

MARSHALL COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

October 20, 2025

The Marshall County Drainage Board met for a regular meeting on October 20, 2025 at 8:30am in the Commissioner's Room of the Marshall County Building, 112 W Jefferson St. Plymouth, IN. Board members present were: Randy Gingle, President; Stan Klotz, Vice President; Board Member; David Stults, Jesse Bohannon, and Adam Faulstich. Also present were Craig Cultice, County Surveyor; Sean Surrisi, Board Attorney; Angie Kibbe, Drainage Board Secretary. The meeting was opened in due form and the following business was considered. The Drainage Board meeting is streaming live and is available for live view at: www.co.marshall.in.us.

MAINTENANCE BIDS

August Mentzel & Peter Acker Ditches

Beaver Excavating- \$19,300 Hunter Transit- \$28,300 Ingram Excavating- \$15,342.50
Langfeldt Excavating- \$23,995

Mr. Klotz motion, seconded by Mr. Bohannon to award bid to Ingram Excavating. Motion carried 5-0.

Burl Ballinger Ditch

Beaver Excavating- \$10,850 Ingram Excavating- \$10,285 Langfeldt- \$11,465

Mr. Bohannon motion, seconded by Mr. Stults to award bid to Ingram Excavating. Motion carried 5-0.

James Ballinger

Beaver Excavating- \$19,500 Ingram Excavating- \$21,162

Mr. Stults motion, seconded by Mr. Bohannon to award bid to Beaver Excavating. Motion carried 5-0.

Macomber & Hayn

Beaver Excavating- \$14,900 Hunter Transit- \$15,900 Ingram Excavating- \$11,350
Langfeldt- \$14,830

Mr. Klotz raised concerned with Ingram Excavating receiving two bid jobs already and if he would be able to complete jobs by deadline. Mr. Cultice assures Mr. Klotz he has confidence in Mr. Ingram, and he has not had a contractor go over the timeline on a bid job. **Mr. Klotz motion,**

to award bid to Ingram Excavating and would like Mr. Cultice to discuss the concern of project going over the timeline with Mr. Ingram. A penalty of \$100.00 every day after deadline date if project is not completed by April 26, 2026. Second, by Mr. Bohannon, motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE GALL-UNSICKER ASSESSMENTS

Mr. Klotz motion to open the public hearing on the Gall-Unsicker Drain, seconded by Mr. Bohannon. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Cultice reviewed his surveyor's report on the Gall-Unsicker Drain. Per report there is 5,385± acres, 4,791± acres are in Marshall County and 594± acres in Kosciusko County. Mr. Cultice averages the yearly maintenance cost to be between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The current assessment rate is \$2.25 an acre with a \$5.00 minimum. In the July's meeting the board members motion to raise assessment \$6.50 an acre with a \$10.00 minimum. Mr. Cultice addressed an error that was made by inputting the price into the system and the landowners were notified the minimum would be \$9.00 minimum instead of \$10.00 minimum. Mr. Cultice did reach out to Mr. Surrisi regarding error, Mr. Surrisi investigated, and the landowners have 20 days to voice their objections regarding the price through judicial review. He continues with the error being minimal and was less than discuss, he does not see a problem moving forward today. Mr. Glingie asked what the price difference is between the \$9.00 and the \$10.00 minimum and Mr. Cultice responded \$12.00± a year difference, and that the \$9.00 minimum is in the property owner's favor. Mr. Glingie recommends continuing with the hearing with the \$9.00 minimum, Mr. Bohannon agrees. Mr. Glingie asked if anyone wants to come forward and express their opinion on the assessment. Mr. Glenn Yoder of 205 W Randolph St. Nappanee came up to voice his concern about all the new builds and business and assessing them more and not just the agriculture properties. Mr. Cultice informs him that the County would have to change its ordinance to comply with different assessments from agricultural pricing and residence pricing. To be clear Mr. Cultice continues that all property owners will be assessed in the watershed. Mr. Yoder believes that homes and concrete driveways are pushing the water into drains, and the farmland absorbs the water. Mr. Mitch Yoder from 1128 4th Rd Bremen. Mr. Mitch Yoder states he has lived on the Gall-Unsicker for 50 years and agrees that they do need to keep up the maintenance. He also is concerned with the new housing, the industries, parking lots, and roof tops cause water to go straight into the ditch. Mr. Cultice explains if you create 4,000' square feet impervious you will need to build a basin to catch the water and release it slowly into the ditch, so a lot of these buildings do pay for more upfront to help the drain and ditches. Mr. Yoder final statement was he just wanted to make sure people are paying their fair share toward the drain. Mr. Glingie asked if anyone else wanted to come up before the board, no one came up. Mr. Cultice informs Mr. Glingie he did receive a letter from a property owner and will read it at this time before the board. The letter is from Randy and Renee Hauptert. They would like to express their concern about the rise in the assessments. They are opposing the increase; they believe their property does not benefit from drain. The water would have to run uphill to go from their property to make it to the ditch this is

