

DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES

April 27, 2026

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

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 04/13/2026 meeting. President, David Lawson, moved to approve the minutes as presented, Vice President, Jason Abel, provided a second, and the motion passed with a 2/0 vote.

Woolridge Tile Crossing- Landowner, Justin Cool-Luke, requested permission to cross the Woolridge Tile for the installation of a new driveway. County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, reported that he and Harley from the Surveyor's Office inspected the site and found numerous suck holes in the regulated drain on Justin Cool-Luke's property, which consists of an old 14-inch clay tile at a depth of approximately 6 feet. Jeff Powell recommended that the portion of the tile beneath the proposed driveway be repaired or replaced with dual-wall tile at the petitioner's expense due to the concern of future failures. Highway Superintendent, Ben Taylor, noted that a culvert was not needed at the road entrance of 150 East as the elevation naturally sheds water to the west. Vice President, Jason Abel, moved to approve the crossing of the Woolridge Tile, President David Lawson provided a second, and the motion passed with a 2/0 vote.

Hankins Ditch- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, presented an invoice for maintenance work performed on the Hankins Ditch, an open drain. Vice President, Jason Abel, noted that the ditch looks good. The work involved brush removal and cleanup to ensure the drain is accessible for future maintenance. Jason Abel moved to approve the invoice from Contractor, Brandon Everheart, in the amount of \$5,440.00, President, David Lawson, provided a second, and the motion passed with a 2/0 vote.

Sheriff's Office Shooting Range- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell and President, David Lawson, discussed drainage concerns regarding the Sheriff's Office Shooting Range. David Lawson noted that he had reviewed the photos, however, the job had fallen at an inconvenient time due to most of the people who handle tile repair being in the field planting crops. Jeff Powell offered to hold a meeting with Sheriff, Chris Holder, immediately following the conclusion of the Drainage Board meeting to discuss the problems and further details.

Zell Patterson Tile- Contractor, James Ramsey, provided an update on recent repairs conducted north and south of 750 North. James Ramsey stated that the existing 18-inch concrete tile is "egging" and cracking, likely due to poor material quality or soil pH reactions. He reported that the repairs are currently functioning as a band-aid, utilizing 18-inch single wall tile to maintain flow. James Ramsey mentioned another hole that was further to the south of 750 North, at the outlet of the tile that County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, had brought to his attention. He believes it to be an impression where there had previously been a stump removed. James Ramsey also said that the landowner, David Brown has done a good job clearing the trees off the top of the tile on the southern portion and he believes that the project would be pretty simple in the future. Jeff

Powell noted Contractor, Brian Mohr, was supposed to be out there today to finish the tile repair south of 850 North and that it is also running full, noting that there are grade issues with the tile citing there is only a foot of fall over a 1,500 ft span. Jeff Powell noted that a full reconstruction project will likely be needed, necessitating an elevation of the assessment rate.

Seifert Tile- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, and Contractor, James Ramsey, discussed the Seifert tile located west of the Zell Patterson tile. Jeff Powell stated that he has been trying to determine if the funds that are being brought in from the Ira Smith portion of the watershed could be used for tile repairs on the Seifert since they share the same watershed and outlet into the same open drain. James Ramsey noted that while the south 2,000 ft was replaced with 18-inch tile in 2018, the remainder of the drain is exceptionally crooked and in need of attention. Highway Superintendent, Ben Taylor, and James Ramsey identified a specific concern where the drain crosses 850 North at a narrow point in the road; the crossing involves a culvert elevated approximately 16 feet with failing concrete headwalls. James Ramsey noted that future work must be coordinated with the Highway Department to widen the road and replace the culvert.

Clendenning Drain- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, reported that the legal notices for the Clendenning Drain have been sent out and the notice for the paper has been sent out to be published in Wednesday's paper. A public hearing is scheduled for the next Drainage Board meeting. Jeff Powell stated he has had some inquiry from landowners within the watershed and the Surveyors Office, is currently dealing with those inquiries. Jeff Powell also stated that he is currently coordinating with Brian Mohr to finalize the exploration digging south of State Road 44 to determine the exact depth and alignment for the upcoming connection.

Speedway Solar Project Update- Senior Manager, Danny Norris of Desri, for the Speedway Solar Project provided an update via Zoom regarding ongoing drainage remediation. Danny Norris stated that contractors have been secured to repair drain tiles cut during construction within the leased project area and they are hopeful that it will help with some of the drainage issues for the non-participating landowners that have been affected, with work expected to commence within the next 10 days or so.

Intersection Drainage (600 N & 600 E)- Highway Superintendent, Ben Taylor, spoke of substantial amounts of water being pushed to the intersection of 600 North and 600 East. Ben Taylor noted that while the area has historically been wet, the flooding has worsened significantly since the solar farm installation, with water now crossing the roadway. County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, and Senior Manager, Danny Norris, agreed to investigate the area for soil compaction or the potential need for additional inlets or perforated pipes to alleviate the surface water.

Carmony Tile- Landowner, Danny Carmony, and Contractor, James Ramsey, requested the Board consider a reconstruction project for the Carmony Tile. James Ramsey reported that he had previously done work on the Carmony tile, rerouting the northern portion to a nearby open drain leaving from 600 North to the old outlet intact. Danny Carmony explained that the existing 15-inch concrete tile has failed, creating pickup truck-sized blow holes. Danny Carmony also stated the tile has been broken down the whole time he has been alive and he has tiles running to the drain that he cannot get to drain due to all the blowouts which are causing most of his field to

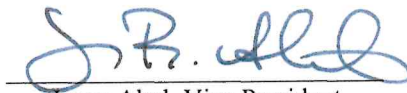
be wet. James Ramsey suggested that because a part of the watershed was redirected during an earlier project, the tile could potentially be downsized during reconstruction to save costs.

Alternative Financing- President, David Lawson, and James Ramsey talked about the county investigating commercial loan or bonding options for such projects to avoid the delays and cost fluctuation associated with multi-year assessment collections. James Ramsey stated that it is common practice in other counties.

Adjourn

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David Lawson, President


Jason Abel, Vice President

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Nathan Runnebohm, Member