# 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 3, 2023

Mike Wickersham calls the meeting to order at 10:30 am. 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.

On to our Minutes for Monday December 5, 2022 meeting. We all received a copy via Email. Gary Girton moves to approve the minutes as presented, Gary Friend seconds, Minutes approved as presented, motion carries.

### **GDIF Payback**

Now the General Drain Improvement Fund pay back. 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 \$53,896.40. Mike Wickersham would entertain a motion to approve the transfer. Gary Friend motions to approve the transfer, Gary Girton seconds, motion approved, motion carries.

#### **Ditch ON/OFF**

This is 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.

#### **Certification of Ditch Assessments**

This is a list of all the active ditches, the acres in each unit, the rate, and the annual income. We have to send this to the auditor's office certifying that these are all legal drains and are active. This includes the on and off ditches. Gary Friend makes a motion to approve the certification od ditch assessments, Gary Girton seconds, motion approved, motion carries.

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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Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor