

DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES

August 25, 2025

**DAVID LAWSON PRESENT
NATHAN RUNNEBOHM PRESENT
JASON ABEL PRESENT
JEFF POWELL PRESENT**

Please note: The meeting minutes below were drafted with the assistance of an AI tool.

Motion to approve minutes from August 11, 2025 made by Nathan Runnebohm, second by David Lawson, Jason Abel abstained as he was not present, approved 2/0.

Zell-Patterson: Jeff Powell states multiple challenges exist due to willow trees maturing, he was on-site last spring and again last week, Brian Mohr has dug out/removed blockages a few times, and concerns exist that pipe has become higher and crosses a gas line. Parties present regarding this matter self-introduce: Dana Caldwell, owner of Caldwell Development, which owns property north of this area, and Cynthia Bedrick, managing partner at McNeely Law, which represents Caldwell Development. Dana Caldwell states problem of damming up is on property owned by Cole family, Jeff Powell states he has attempted contact with that party several times, but has not received a return call. Jeff Powell states priority is to remove willow trees, and then maintain such in the future. David Lawson asks Cynthia Bedrick what they desire to have happen, response is this is a regulated drain, county needs to take care of it, they are hopeful such can be done soon in order to allow her client to farm same next spring. David Lawson asks Auditor Amy Glackman the amount of funds available to handle, response is \$28,000. Jeff Powell states county is within its jurisdiction to clear-cut, Dana Caldwell states this effort must be coordinated in order to ensure all parties handle their respective responsibilities. Jeff Powell states he will make new effort to contact the Cole family. Jason Abel asks if there is any solution other than cutting down the trees, Jeff Powell speaks about prospect of re-routing outside easement, but that would entail additional concerns re flow characteristics. Jason Abel states he believes cutting trees should be last option, asks if re-routing would just delay this problem. Jeff Powell states he believes they should consider utilizing full-width of the right-of-way, as other options will cause delay. David Lawson states he believes best solution is to eradicate the growth, make sure it is maintained, and place it on the spraying program. David Lawson states they will talk with Brian Moore and will facilitate collaboration with all parties regarding equipment needed and costs to be incurred.

Bartholomew County / Shelby County joint drainage board: Jeff Powell states current proposed work is within Bartholomew County, and future work will entail approximately ¼ mile of the drain within Shelby County. Auditor Amy Glackman states account has approximately \$14,000 in it, and \$3,500.00 payment was forwarded spring of this year.

Hankins Ditch: Jeff Powell presents invoice from Brandon Everhart to clear-cut this area, states \$3,975 payment made previously, requests approval of remaining invoice in the amount of \$11,520, which represents dredging and cleanup; motion to approve made by Nathan Runnebohm, David Lawson seconds, motion passes 3-0.

Ramsey Farms/Smithland Tile: Jeff Powell states investigation of the blockages has occurred twice. Invoice reflects investigation via digging on north side of street, and installation of two 4-inch breathers in order to enable visual inspection in the future. Jeff Powell states there are now two access ports that can be opened up, James Ramsey says plan is to cap those ports, and make them flush at the surface, so that future mowing can occur without causing any damage, yet allow for the caps to be removed for inspection when necessary. Jeff Powell presents invoice in the amount of \$987.50, and mentions that invoice for repair on the north side of Freedom Street yet to come. Nathan Runnebohm asks about trees being taken out, Jeff Powell says only one willow tree had to be removed in order to alleviate the backup, and inlet was installed at owner's expense on north side of Freedom Street. Jason Abel moves to pay invoice, Nathan Runnebohm seconds, motion passes 3/0.

Country Club Heights: James Ramsey says this matter was cameraed in the spring, did not initially find roots, but repairs need to be done on inlets, that work resulted in \$850.00 invoice, Jeff Powell requests approval for payment, David Lawson makes motion to approve, Nathan Runnebohm seconds, motion passes 3/0. Jeff Powell refers to two cost estimates from James Ramsey, and asks him to address. James Ramsey relates that the estimate for \$4,750 refers to two sites with tops that have poured-in structures which are breaking and settling, long-term plan is to break apart the current top, and place a pre-cast concrete ring that will sit over the existing structure and keep it well-sealed, with

a cast-iron grate over the top, then re-grade as needed. Another address, 2875, which has 48-inch structures, were set too low when previously installed by another contractor; they need top soil and re-seeded. At address 3091, a large amount of debris was found, which he believes is the original bedding material, causing the 18" tile that goes under the road to having minimal capacity to work. There is a large sink hole next to the structure, causing water to go into the sink hole rather than the structure. James Ramsey proposes removal of the structure, and installation of an 18-inch dual wall structure with cast iron grate over the top, then re-seeded. Address of 2740 is a larger issue, due to bottom of structure made of bricks which is failing, has a bush nearby which would need to be removed, and believes the structure should be removed completely. Nathan Runnebohm asks if the matters included in the \$4,750 bill handles the matters at Country Club, Jeff Powell responds it does not address replacing or adding other pipe, solely removing the current structures. David Lawson states he believes there should be further consideration of fixing things on a more permanent basis, James Ramsey responds there is the possibility of having pre-made plastic structures built that may be more economical and could be installed as one piece, and they are easier than concrete to connect to for future needs. Jeff Powell states he and James Ramsey will meet again to consider such options and present revised options and costs.

Speedway Solar: Danny Norris stated there are drainage issues that need to be resolved, but matters are being delayed until things are more evident this fall/next spring when there is more precipitation. Jeff Ramsey states he will stay in contact with Danny Norris; Norris states although there will be a full-time, dedicated operations person in the future, he will remain as point of contact for at least the next year.

David Lawson asks if there are additional matters; hearing none, David Lawson makes motion to adjourn, Jason Abel seconds, approved 3/0.

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