

June 24th, 2025

The Hendricks County Drainage Board met in the Commissioners' Room on the first floor of the Hendricks County Government Center. Those present were President Bob Gentry, Vice President Dennis W. Dawes, Members Brad Whicker, Jack Maloney, and Michael A. Hession, Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald, Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston, Chief Deputy Surveyor Tiffany Dalton, Hendricks County Engineer John Ayers, Hendricks County Planning Director Tim Dombrosky, Emily Cox, Gary Sowers, Jennifer Williams, Carl Camacho, Jeff Banning, John Moore, and David Echelberger.

President Bob Gentry determined there was a quorum, led the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer for those who wished to participate, and then called for the first order of business.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Gentry requested a motion regarding the minutes of the June 10th, 2025, Drainage Board meeting. Member Jack Maloney moved to approve the June 10th, 2025, Drainage Board meeting minutes. Vice President Dennis Dawes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF BILLS TO BE PAID:

DRAIN MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Landworks Inc.	Drain 404 Michael Martin Dugan (Austin Winds)	\$	787.00
	Acct. Balance - \$ 38,902.78		
Landworks Inc.	Drain 409 Mary A. Gibbs (Northwood)	\$	1,260.00
	Acct. Balance - \$ -111,411.97		
MurRAIN Excavating	Drain 467 Francis Elmore	\$	1,100.00
	Acct. Balance - \$ -1,100.00		
MurRAIN Excavating	Drain 596 County Aire Est.	\$	7,925.00
	Acct. Balance - \$ 12,981.51		

Total amount of claims to be paid from Regulated Drain Maintenance Funds: \$ 11,072.00

Vice President Dawes moved to approve the \$11,072.00 Maintenance Fund bills. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 24th, 2025, Auditor's Report

Member Jack Maloney moved to accept the June 24th, 2025, Auditor's Report as presented in the amount of \$11,072.00. Vice President Dawes seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

RE: INTRODUCTION OF OTHER BUSINESS OR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION BY COUNSEL, STAFF, OR PUBLIC:

RE: HENDRICKS COUNTY ATTORNEY GREG STEUERWALD:

None cited.

RE: HENDRICKS COUNTY SURVEYOR DAVID GASTON:

None cited.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF WISHES TO BE HEARD:

Gailcrest Regulated Drain

The Board was informed that the Gailcrest Regulated Drain project had received two sealed quotes. President Gentry requested that they be opened. The quotes were as follows:

Murrain Excavating	\$ 8,715.00
Beechwood Construction	\$ 14,000.00

After reviewing the quotes, Chief Deputy Tiffany Dalton stated that there had been a discrepancy between what was stated in the scope of work and what was discussed during the walk-through, which appears to have caused some confusion in the scope of work by one of the contractors. She said the scope of work requires the tree stumps to be removed and hauled away; however, during the walkthrough, it was discussed that they could be ground down (and not physically removed) instead per the inspector that held the walk through. Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald stated that, as a matter of course, the County has always held contractors to the written scope of work and that since an email had not been sent out by the inspector to amend the scope of work they had to go by the original scope of work email that was sent to all contractors. It was the Consensus of the Board to only review the project that had adhered to the written scope of work, therefore recommending approval of the Beechwood Construction quote in the amount of \$14,000.00. Vice President Dawes moved to approve the recommendation. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Verdant Acres

Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston said he was working with the president of Hendricks Power to repair the issues they had caused to the Verdant Acres Regulated Drain. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board to leave this issue in Mr. Gaston's hands and have Hendricks Power repair the problem to his satisfaction based on the Hendricks County Stormwater Guidelines, regardless of how many times they had to return to complete the job correctly.

Hendricks County Engineer John Ayers – Culvert Replacement Process

Mr. Gaston stated Hendricks County Engineer John Ayers was present to discuss a couple of topics concerning culvert replacements and the process he needed to follow for Drainage Board approval. First, he presented a request for the replacement of culverts U-003 and U-004. He said that based on the Hydrology from both Civil Construction and INDOTS specifications, both would be 4-sided culverts, approximately the same size as INDOT's, with a two-foot sump. He stated both culverts would be adequate to handle the stormwater flow from the above watershed. Member Michael Hession asked if "approximately" meant larger or smaller than the INDOT's standard. Mr. Ayers stated that it was slightly smaller but adequate to handle the water flow. Mr. Gaston said he had reviewed the hydrology report and agreed with Mr. Ayers that the culvert size was sufficient to handle the stormwater flow from the above watershed. Discussion followed. Member Jack Maloney moved to approve the placement of the culverts into the regulated drains. Vice President Dawes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Ayers' then wanted to talk to the Drainage Board about the overall application and review process for culverts in general. He said the process was lengthy and costly. Mr. Gaston stated the process was written for subdivisions and other commercial development projects, and he would work on a streamlined version for projects such as culverts and other small ventures. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Ayers and Mr. Gaston review such projects and bring them to the Board for final Approval.

At this time (8:25 A.M.), President Gentry handed the meeting over to Vice President Dawes, as he, along with Member Michael Hession, County Attorney Greg Steuerwald, and County Surveyor David Gaston, had to leave to attend the Joint Board meeting with Morgan County, which was held in Meeting room #3 of the Hendricks County Government Center.

RE: INTRODUCTION OF OTHER BUSINESS OR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION BY BOARD MEMBERS:

John Green Regulated Drain

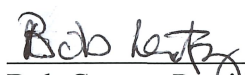
Vice President Dawes stated that an informational meeting was needed to discuss the work to be done on the John Green Regulated Drain. Member Jack Maloney said he believed the Brown Township Fire Department would be the best place to hold it. Deputy Surveyor Dalton stated that the William Batz Regulated Drain needs to be dredged in order for the John Green to have an adequate outlet, as the current outlet is underwater most of the time. Discussion followed. Vice President Dawes asked about the timeline for holding an informational meeting. Deputy Dalton informed him that it would need to be at least 30 days out from the last issue of the Hendricks County Republican, as we are required to post the notice in the paper 30 days before the meeting. She suggested that Mr. Maloney look at dates in August and check the availability of the Brown Township Firehouse. Vice President Dawes agreed and asked him to check and return with the availability dates.

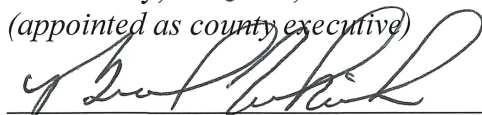
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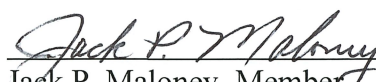
Seeing nothing further before the Board, Member Jack Maloney moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Dawes seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

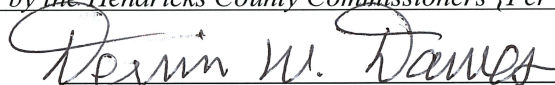
HENDRICKS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

(Appointed members of the Drainage Board by the Hendricks County Commissioners {Per 36-9-27-5 § 5-14-9-1})

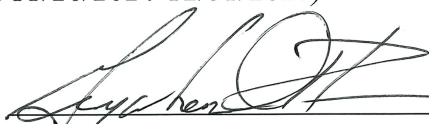

Bob Gentry, President,
(appointed as county executive)


Brad Whicker, Member,
(appointed as county executive)


Jack P. Maloney, Member
(appointed 1/1/2023-12/31/2026)


Dennis W. Dawes, Vice President,
(appointed as county executive)


Michael A. Hession, Member
(appointed 11/26/2024-12/31/2027)

ATTEST: 
Gary W. Sowers II, Secretary

