

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 3/23/26, meeting. Vice President, Jason Abel, moved to approve the minutes as presented, Member, Nathan Runnebohm, provided a second, and the motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

BSM Legal Drain Crossings- President, David Lawson, presented two requests from BSM Group for legal drain crossings. The first involves the Snodgrass Drain under 950 North near 9496 North 400 West Fountain town, Indiana. The second is the Bowman Ditch along 650 North near 1964 West 650 North. County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, noted that the bores will be set at 60 inches below the open ditch to ensure sufficient depth for any future maintenance. Highway Superintendent, Ben Taylor, noted that he has requested BSM use subsurface vaults or "flowerpots" instead of above-ground pedestals in field areas to prevent interference with agricultural equipment and mowing. Vice President, Jason Abel, moved to approve the BSM legal drain crossings as presented, Member Nathan Runnebohm, provided a second, and the motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

Clendenning Drain Phase 2 Reconstruction- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, presented the reconstruction report for Phase 2 of the Clendenning Drain, starting just north of 250 South and crossing under 750 West before continuing north along the west side of 750 West and coming to the south ROW line of State Road 44. Jeff Powell explained that Phase 1 currently carries a \$21,000.00 deficit. The proposed Phase 2 involves replacing approximately 2,850 feet of 15-inch HDPE dual wall pipe and installing a concrete structure box on the south side of State Road 44 to allow for surface water relief from the existing culvert coming under State Road 44. The estimated cost for Phase 2 is \$54,525.00, resulting in a total project cost of \$75,525.00 when combined with the Phase 1 deficit of \$21,000. Jeff Powell proposed a three-year assessment at \$40.00 per acre with a \$25.00 minimum, it is noted that it would be lower than the current assessment, to fund the project and provide approximately \$10,000.00 for future maintenance. President, David Lawson, inquired whether the proposed cost and assessment rate would cover the rumors that are circulating of the cost of tile going up 10% in May. Jeff Powell stated it does not, however there is a contingency of 10% built into the budget to help with additional costs. Auditor, Amy Glackman, stated that the current assessment is \$45.35 per acre with a \$25.00 Minimum. Member, Nathan Runnebohm, questioned when the project would start and how it would be funded before the full amount was brought in from the 3 years of assessment. Jeff Powell stated the project would be funded from GDIF (General Ditch Improvement Fund) and be paid back to the fund as the assessments came in to ensure the project started in a timely manner without much crop damage. However, David Lawson stated that Dave Brown, a majority landowner, tentatively agreed to let the work proceed in standing crop to make sure it stays on

schedule. A public hearing is scheduled for 05/11/26 immediately following the Commissioner's Meeting for the Clendenning Tile Phase 2 project. Vice President, Jason Abel, moved to approve the reconstruction report and set the hearing date, Member, Nathan Runnebohm, provided a second, and the motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

Long Acres Regulated Drain- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, presented an invoice from Contractor James Ramsey of Ramsey Farm Drainage for \$395.00 for the repair of a structure and the installation of a missing lid as well as locating a portion of the drain at a "T" heading west and another portion of it going south. Jeff Powell and James Ramsey discussed the ongoing difficulty in obtaining accurate utility locates for fiber optic lines AT&T installed in the area, which has delayed further subsurface repairs. James states that they have made progress on getting water moving through the drain but the next portion they need to go to has to deal with the fiber so they cannot proceed until the locates have been done. Vice President, Jason Abel, moved to approve the invoice for \$395.00, Member, Nathan Runnebohm, provided a second, and the motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

Zell Patterson Tile- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, reported that Contractor, Brian Mohr, has completed repairs on the Zell Patterson Tile south of 850 North and a spot just north of David Brown's property where water was bubbling up, flowing along the surface before going back down into the tile. The repair involved an 18-inch single wall tile that had been crushed, causing significant backups. Since the repair, a large volume of water stored upstream has been released, and wet surface areas are drying. Brian Mohr suggested to Jeff Powell that we need to just replace the tile. The board took note that it is just a temporary fix and it is not permanent, but it is helping tremendously. Jeff Powell noted that future phases should consider greater depth to avoid gas line crossings and provide better protection against heavy equipment. There has not been an invoice received from Brian Mohr yet.

Sexton Legal Drain - County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, presented a request from Scott Summerford on behalf of Chris Abernathy to connect a perimeter subsurface drain into the Sexton open drain on the west side of 100 West, south of 1000 North. President, David Lawson, and the board discussed standardizing outlet materials for such connections. The board determined that the outlet must consist of a minimum solid dual-wall pipe or rigid pipe to prevent bank erosion. Vice President, Jason Abel, moved to approve the tile outlet into the Sexton legal drain, Member, Nathan Runnebohm, provided a second, and the motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

Speedway Solar Project / Duke Energy Drainage Issues- Landowner, Phil Ramsey and James Ramsey, detailed how re-grading of 400 acres within the solar farm and historical Duke Energy substation expansions have redirected surface water east, flooding non-participating ground across 600 North. James Ramsey reported that four tiles, two clay and two plastic, were cut during electrical line installation and remain unrepaired. He further noted that the project's use of solid pipe for large-diameter mains prevents necessary subsurface drainage. County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, reported he is coordinating with Senior Manager, Danny Norris of Esri, for the Speedway Solar Project to seek infrastructure solutions for neighboring properties that are considered non-participating. Additionally, Blake Newkirk raised concerns that contractual "gag clauses" may be preventing other affected landowners from speaking publicly about similar

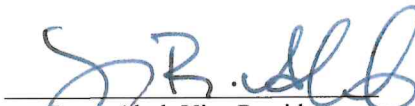
drainage failures. No formal action was taken as the board intends to contact Duke Energy to address the increased runoff volume.

Woolridge Tile- Landowner, Justin Cool-Luke, appeared to request a driveway crossing over the Woolridge Tile near Morristown to access a future home site. County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, identified the drain as an older 12-inch clay tile located approximately 7 feet deep. Justin Cool-Luke expressed his intent to replace an exposed section of the tile in his pasture and agreed to replace the section under the driveway at his own expense if a failure occurs but does not see a reason to create a problem where one does not already exist. President, David Lawson, and the board determined that while there were no technical objections, the item must be legally advertised on the public agenda to protect all parties. Formal approval was deferred to the 4/27/26 meeting.

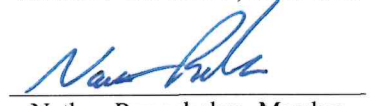
Adjourn

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Jason Abel, Vice President

SHELBY COUNTY, INDIANA


Nathan Runnebohm, Member