contributed to the additions and changes to the surrounding properties in the area in the last ten years. **Mr. Klotz motioned, seconded by Mr. Bohannon, to close the public hearing. Motion carried 5-0.** Mr. Klotz understands that it is a big jump in price, but to get this fund out of the red and ready to start doing work on drain the \$6.50 per acre with the minimum at \$9.00 should put the account on the track. Mr. Glingie notes that some of the businesses should pay more than the \$9.00 minimum. Mr. Bohannon asked Mr. Cultice what the best practice for the pricing agriculture, home, and commercial. Mr. Cultice reiterates that when someone puts in a new building or like a chicken barn, anything over 4,000' square feet, they will have to pay for a detention basin to help offset the flow of water from buildings. Mr. Bohannon states so in the instant of the chicken barn they must make an investment in the basin and maintain it along with paying the yearly assessment on the drain, Mr. Cultice agrees. Mr. Klotz notes there are a lot of chicken farms and small businesses popping up out there. Mr. Surrisi makes note that an ordinance would have to be changed. Mr. Klotz states that even with raising assessments some businesses would not be paying their fair share. Mr. Bohannon would like to see what other counties do in these circumstances. Mr. Glingie asked the board what they wanted to do today on the Gall-Unsicker. **Mr. Bohannon motion, find and orders that benefits exceed costs and set assessment rates at \$6.50 an acre with \$9.00 minimum starting in pay 2026. Mr. Bohannon would like to visit other options for next meeting. Mr. Klotz seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SNYDER CAROTHERS

Public hearing is to discuss taking a private tile under jurisdiction, along with expanding the watershed to be on collection for maintenance. Mr. Cultice goes over the petition that was filed on the private tile, it is within the Snyder Carothers watershed and needs repair. A second petition was filed to extend the watershed west to encompass more of the ditch. To take care of the new tile and the expansion of shed the assessment rate would need to be raised. The current rate for assessment is \$5.00 per acre with a \$5.00 minimum. The projected estimated average yearly maintenance cost is \$4,000-\$5,000±. The board discussed options in July's meeting and the shed being small they recommend the new rate at \$17.00 per acre with a \$20.00 minimum to meet the annual maintenance cost. **Mr. Faulstich motions to open the hearing to the public, seconded by Mr. Stults, motion carried 5-0.** Sharon Mrozinski of 4057 Olive Rd came before the board. Her property is on the corner of Olive and 4th Rd., she states she doesn't have a water problem so much as the property to the left of her, the property is causing drainage problems on her property now. She doesn't believe she should pay because her property drains fine. The neighbor to the left of her wanted her to split the cost of doing some drainage work on their property, but she didn't feel she should since her property is fine. Mr. Bohannon states if she is not having problems with drainage, it means her water is draining properly into the watershed. Mr. Roger Norris of 15129 4B Rd, the majority owner of the properties around the open Snyder Carothers ditch. He states he has over the years he tried to

take care of the ditch and keep it clean but with age it is getting harder to take care of and petition to add the extension on to cover the ditch that is on his property. Mr. Cultice informs the board he will read letters that were sent in. First letter is from Matthew Youbulis of 142513B Rd Plymouth, he wanted to propose extending the proposed tile from Olive Rd back to the east approximately 1300'± feet. He is having difficulty with neighbors planting trees over the top of the existing tile and creating more problems for his operation. Mr. Cultice states that Mr. Youbulis would have to fill out a petition to bring before the board to add tile East of Olive Rd. Second letter is from Ken and Terri Keller of 4078 Olive Rd Plymouth. They bought 5 acres five years ago and built a house. The east and southern part of their wooded area is completely submerged under water. Their neighbors directly south of them bought 7 acres with the intent of building a home and pole barn but found about 5 of the 7 acres completely submerged. They state that something has changed to cause this horrible drainage situation. They would like it investigated and a solution. Last letter is from Erik Horner of 14317 4th Rd Plymouth; he also would like the board to extend their coverage approximately 1300' ft East of Olive Rd to include the private tile that crosses his property. Mr. Craig Hawley 106 W Jackson St. Bourbon was in attendance and addresses the board. Mr. Hawley wants to add to the request for the 1300' ft addition to the east of Olive Rd. He believes that taking on the tile East of Olive Rd would benefit the drainage to the West of Olive Rd. This would be good for the future. **Mr. Klotz motion to close the public hearing seconded by Mr. Bohannon. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Bohannon moves to accept jurisdiction over the private tile located in the N1/2, Sec. 7-34N-R2E in North Township, Mr. Stults seconds. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Faulstich motioned to place portion of the Carothers Ditch on collection for maintenance located in sec. 7-T34N-R2E North Township and Sec. 12-T34-R1E in Polk Township, seconded by Mr. Stults. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Klotz makes note that if they go any lower than the \$17.00 per acre with the \$20.00 minimum the account would not be able to keep up. Mr. Faulstich motion find and orders that benefits exceed costs and set assessment rates at \$17.00 an acre with \$20.00 minimum starting in pay 2026. Second, by Mr. Klotz, motion carried 5-0.**

MINUTES

Mr. Bohannon motion to approve the minutes from the September 15th meeting, seconded by Mr. Faulstich. Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the board **Mr. Bohannon moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Stults. Motion carried 5-0.**

MARSHALL COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

Randy Gling, President

Stan Klotz, Vice-President

Jesse Bohannon, Board Member

David Stults, Board Member

Adam Faulstich, Board Member

Attest: _____

Angie Kibbe, Drainage Board Secretary