

January 5, 2026

The Wabash County Drainage Board convened at 10:00 a.m. for a regularly scheduled meeting. Board Chairman Tyler Niccum; Board Members Jeff Dawes and Cheryl Ross were present. Others in attendance included: Assistant Surveyor, Braden See; and Assistant Tonya Blair. Surveyor Cheri Slee and Highway Superintendent Ryan Smith were not in attendance.

Election of Board Officers

Chairman Niccum opened the meeting by entertaining a motion for nominees to the position of Chairman of the Board for 2026. Mr. Niccum motioned to nominate Mr. Dawes as chairman. Mrs. Ross adding the second and then motioned to close the nomination. Mr. Niccum seconded the motion to close the nominations with a vote for both carrying 2-0. Mr. Dawes motioned to nominate Mrs. Ross as vice-chairman, Mr. Niccum seconded the motion and then motioned to close the nominations. Mr. Dawes seconded motion to close nominations and called for a vote with both carrying 2-0.

Drainage Board Minutes

Chairman Jeff Dawes initiated the review of the minutes from the December 15, 2025 Drainage Board meeting. Mr. Niccum moved to approve the minutes as written, and Mrs. Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 Board vote.

Henry Keaffaber Reconstruction

Assistant Surveyor updated Board Members regarding the Henry Keaffaber Reconstruction and presented two change orders for review. Change order #1, an increase in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the removal of old bridge decking on State Road 13. Change order #2, an increase in the amount of \$16,937.78. Board Members approved and signed change orders #1 and #2.

An estimate in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the additional tree clearing along the woods (along Rex Grossman's property) has been received but no decision was made regarding it.

Homer Miller Drain

Mr. See stated that this is a drain that landowners would like to certify. Max Meyer left a message via voicemail with the office last week regarding several drainage issues along the drain and inquired if he and Tony Krom could do the work themselves. Attempts have been made to contact Max but we have not been able to reach him at this point. It is unsure if any work has been completed on the drain. We will continue to try and contact Mr. Meyer in the coming days. Mr. See also added that he will be surveying the drain when weather permits.

Miscellaneous Drainage business

2026 Spray Program

Mr. See presented 2026 spray packet that will be sent to Dalton's for the 2026 spray. The packets included maps which detailed the ditches to be sprayed this coming year.

Gatsby Report

Board Members were presented the updated Gatsby report for 2025 to review.

Building Permits

The Drainage Board agreed at the January 17, 2023 meeting to allow the county surveyor approval to allow for minor impact construction permits meeting the requirements established. The varied requests were for the following: Turner Cox & Maggie McLaughlin, 85-20-17-400-010.000-005, pole barn w/porch; Cocojo's/ Zoomers RV Resort, 85-16-29-100-002.000-003, carport; Eli & Gina Callaway, 85-02-21-300-008.000-012, home addition; Harp Development, 85-06-20-100-031.000-012, new residential structure; Aaron & Shai Hartley, 85-10-07-300-020.000-010, 85-10-07-300-020.000-010, new home; Mr. Niccum motioned to approve the building permits as presented. Mrs. Ross second. Roll call vote, motion carried 3-0.

Claims

The Board reviewed drainage invoices: Reconstruction: Revere Speicher Drain #640B, \$15,994.09 to Crossroads Bank (loan payment #9)

There being no further business Mr. Niccum made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ross seconded the motion. Roll call vote, motion carried 3-0.

Jeff Dawes, Chairman

Cheryl Ross, Vice-Chairman

Tyler Niccum, Member