

DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES

February 23, 2026

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.

Approval of Minutes- Jason Abel moved to approve the minutes as presented from 02/09/2026, Nathan Runnebohm provided a second the motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

Ditch Spraying- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, reported that he and Harley from the Surveyor's Office are finalizing the annual list for regulated ditch spraying and intend to visually inspect several drains this week to determine if any can omit a year of maintenance to save funds. Jeff Powell specifically talked about the John Moore Open Drain and the William Clark Drain, both located northwest of Shelbyville in areas experiencing development, as drains to be evaluated for this year's spraying program. David Lawson and Jeff Powell clarified the assessment policy, noting that for drains currently on assessment, the board must choose to spray the entire drain or none of it to ensure costs are distributed equitably across the watershed.

Hankins Ditch- Regarding ongoing maintenance, County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, provided an update on the Hankins Ditch, which is an open drain located east of the casino and behind the Kroger warehouse. The brush that had been cleared last spring has dried sufficiently, and a cost analysis for the burning and cleanup of the brush is currently being prepared for the board's review.

Clendenning Tile- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, is continuing his efforts to coordinate with the state highway department regarding the boring across State Road 44. The Surveyor's Office is finalizing the assessment list for the next phase of this tile project. Following the board's previous consent, exploratory digging will proceed to determine the exact depth and alignment of the tile before moving forward with the crossing. David Lawson requested that the assessment group be brought together within the next 30 days to finalize payment structures before contractors begin field work.

Long Acres Regulated Drain - A drainage emergency has been reported in the Long Acres Subdivision concerning a subsurface tile system that runs along the perimeter of the streets. County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, informed the board that fiber-optic boring performed by a contractor for AT&T appears to have struck the 8-inch tile in multiple locations. This assumed damage has resulted in water standing in surface risers and has caused septic issues for at least one resident at the subdivision entrance. Jeff Powell is planning a field meeting with AT&T and recommends that the boring company be held responsible for all repair costs if found at fault, including potential requirements for hydro-excavating or having a camera inspection of the lines to identify any damage sustained.

GIS Mapping- Highway Superintendent, Ben Taylor, and David Lawson discussed the critical role of the county GIS department in resolving infrastructure issues. Ben Taylor noted that Sarah Haehl and Jim Brown from the GIS Department quickly identified the AT&T permit and boring path, allowing the team to pinpoint the likely source of Long Acres Tile damage. County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, stated that a primary goal moving forward is to have all regulated drains and tiles fully digitized on GIS to help utility contractors avoid this type of situation in the future.

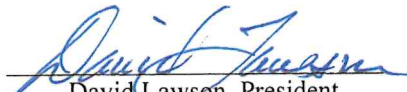
Hills Branch- Highway Superintendent, Ben Taylor, reported that INDOT plans to perform scour prevention and vegetation removal at the bridge structure on North State Road 9. This work involves the Hills Branch and should significantly improve flow rates for the connected Zell Patterson tiles and other drainage infrastructure north and east of that area.

Intersection Drainage (600 N & 600 E)- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, and David Lawson discussed substantial standing water at the intersection of 600 North and 600 East, near the solar site. While recent heavy rain and melting snow contributed to the issue, the board noted that this area has been a historical problem. Jeff Powell will

coordinate with the Solar Farm Senior Manager, Danny Norris, to evaluate potential drainage solutions and support for the area.

Meeting Adjourned

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David Lawson, President


Jason Abel, Vice President

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Nathan Runnebohm, Member