

DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES

June 22, 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- A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2026 meeting. Member, Nathan Runnebohm, moved to approve the minutes as presented, Vice President, Jason Abel, provided a second and the motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

Fritts Tile- The board looked at a request from QC Communications to cross the Fritts Tile by boring a coaxial cable east of 5631 West 800 Fairland Indiana. County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, reported that he isn't familiar with this drain and it is not currently on maintenance, but stated that the county requires a 60-inch clearance below the flow line of either an open ditch or a tile drain. Vice President, Jason Abel, made note that he doesn't believe the tile is even functional anymore. Jeff Powell stated that he and Deputy Surveyor, Harley Ayers, will investigate it. A motion was made to approve the request with the stipulation of a 60-inch clearance below the flow line. Jason Abel made a motion to approve, Member, Nathan Runnebohm provided a second and the motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

Clendenning Tile- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, provided an update on the Clendenning Tile project and noted that the pipe has been ordered by Contractor, James Ramsey, who is working on a delivery date around the reoccurring rain. Jeff Powell reported that this week his office will mark the south right-of-way line of State Road 44 and meet with James Ramsey to find the best spot for the permanent structure at the end of this phase. Jeff Powell noted they have shot the existing tile and will dig up the end of the last phase once equipment is out there, aiming to go about three feet deeper to allow for better upstream upgrades. Jeff Powell also stated they will mark the boundaries for the landowner who commented about the reconstruction to see if they can move the line and avoid crossing his half-acre property. President, David Lawson, stated they must ensure that landowner's drainage needs are provided for and hooked up. David Lawson noted that people sometimes think a tile brings more water to their land, while it does move water through their property, it drains it as well. Jeff Powell agreed and noted there will be no negative impacts, only benefits to the property.

600 N & 600 E- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, discussed drainage concerns raised at the last meeting by Landowner, Austin Farmer, and Landowner, Danielle Farmer, about flooding at 600 North and 600 East near the solar farm. Jeff Powell reported that Solar Tile Contractor, Ben Kuhn, dug down to a 15-inch tile on the east side of 600 East and north side of 600 North, placed a grated inlet on top of an existing concrete structure, and created a swale about two feet below the road to make a surface drain. Jeff Powell noted they also ran a tile along the east side of 600 East to help with subsurface drainage because many of the main lines put in by the solar project were solid non-perforated pipe, which limits drawing water from the surface and might require laterals later. Jeff Powell stated that Ben Kuhn is using perforated tile for current repairs. Jeff Powell reported that he and Deputy Surveyor, Harley Ayers, shot the driveway culvert and ditch along the south edge of the Farmer property on the north side of 600 North. Jeff Powell

recommended the landowners replace their driveway culvert to let water drain west, and noted after talking with Highway Superintendent, Ben Taylor, that the county would clear the roadside ditch and provide labor for a standard culvert replacement if the landowners buy the pipe. Jeff Powell added that flooding is also bad at 700 North and 700 East, where Ben Kuhn is working to fix tiles that were cut during power line installation of the solar farm. Jeff Powell said he is continuing to investigate the situation with Landowner, Phil Ramsey, and Solar Farm Senior Manager, Danny Norris, but James Ramsey noted there has been no communication.

Woodruff Drain/ County Road 400 South- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, reported on a request to look at the roadside ditch on County Road 400 South, west of Columbus Road, which drains into the Woodruff Drain. Jeff Powell stated that he and his office took topo shots about 2,900 feet of the ditch and reported back to Member, Nathan Runnebohm. Jeff Powell noted that dredging the ditch is feasible, but it will be flat, with about a 0.1% fall, and the deepest cut would take out about 12 inches of material. Jeff Powell proposed they might be able to push the ditch further from the road edge and mentioned there is an existing 12-inch culvert on the northwesterly bend that could be upsized and lowered slightly if replaced. Jeff Powell stated that dredging will give water a route west to the Woodruff Drain and might prevent some floods from crossing to the south side of the road, but it will not completely solve or cure flooding from heavy rains. Jeff Powell noted he has talked with Highway Superintendent, Ben Taylor, about having the highway department do this work.

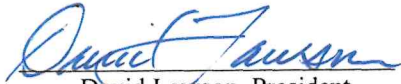
Quail Creek Subdivision- County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, reported receiving an email from a concerned landowner in the Quail Creek subdivision regarding ongoing flooding issues. Jeff Powell stated he invited the landowner to the office to review historical files and noted that private landowners must take initiative with neighbors to turn Sweet Creek into a regulated legal drain, which would give the county a legal right to enter properties and perform dredging using collected assessments. President, David Lawson, noted that not all drainage problems can be fixed or are cost-effective, and advised that people should investigate drainage before buying a home. Jeff Powell added that an Army Corps of Engineers study showed a real solution would require upstream reservoirs or detention to slow the water down, as well as raising the subdivision streets. Member, Nathan Runnebohm, mentioned neighbor water disputes, and Jeff Powell explained that water is a natural enemy, meaning people can reroute water on their own land but cannot pump or discharge it onto someone else at an increased rate or location where it didn't flow before. Jeff Powell noted these issues are private civil matters unless a regulated drain is involved. Sheriff, Chris Holder, and Plan Director, Desiree Calderella, were noted as receiving related calls regarding these civil issues.

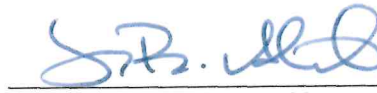
Sheriff's Office Shooting Range- President, David Lawson, gave an update to Sheriff, Chris Holder, regarding drainage repairs at the shooting range. David Lawson stated that his office has done its due diligence and the Surveyors Office will be out to shoot grades soon to get the work started. David Lawson reported that he has someone coming to remove brush from the backstop mounds and is looking into removing the overgrown brush in the fence that damaged the drainage tile. David Lawson noted that the fence isn't a real deterrent, and if a visual buffer is needed between the range and the public, they could plant trees there instead. David Lawson stated they are working on this and moving forward soon.

Adjourn

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Nathan Runnebohm, Member