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Meeting Date: October 26, 2026
Meeting Time: 2:30 P.M.

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Present: Terry Phillippe, Sarah Seaton, Stacey Franz, Steve Sherwood, Morrie Doll, Michael Rusche, Steve Spinks, and Rachel Cook.

Terry: Going to call the Warrick County Drainage Board to order. Today is October 26, 2026, its 2:30 PM. Welcome please join us in the pledge.

1. Approval of Minutes- October 12, 2026

Terry: Okay first order of business is approval of minutes from the October 12th meeting.
Stacey: I'll make a motion to approve.
Sarah: I'll second.
Terry: All in favor?
All: Aye
Terry: Motion carries (3-0)

2. Updates
   -Logging on Little Pigeon and Coles Creek
   -CenterPoint Powerline on Coles Creek Easement

Terry: And we have updates. Number one, logging on Little Pigeon and Coles Creek.
Steve Spinks: Yeah, I just have some vocal updates on that. We've sent the letter to them to let them know that they have an issue there and we do know that the letter is sitting there in their P.O. Box but we have not heard back from the landowner yet.
Terry: So, you've got a return receipt? Is that what you're saying?
Steve Spinks: Do what?
Terry: You got a return receipt on a letter?
Rachel: No, I had to call the post office.
Terry: Okay.
Sarah: So, it's sitting there but they haven't actually pulled the mail?
Rachel: They haven't collected their mail per the postman over there.
Terry: Got it.
Steve Spinks: CenterPoint Powerline on Coles Creek Easement, what we know about that is, I talked to another person there at CenterPoint that I'd met out around Deaconess when I was checking the legal drain

and he's a surveyor. This has been, the emails that I have addressed has also been copied to Morrie, so he knows pretty well everything that's going on. Any of them wanting to get back to us must copy him on it because that's their decision now. What I do know by speaking with the other surveyor is he freely told me that they received their easement in 1968. The Indiana Statue gave the legal drain easement of 75 feet in 1965 along with 1966. So, there is two years, you see what I'm saying? The Indiana State statue gave legal drain 75 ft easement two years before CenterPoint got their easement to run their power lines up through there. That's all I know. I did invite them into the office. Told them we have records from the 1800s in the books, if they want to come because they were wanting to know when Warrick County got them as a legal drain. I said "Well, you can come and search through the old records because right now, I'm one staff member low and I really don't have the time to dedicate one person to that, so you're more than welcome, they are public records, come and look through them". And they haven't shown up yet.
Terry: What is it we're trying to accomplish on this?
Steve Spinks: Morrie?
Morrie: The new power pole put in by CenterPoint is within the 75 ft right of way. In fact, it's 15 ft from the top of bank. And the Surveyor has communicated to CenterPoint that's in the wrong spot.
Terry: Got it.
Morrie: I had a conversation with CenterPoint's Evansville attorney, the attorney in Evansville they regularly use, and he told me he did not know anything about this but based upon prior issues from CenterPoint that they've been involved with, it's probably being handled by legal counsel in Houston.
Terry: Okay. Alright. Anything else?
Steve Spinks: The bids, sir. We have bids for you.

3. Bids

Morrie: Item three on the agenda. I have been provided by county commissioner Phillippe with three bids. Three sealed bids dealing with the Howard Williams ditch.
-The first, they're all sealed, the first I'm opening is the Bieber Services of Chandler, and it was received on October the 21st at 9:30 in the morning. It's the complete packet, scope general specifications, special provisions, contractual terms, certificate of insurance, instructions on where to send the bid, and Bieber's bid is in the amount of $31,632.00. Three one comma six three two period zero zero. And that is Bieber Services of Chandler, and they have a non-collusion affidavit, an equal employment affidavit, the addendum about successful bidder, and this is the tree and brush and vegetation removal on Howard Williams ditch. And Certificate of Liability Insurance.
-The second bid, Steve (Sherwood) if you'll help me,
Steve Sherwood: Sure
Morrie: Elliott's Excavating and it was received on October the 23rd at 9:30 in the morning. From Elliott's excavation inside of Howard Williams ditch bid, and the total amount of the offer of the bid from Elliott's is $19,398. One nine comma three nine eight period zero zero.
Sarah: Which section is this?
Steve Spinks: That is from Stahl Road to what I call the Northern turn point at the end of the retention pond where we have all the-
Steve Sherwood: Should be the entire length of the Stahl Road Business Park.
Steve Spinks: You should have a map, sir.
Morrie: There is a map
Steve Sherwood: The map is at the end of the bid packet
Steve Spinks: Exhibit A and Exhibit B on the back. There it is.
Sarah: Thank you.
-Morrie: The third and final bid is from GE Tree Service from Petersburg, Indiana. And it was received on October the 20th at 11:00 AM. And it's for $26,750.00. