

Randolph County Drainage Board

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Present:

Gary Friend, Chairman
Tom Kerns, Vice Chairman
Missy Williams, Member
Edwin L. Thornburg, Surveyor
Meeks Cockerill, Drainage Board Attorney
Casey Keener, Secretary

Minutes for Monday, May 4, 2026

Gary starts the meeting; the First order business is the minutes from Monday April. 2026. So, like make a motion to accept those minutes? Missy makes a motion to accept the minutes of April 6th, 2026, Gary says, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Aye, opposed. Same sign. Motion Passes 3-0.

Gary says next is Brad Dilger EDP. Brad Starts, Brad Dilger EDP renewables river start solar part 5 so as we discussed a couple weeks ago the commissioners meeting just seeking an amendment of the RUA to incorporate the updated timeline. Dates in there so the commissioners signed it a couple weeks ago and just wanted to finalize that to the drainage board. Tom makes a motion to accept the changes, Missy seconds. Gary asks Ed if he's ok with it. Ed states he hasn't read it. Gary says the updates are just time extensions. Brad says, just for record and just for the record that dates that are will be changing to or June 30th at no later than June 30th, 2027, of start of construction and then completing no later than December 31st of 2027. And that's what the amendment captures. Everyone says OK. Missy asks Brad, could you send me an overhead of that river start 5 how that looks from the sky a bird's eye view. Yeah, we have a motion and second on that all those in favor signify by saying aye. Aye, opposed. Same sign. Motion Passes 3-0.

Gary asks if Brad has anything else? Brad replies, not at this time any questions I can answer? Gary replies, we all asked those questions. Brad says, all right thank you very much. Gary continues, Next up is Chad roots us aggregates relocation of ditch Ed. Ed starts, Yeah, they're we're going to be relocating at least one of the 3 county ditches that jump into the river next door to the Fairview plant. Gary asks West side of the plant? Ed replies, Actually South side is the is the main one. Then on the one at the West side probably will be modified also. The one that's coming in from the South will be rerouted along the road and then come into that second one he was wanting to finalize what we had to do to vacate. The old ditch basically of the simple motion from us when the plans are replaced. Tom asks, does that flow from the South to the north? Ed says, yes. Tom asks, and how will that affect the farmer there? Ed replies, It's not. The big thing is it will not affect the farmer; they've got room. That was my stipulation which had we discussed us as long as you're not making the ditch backwater up or flow slower, we're good. And there I

say it's going it'll run parallel with the road around. It's going to run to the West and run to the north. They already own all the land there so that that part is no issue. They're not going to do anything to restrict his water. Gary asks do you need a motion on that. Ed says, not yet.

Gary says, OK the Next upriver clean up on little White River. Ed starts, OK, Casey's got some pictures, we've had somebody come in and ask about River clean up on little White River. Want to know if we could help him with the use of trucks and money a year ago on White River. There is some discussion on the location. Gary asks are you're allowed to do that without the army Corp of engineers? Ed replies, obstruction removal yes. Well, I'm going to propose is that we should allocate \$5000.00 to remove brush from that section of the river you'll be filed back behind the other brush so can't wash back then. That's all we're going to do, we're not changing, we're not redirecting, or anything like that. Gary asks do you have funding? Ed says we used leftover road inspection money on the last one. Gary asks, Do you think this is a worthwhile project? Ed says, yeah. Gary continues OK everybody's heard 's request I don't have any. Tom makes a motion to approve \$5000.00 Missy seconds, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Aye, opposed. Same sign. Motion Passes 3-0.

Gary says ok Ed, the surveyors report. Ed says, OK that's that was the main stuff. Missy has shown concern about the water coming off coming on to the golf course. We did put retention in for the wedding venue. We did put retention in for them there been no change in that watershed. Tom ask was that retention put in before that video or after that video? Did you see the video? Gary says I have not yet. Missy replies I've emailed it to you. Gary says, I think what we need to do is, I'll look at the video and we need to get a map like this of what's being asked discussed and what's going on. Ed says, I will tell you that the last time this discussion this discussion all came up a few years ago. Uh it was before they built. And I propose the thing the thing that happens that causes the challenge is the northern golf course pond in the big rain runs over. Now it really doesn't hurt anybody but it runs over and runs across the road into that field. That field lays low the only thing they do is raise hay on it and you know and minor disclosure my son actually raises the hay on that field. We made an open ditch. We took the tile ditch that was junk and made it an open ditch but 3 or 4 years ago. It's better than it was but that ditch runs over. I proposed several years ago that we put a large drain in. That would run across the front of the old highway barn property where it straight over to sugar Creek. The problem with that is it might help you with the flooding but when they want water they wouldn't be getting it. Missy asks when who wants water? Ed replies When the golf course wants water. Gary replies, yeah when the ponds want water to refill it's not going to go there first. Missy replies, I don't know if you were talking about all of them. Ed goes on, yeah this will be upstream of all the ponds. You can run a drain crossway through there anywhere at all that water all goes just sugar Creek anyway. Gary asks So if you are Standing at the highway barn facing the golf course what direction is that. Ed replies North. Now if you head due West, towards Trent Kritches. Those houses are on the east side of Huntsville road the other side of the road going the other way towards the Creek I'm going to say it's around 1500 to 1800 feet. It's been a while since I've looked at that proposal. Part of it was 14 feet deep. It's expensive ditch to putting in. You could regulate it with a gate valve like we do the overflow at the lake Baker. Basically, once you get set you never go back. There's a lot of challenges actually but like I said the golf course pond is one that overflows and it doesn't hurt anybody when does. The pond the old Peterson pond does frequently overflow it runs over its emergency spillway, but it doesn't backwater up on anybody when it runs over the

emergency spillway and that's only a foot above its outlet. Short of buying that kid out I don't know how you would change it. Missy says, I don't think the problem, I mean I don't know anything about a lot of this. I had somebody who gave me a drone they had it from a couple of years and are willing to go up and do a drone again but when that when you see that video you're actually looking South then the drones going to keep moving it's going to turn it's going to move north and follow that so you're going to see all that flooding. Is it OK and I think I sent to you already to send it to you? So, it's gotten it's gotten worse. When we built that house and we're going to be at 19 years ago we and it doesn't affect any of those houses on the east side. It and I don't think it affects, it does not affect the houses right now. The ones selling or the houses for sale that is not going to be a concern they have to have unless it reroutes itself. what do I know other than during those 18 years we didn't see this when we first got there. Then as years have gone on, I don't know if it's because the junkyard it maybe it was flooded all the time. Ed says, well, the Junk yard did flood every time it rained. Missy continues, but right now I mean those ponds are almost out of their banks and the problem that comes from that is all of those cornstalks come down through there and they're dispersed on the golf course along there and then he's got to hire people to get those things moved off of there and it's just it seems like it's getting worse and worse. Ed says, I will tell you the crop residue issues universal. I used to set dumpsters on the B.F. Hill ditch coming in farmland there past Jabos. There's about 600 acres of crop comes through there I used to set dumpsters in there so those people could fill the dumpsters we'd fill 2 tubs once in a while and they fill it with their crop residue coming to town to see you when the water moves. Jay's dealt with it in the highway and I deal with it several places around. Somebody comes up with a way keep crop residue from coming into residential neighborhoods. They're going to make out. Gary says it's not possible by the way. Ed says It's not impossible but nobody 's willing to spend the money it takes to do it. Gary says, well no you would have to till it down. Anyway, so I think what we need is to address the concern with is we need a need lay out like this and what belongs to the county, what's our responsibility what's landowner responsibility. Before we can even make an informed decision. Missy adds I think we're a long way from making any decisions. I was walking back there and it was drying up so I decided walk South of that wedding venue because I heard there was a pond back there sure enough there was a pond back there and there's another was supposed to A pond I don't know but it's on the Fruits properties on Pats property. Well, I don't know maybe her sons. Ed says the pond on the fruit property has a county tile literally along the edge. Missy continues my concern is we did the annexation to allow that property to become inside the city limits of Winchester. Now you've got people who have under positive situations have built these homes. That water is not sitting on any of those homes it does not it does not go that far West. But in the last one Gary and Tom the very last one on the South side of their yard had some standing water in it. I'm concerned if we're going to start this housing or continue, we need to get something fixed before we say yeah keep buying those lots. What can we do across the road because now I'm hearing that some developers and I just think we got to figure out something the kid at the end his name is Larry Riley he works for EDP and he also works for DNR. So obviously he started catching all kinds of crap from everybody well if you didn't that pond would flow faster none of this would happen. Well, the waters got it is not going to get away that faster. He has the DNR and EDP meet and EDP came in and said here's what we think. He's got cattails growing in there where the overspill is what you call the overflow spill way. Ed says, Yeah, I cautioned him about letting his cattails out of control. Missy continues, Well, the problem is they grow so fast the problem is the only way to get them out was going to be to bring a backhoe in and pay to have them taken

out. Gary says it Also reclasses it as wetlands. Missy continues, Yes, and that that can be an option but again, he doesn't want to have to, he is expecting 4th child he doesn't have the money to bring in a backhoe and get it dug out. Could the city and the county go together a little bit? If you know anything about cattails, I mean I'm not an expert, but cat tails grow back just as fast. So, I don't know that's going to be a long-term thing either and now his pond is you know it's going over the spillway. Ed says, it goes over the spillway most of the year. It's got a 12-inch outlet pipe and a wide spillway and other than just static water flow it runs over the spillway. Tom says, we can't do pond maintenance. Ed replies, No, we can't get there. Missy says, that's why I'm going to this, and I think we need to find a remedy where it originates and it's nobody's fault it's just when you get a heavy rain that's going to happen. And I don't want those houses that are already there who are you know there's unoccupied new builds. And then there's a house that's for sale and that makes it tough and it makes it tough on them. Ed replies, there that should division put together a water plan. And they're here they hired determine the golf course watershed would take care of that water which is where it went before. They violate I have a concern with the fact that the front yards of those houses all end up on the road and that which is something I'm going to address if I have to do another subdivision. We're going to address that more aggressively because all that water goes to the golf course ponds and from the front doors forward it goes to the road which you should. Gary says, Well I think we need to get a big overview picture. Color-coded shaded of what's going on. What's the responsibility of Randolph County taxpayers and drainage ditch people and what's responsibility of the people that built the subdivision. Missy says I just see it getting worse and I don't know anything and you guys know a lot more about this. That's why I wanted to bring it to here. Gary says, yeah you got to be careful too not to react it to nearly 100-year flood situation because all the way across Randolph County people have swapping out. There is some more discussion on the golf course water and who's responsibility it is. Gary says we will to some due diligence and discuss it later.

Tom Kerns makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Missy Williams seconds, motion carried, meeting adjourned. Motion passes 3-0.

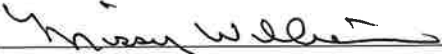
Signed this 1st day of June, 2026 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.



Gary Friend



Tom Kerns



Missy Williams



Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor