town limits, but there is a charge for drainage taxes in this area. This question is being referred to Attorney Claybourn.

Old Business

No Report

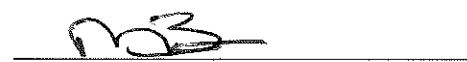
New Business

No Report

**Gries made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 A.M.**



President
Attest:



Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

