

March 12th, 2024

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 Phyllis A. Palmer, Members Dennis W. Dawes, Jack Maloney, and Stan Ryland, Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald, Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston, Hendricks County Director of Planning and Building Tim Dombrosky, Chief Deputy Surveyor Tiffany Dalton, Emily Cox, Gary Sowers, Jennifer Williams, Zach Wilkinson, Jerry Robertson, Dale Kruse, Audra Bear, David Eichelberger, and Darrin Miller.

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

RE: IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Gentry requested a motion with regard to the minutes of the February 27th, 2024, Drainage Board meeting. Member Jack Maloney moved to approve the February 27th, 2024, Drainage Board meeting minutes as presented. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF BILLS TO BE PAID:

REVIEW FEES

None Cited

DRAIN MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

None Cited

AUDITOR'S REPORT

None Cited

RE: IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS PROJECTS

None Cited

RE: IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS PROJECTS

MAJOR PLAT (PRELIMINARY & FINAL):

DPR 512 (Bethesda Christian Schools) – County

3 lots on 36.4 acres in Brown Township (S33-T17N-R1E), located on the southwest corner of County Roads 800 North and 650 East. **(Innovative Engineering). John Collins Regulated Drain \$250.00 per acre.**

Zach Wilkinson of Innovative Engineering requested that the Drainage Board give Preliminary approval since they could not currently meet all aspects of the Stormwater Ordinance for Final approval. Discussion followed. Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston stated that DPR 512 had not been reviewed as a preliminary project and, therefore, he could not recommend approval at this time. Discussion followed. Member Stan Ryland moved to grant an exception and Continue the project until the March 26th, 2024, meeting of the Drainage Board. President Gentry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

MINOR PLAT (PRELIMINARY & FINAL):

MIP 288-R (Blake Replat of MIP 288) – County

1 lot on 10.61 acres in Guilford Township (S27-T14N-R1E), located on the east side of North Center Street, approximately 538 feet south of County Road 300 South. **(Kruse Consulting). No Regulated Drain.**

President Gentry recognized Dale Kruse of Kruse Consulting. Mr. Kruse informed the Drainage Board that there was a “Telephone Line Easement” on this property and that AT&T would vacate it if the Drainage Board approved the project. Discussion followed. Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston recommended the Hendricks County Drainage Board grant Preliminary & Final Approval of ***MIP 288-R (Blake Replat of MIP 288)*** subject to the conditions of the Hendricks County Surveyor’s letter and all the requirements and conditions of the Hendricks County Stormwater Management Handbook. Dennis Dawes moved to follow the Surveyor’s recommendation. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote with Member Stan Ryland in dissent.

MIP 512-A (Sparks amendment of MIP 512) – Pittsboro

2 lots on 5.75 acres in Middle Township (S5-T16N-R1E), located on the north side of U.S. Highway 136, approximately 710 feet east of Brooks Way in the Town of Pittsboro. **(Kruse Consulting). Powell Regulated Drain \$100.00 per lot.**

President Gentry recognized Dale Kruse of Kruse Consulting. Mr. Kruse requested that the Drainage Board reclassify the Powell Regulated Drain from Agriculture to Urban and reduce the Easement across MIP 512 from 75 feet to 40 feet on the north side of the ditch. Discussion followed. Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston stated he had no issues with the reclassification or reduction. Member Jack Maloney moved to grant the request. Member Dennis Dawes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston recommended that the Hendricks County Drainage Board grant Preliminary & Final Approval of ***MIP 512-A (Sparks amendment of MIP 512)*** subject to the conditions of the Hendricks County Surveyor’s letter, all the requirements and conditions of the Hendricks County Stormwater Management Handbook, and a \$100.00 per lot assessment payable to the

Powell Regulated Drain. Discussion followed. President Gentry moved to follow the Surveyor's recommendation. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

MIP 1180 (McPhillips) – County

2 lots on 10 acres in Eel River Township (S24-T17N-R2W) located on the north side of County Road 950 North, approximately 630 feet west of County Road 350 West. **(Kruse Consulting). No Regulated Drain.**

Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston recommended that the Hendricks County Drainage Board grant Preliminary & Final Approval of ***MIP 1180 (McPhillips)*** subject to the conditions of the Hendricks County Surveyor's letter and all the requirements and conditions of the Hendricks County Stormwater Management Handbook. Discussion followed. Member Stan Ryland moved to follow the Surveyor's recommendation. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion 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:

Ross Regulated Drain

Mr. Gaston reminded the Board that his office had been cleaning out the Ross Regulated Drain using ARPA Grant funds and that a few residents had objected to the scope and speed of the project. President Gentry recognized Mrs. Audra Bear. Mrs. Bear, through her narrative, wanted to know why the project had not taken a more environmentally friendly, aesthetically conscious, and phased approach. She indicated that clear-cutting the drain at such speed gave the wildlife and citizens little time to acclimate or react to the situation. President Gentry stated that he understood her concern, but the Indiana code made it the duty of the Drainage Board to keep the water flowing in the regulated drains, and that is the sole purpose of the project. Mr. Gaston stated that the project had been broken into large phases to keep the cost down and allow the Board to do more work with the resources and time available. Mrs. Bear asked if any money had been set aside to restore the balance of nature along the drains and to beautify the areas. Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald informed her that he wasn't sure if ARPA money could be used for that purpose but Drain maintenance money could not. The Board thanked Mrs. Bear for bringing this to their attention and stated that in the future, they would consider holding informational meetings for the public on large projects; they also suggested she speak with Hendricks County Auditor Nancy Marsh to see if any ARPA money could be used for beautification purposes. Mrs. Bear thanked the Board for the information and their consideration.

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

ADJOURN:

Seeing nothing further before the Board, Vice President Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

HENDRICKS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

Bob Gentry
Bob Gentry, President

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Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President

Dennis W. Dawes
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Jack P. Maloney
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E. Stanley Ryland
E. Stanley Ryland, Member

ATTEST:

Gary W. Sowers II
Gary W. Sowers II, Secretary