

May 28th, 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, Chief Deputy Surveyor Tiffany Dalton, Gary Sowers, Emily Cox, Krista Lorenz, Keith Lorenz, Dick Roberston, Jay Thompson, and Joe Miller.

President Bob Gentry determined there was a quorum, 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 May 14th, 2024, Drainage Board meeting. Member Jack Maloney moved to approve the May 14th, 2024, Drainage Board meeting minutes as presented. Member Dennis Dawes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF BILLS TO BE PAID:

REVIEW FEES

Christopher Burke	\$ 4,273.75
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<i>Total Review Fees Paid out of General Fund:</i>	\$ 4,273.75
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Member Dennis Dawes moved to approve the \$4,273.75 Review Fees. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

None cited

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:

JD Farms

Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston informed the Board that the bank between the Joseph Jones Regulated Drain and a private pond created during the construction of I-74 was partially removed by high water during one of the heavy storm events in April. The owners have very nicely asked to have the bank built back up with rock rip rap. Joe Miller is looking into this repair. Discussion followed. The Board thanked Mr. Gaston for the update.

Brownsville Youth Soccer

Hendricks County Chief Deputy Surveyor Tiffany Dalton informed the Board that the research on fees paid by not-for-profit projects had been completed. The information showed that while the Board had waived application fees for not-for-profits, it had not waived review fees or drainage assessments. Discussion followed. Vice President Phyllis moved to waive the application fees for Brownsville Youth Soccer but not the review fees or drainage assessments. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Joseph Jones informational meeting – Official date, time, & locations.

Mr. Gaston Stated that per President Gentry's request, he had advertised the informational meeting for the Joseph Jones Regulated Drain at the Tri-West Middle School on June 20th at 6:30 pm. He said this information had been placed on the county's main website, the Hendricks County Surveyor website, and will be advertised in the Republican newspaper. He informed the board that letters will be sent out to all property owners that the Joseph Jones Regulated Drain is on, by mail after today's meeting. Discussion followed. The Board thanked him for the update.

Joseph Jones Regulated Drain – Phase 4

Mr. Gaston informed the Board that the ARP money for the Joseph Jones work will be gone after the clean-up work is completed on Phases 1, 2, and 3. Nancy Marsh has also told him that all the reserve ARP money has been committed to other entities. The only way to continue Phase 4 is through the maintenance funds. President Gentry stated the Board would have to borrow money from the General Drain Improvement Fund or do it as a Reconstruction. Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuermann reminded the Board that under reconstruction, a significant burden and time constraint to pay it back would be placed on the parcel owners. Discussion followed. Chief Deputy Tiffany Dalton stated that after looking at how well the drain is now flowing and that there have been no observed problems downstream, she would recommend that the Board not proceed with Phase 4 of the Joseph Jones until a problem arises or it needs to be dredged. Discussion followed. Member Jack Maloney moved to follow the Chief Deputy's recommendation. President Gentry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Regulated Drain Easements

Mr. Gaston wanted to remind the Board that under certain circumstances and with the consent of the Hendricks County Assessor, he could write a letter to remove or reduce the taxable acreage within the Regulated Drain Easement on the parcel owner property card, thus reducing the property tax on the parcel. Discussion followed. The Board thanked him for the information.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF WISHES TO BE HEARD:

Krista Lorenz

President Gentry recognized Mrs. Krista Lorenz. Mrs. Lorenz stated she wanted the Board to remember the Indiana Code allowed for gentler or less invasive cleaning of the regulated drains by either identifying problematic trees that need to be removed or only cleaning one side of the drain. The Board thanked her for the information.

Jay Thompson

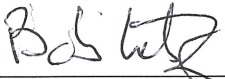
President Gentry recognized Mr. Jay Thompson. Mr. Thompson wanted the Board to know how friendly and helpful the Surveyor's Office had been to him. The Board thanked him for his commendation.

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

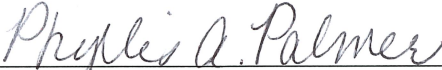
ADJOURN:

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

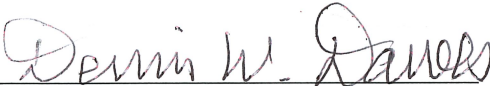
HENDRICKS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:



Bob Gentry, President



Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President



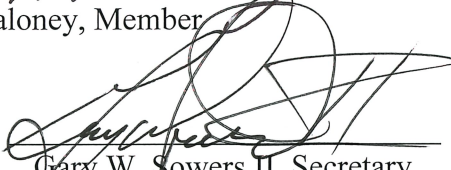
Dennis W. Dawes, Member



Jack P. Maloney, Member



E. Stanley Ryland, Member

ATTEST: 

Gary W. Sowers II, Secretary

