

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 5, 2025

Gary Friend starts, all right we're going to officially open up the drainage board meeting. Thank you everybody for coming. First order is to approve the minutes for Monday April the 7. Tom Kerns makes motion to accept the minutes, Missy Williams seconds. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye. Opposed same sign. Motion passes 3-0.

Gary states, now we have Riverstart 5 Harshman Station stormwater approval. Brad Dilger comes up to represent EDP. Brad starts, as we work through the process with AEP, part of what we have to do to satisfy their requirements is purchase land and then go through everything to get them to be able to apply for permits so this is one of those. So, once we get drainage approval for their projects on that, it's a small 6.3-acre parcel then they'll take it to get their I LP 's and VP 's for the project. So, they submitted their plans for that for their switchyard to connect to the existing transmission line and then so that's one of the items and I don't know if there are any questions on the AEP portion. Ed says the AEP portion is the one that I studied and talked to you about a couple of different times. I'm very satisfied with that for this demonstrates where the water is coming from along with where it's going which is a problem I have had with developers over time. This sheet here is probably the most understandable, I'll just pass that around. Gary asks, You're happy with it. Ed replies, yes, I'm happy with it. Gary says, based on the recommendation from the surveyor dose anyone want to make the motion to approve the plan. Tom Kerns makes motion to accept the Harshman Station stormwater plan, Missy Williams seconds. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye. Opposed same sign. Motion passes 3-0.

Gary asks, Brad anything else for you? Brad replies, there was a second parcel that if you've had a chance look at. Ed replies. I have not, did that come in Friday night? Brad replies, it was Friday afternoon. Ed says, OK this is the parcel assist directly South of substation.

Brad says, yeah so, the parent parcel was a 40 acre and then you know we purchased the 6 ish acres off of it and then the remaining will be where the substation is located not all of that is going to be used for the substation, there's the lay down yard that's got to go there and other things. Ed says, The AEP lot I had good chance to review it study and do everything on it. Would it hold things up if we push this back 2 weeks and did this on the 19th? Brad says, no 19th is fine.

Casey says, I have something else that has to do with Riverstart V. At the Last meeting we approved a stormwater plan for their solar panel sites. Some of the parcel numbers on the form that I gave you were not on there and some we had didn't need to be on there. So, there were some changes. Gary says, so we have a recommendation that we need to re-approve the plans and specifications for Riverstart V PD Civil Stormwater plan. filling in city Indiana. And the partials are now complete and accurate on the form. I

make a motion to approve this. Tom Seconds. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye. Opposed same sign. Motion passes 3-0.

Ed says, ok, what they've got going on there and if you look at our 2022, layer on map photos. Evidently in 2022 her driveway has also washed out because the stone was all over her driveway out into the yard. This lady owns the driveway it's on the 1000 South and it has periodically flooded out at least 3 or 4 times. What causes the problem here? OK, Casey 's printed off some of the pictures that were on my phone. This is the next downstream bridge. We have a quarter mile upstream or 3 quarters half mile upstream, the county has a 7-foot culvert where this ditch crosses the road? Another problem with this same ditch comes out of Bloomingport through a 5 foot by 5-foot concrete box culvert. So, we've got 0.8 and we've got 7 foot here 5 and a half foot here. 5 feet where hits this driveway. And. Normally I normally somebody comes in and says my private ditch crossing gets plugged up and you know have a nice day put in across our infrastructure flooding out this property. Ed says this is a non-county open ditch. Its federal name is Bloomingfork Creek. There's a paper with the watershed here somewhere it is in the yellow. This is this is the effective watershed somewhere in this I've got the number of acres. There is 1004 to 1.875 acres that goes through this culvert where it hits the next open ditch is actually 1196 acres. It's at the bottom of this watershed and the next pipe below this is an 8-foot diameter pipe that actually an 8 by 8 box which is about half again bigger than a 8 pipe. My recommendation is the cement box culvert and I'm thinking it needs to be 6-foot-tall and 11 to 12 feet wide. And this thing is in the edge of the road. Tom asks, The culvert on her driveway. So, you're putting basically the culvert on private. Ed replies, we be putting a culvert beside the road our public infrastructure is causing this failure. This is very unusual. There's more than one of these in the county this is the one that causes trouble. I will meet with Joe this afternoon I did not have a chance to talk to him ahead of time. Gary asks, Where's that where's that at? Ed replies West 1000 South. Last Thursday they had about what yeah 4 or 5 inches of rain Thursday afternoon. Thursday evening then Friday you got Another 3 or 4. I came down at 4:00 o'clock on Friday afternoon the second time I was down there at noon on another problem on the same road at 4:00 o'clock I was pushing the foot of water at an intersection West of there. Missy asks, Ed what can we do, how can we remedy this? Ed replies, ok, I want to put this in from you guys I'm not expecting a decision today not asking for one today. The way you make this right is honestly put it like you say the put I'm estimating a 6 by roughly 6 by 12 culvert in. I took the size of the 5 by 5 box of Bloomingport road and the size of that 7-foot culvert that's a half mile west. Because those are the 2 prongs of that ditch coming in. I didn't I didn't account for the 44 inch and the 10-inch culverts they're on 1000 because that water is already coming through the big pipes. I'd say the challenge is we're talking to 20 to \$30,000.00 pipe. It's it has to be wider than normal because literally it's at the edge of the pavement. Gary says, I mean if we need it, we need it. If it's our problem, then we just need to fix this. And what we need from you I guess is to come up with a plan. Ed replies I'll come up with a plan on it. I will talk to Joe. To me putting in a concrete box is easiest there just because there's not enough room to put an 8-foot pipe in. Gary says go ahead and get with Joe and get a plan together and take the next step forward.

Gary says, we'll make a motion to have our survey put a plan together for this problem and then we'll begin working on, Missy makes the motion, Tom seconds. All those in favor signify by saying aye, aye. Opposed same sign. Motion passes 3-0.


Ed starts, next challenge. Was to do with our contractor who flowed out 445 feet of tile. Here is the estimate that I sent the president of Lisbon the contractor's boss and him. Casey got a response this morning. This this boy has been fighting this thing from day one. He does not think he should have to fix it. Casey reads the Email: It says I was under the impression this was not a county drain. And I didn't know how to respond to that. Meeks says, respond with it's not it's not a county drain, we expect it to be repaired within 30 days per our agreement or we will refer it to our legal counsel. Ed says, the president new Lisbon I met with him, and I met with the project manager on this job. Really nice gentleman in

Houston. Everybody agrees that they're responsible. Except the contractor that's got to write the check. Ed says I think that's all I have.


Tom says, Brian Holt contacted me about this, his apartment building right by the railroad tracks. when they built new workforce building back behind it re-directed some of the water to the north there. And it can't handle it all. It's all that's draining down the railroad right away if I remember right. And nowhere does the railroad right away drain like it used to. I've never had him a good answer. I'll look at some more. Did the city replace the drain under the viaduct? Tom says It still floods really bad. Ed says, I think that's the drain that drains that whole neighborhood there. Tom replies it used to drain to the West the back of that and hit that, Creek. But it no longer does that with all everything that's in between and I don't know it might because the neighbor so much crap back in there that changed the flow but now flows to that city drain which is already overwhelmed. Ed says, yep. well, we'll review that some more. Tom says He's talking about that he wanted to add an apartment building back behind that building. Ed says, Not like it. Is? Part of this goes back to the drainage infrastructure for the old body company complex. And all that stuff was built mid 70s and hasn't been maintained since the 80s. Tom says with the catch basin right there on my property right next door we a couple of there and have Zero problems. Ed says you're not having any trouble with yours, do you know if yours runs west or east? Tom says I have no idea. I'll have to check when it rains? Ed says, Reason I ask that is there is a prong, so you guys are right there on the brink when the Little Miss and James O'Conner. And the O'Connerr water course goes east but there is a prong that comes across right up to the South corner of the Pavement plant. I've talked to somebody from workforce the other day they're having the county portion quits at 32 but where that ditch runs on to up across body company property, they're starting to be tile failures in there.

Gary says OK. Anything else you got for the? Drainage board today. Tom Kerns makes a motion adjourn, Missy Williams seconds the motion, second. All in favor signify by saying aye. Aye, opposed. Same sign. Motion passes 3-0.

Signed this 19th day of May, 2025 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.



Gary Friend



Missy Williams



Tom Kerns

Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor