

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

Meeks Cockerill, Drainage Board Attorney

Edwin Thornburg, Surveyor

Casey Keener, Secretary

Minutes for Monday, October 6, 2025

Gary Friend starts, OK, let's open up the drainage board meeting for October. We need to approve the minutes for Monday September 1, 2025. Tom Kerns makes a motion to accept the minutes for September 1, 2025, Gary Friend seconds. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye. Opposed same sign. Motion passes 2-0.


Gary says, Variance for solar panels, Ed. Ed says, yes, Blake Clevenger was asked to put a personal solar array in behind his property on the 400 north and he's going to be about 40 feet from the top of the ditch other requests. Is it for 30 or 40, I put it on in the paperwork. Gary says 30. Ed continues, he will actually be 40 plus. actual on his siting. Gary says, so shall be no closer than 30. Ed goes on, anyway that his family owns the field on the other side of the ditch. If we were to clean that ditch which we just did a couple years ago we would clean it from the other from the opposite side of him anyway, so there's no conflict at all. Gary asks, OK you would recommend this. Ed replies, yes absolutely. Tom replies, for disclosure I would like to say that Blake is my son in Law. I don't have any problem with what he's asking I don't think I would vote either way any direction so would say since there are only 2 of us, I will go ahead and vote today. Gary says, OK and I don't see a problem if he's not inside the minimum so all right I'll make a motion that we approve. Tom says, and I'll second. We have a motion we have a second. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye. Opposed same sign. Motion passes 2-0.

Gary says, Surveyors report, Ed. Ed says, well last week we were out of town. As I mentioned earlier at the commissioners meeting the 700 projects. 700 east project, they're across the road they're working their way east now. They'll be going under the prong of the open County ditch, that's coming up here very shortly. Their plans for the crossing are adequate. They're boring, they're going to bore that would be 5 feet below the bottom of the ditch I told my minimum was 3. Looks like they're going across at least 2 of our drains installing this line, they are going to put it back almost to the state line with this water line. So, looks like it's going to work everything 's been put together pretty well. The biggest calamity we had was over the side ditch and the rest of that seems to be well put together. Since it hasn't rained in 6 weeks there's not been a lot of water complaints. Anyway, playing catch up or got a few people lining up work for fall but nothing

spectacular at this point. Gary says, Alright sounds good. Tom anything for the drainage Board.
Tom replies no.

Gary makes a motion to adjourn, Tom seconds the motion, second. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye, opposed. Same sign. Motion passes 2-0.

Signed this 3rd day of November, 2025 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.



Gary Friend



Missy Williams



Tom Kerns



Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor