

DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES

May 26, 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.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 5/11/2026 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.

Woodyard Legal Drain - County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, reported that the county has decided to stop the ditch spraying program for this year only because they would be better served doing clear cutting in areas that are overgrown and inaccessible. Jeff Powell presented a quote for brush clearing on a section of the Woodyard drain north of 700 North and near 600 East on land owned by the Freemans. The quote is from Contractor, David Norris, of NFF Excavating and Land Services, who lives in Rush County and uses an excavator with a six-foot brush head to clear out small trees and brush. David Norris quoted a price of \$2,400.00 for an eight-hour day at a rate of \$225.00 per hour. Jeff Powell said that the Woodyard maintenance account currently has a little over \$11,000.00 and will bring in another \$3,000.00 from the May settlement for a total of around \$6,000.00 per year. Jeff Powell explained this will be a pilot program to clear out the brush and down trees so the drain can get back to square one and be easily maintained and sprayed later. President, David Lawson, and the board agreed it is a good idea on a case-by-case basis. Vice President, Jason Abel, moved to approve the proposal, Member, Nathan Runnebohm, provided a second, and the motion passed with a 3/0 vote.

Long Acres Regulated Drain - County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, and Contractor, James Ramsey, discussed the ongoing maintenance issues within the Long Acres subdivision. James Ramsey reported that they continue to find roots that have damaged the tile as they work up to the furthest south cul-de-sac near Oakland Drive. James Ramsey said that there is a culvert with the eight-inch single wall drain tile running directly underneath it. To resolve this, James Ramsey suggested angling over to lay a new tile line across the road and bypass the clogged area completely, though he warned the trench wall could slough in and become a bigger issue if the ground has been dug up several times resulting in the ground being too soft. Jeff Powell noted that the maintenance account has \$9,000.00 remaining, brings in about \$1,300.00 a year, and should get another \$600.00 from the May settlement. James Ramsey also reported a drainage complaint from Landowner, Terry Coon, at 2766 South Oakland Drive at the corner of Oakland and Highland, AT&T has installed fiber optic boxes in the bottom of his ditch making it hard to mow and now has water backing up into his yard where it has not been an issue before. James Ramsey said that while earlier excavations showed AT&T stayed separated from the tile, everything is crowded into a single two-foot trench at the road culvert, which is further complicated by a nearby gas line. James Ramsey expressed concerns about the road cut due to it blocking access to all the houses in the culvert. James Ramsey noted he is stockpiling pipe materials ahead of upcoming price increases. Jeff Powell and James Ramsey plan to meet out in the field after the meeting to analyze it. President, David Lawson, said that the only real practical

approach to the problem is to go to each suspected blockage, dig it up, repair it and see what it does for the problem. No formal action was taken.

Carmony Tile - County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, and Contractor, James Ramsey, noted they plan to review drainage issues on the southern portion of the Carmony Tile south of 600 North and east of 500 East. Jeff Powell reported that the maintenance account has almost \$20,000.00 sitting in it to do work. James Ramsey explained that two-thirds of the drain was previously reconstructed for the outlet for the solar project and redirected with the intention to reconstruct the lower third at a later date, but the message was not passed along when the board members changed. James Ramsey reported that Landowner, Danny Carmony, recently complained about multiple tile blow holes causing his fields to stay wet. James Ramsey noted that completing the reconstruction will be difficult because they must work around a new driveway, a pond, and nearby utilities. No formal action was taken.

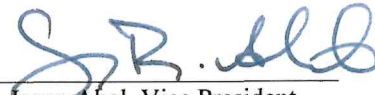
Clendenning Drain - County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, noted that he presented the Clendenning Drain reconstruction report to the Commissioners at their meeting last week on May 18th, the details are mentioned in the Commissioners' Minutes on file in the Auditor's Office. Jeff Powell reported that the Surveyors Office has handed out three bid packets, and Deputy Surveyor, Harley Ayers, sent another one to a prospective bidder. The sealed bids must be submitted by 8:00 AM on June 8, 2026, and will be opened during the Drainage Board meeting. Jeff Powell said that he and Harley Ayers are re-evaluating the placement of the concrete structure box on the south side of State Road 44. Jeff Powell explained that a large dirt berm causes water to pool and break over, which has seriously cut out the field and caused a tremendous amount of erosion, so he wants to place the structure box on the north side of the berm within the state right-of-way. Jeff Powell reported good news that the state acknowledged the statute and confirmed they are responsible for the cost of the bore under State Road 44. Jeff Powell said the county could either wait a few years for the state to design it as a state project or get a permit to do the boring themselves and invoice the state for the costs. President, David Lawson, agreed that putting the structure on the north side of the berm would get the water down quicker and help the erosion problem by acting as a detention area. Jeff Powell noted that they are looking at all the options. If the process of getting a permit to work within the State ROW, then putting the drain north of the berm is probably the best approach. If getting the permit proves to be troublesome then staying south of the ROW is the plan. No formal action was taken.

Speedway Solar Project - President, David Lawson, and County Surveyor, Jeff Powell, discussed site drainage updates with Senior Manager, Danny Norris, of Speedway Solar via Zoom. Danny Norris reported that they are finalizing utility locates with Ben Coon to ensure they avoid hitting anything underground, which has caused minor delays. Danny Norris said that their immediate priority is installing a new main line on the property of Landowner, Miss Seaton, along East 700 North to give them some relief and re-tie her lateral drains. Danny Norris acknowledged that there is still a fair amount of fieldwork left to do across the site. Landowner, Mike Gosnel, raised a concern about a culvert pipe at one of his driveway entrances, and Danny Norris confirmed that Ben Coon has already talked with Mike Gosnel to get that figured out. Danny Norris agreed to coordinate a field meeting with Jeff Powell and Contractor, James Ramsey, within the next two weeks to oversee the start of the repairs. No formal action was taken.

Adjourn

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David Lawson, President


Jason Abel, Vice President

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Nathan Runnebohm, Member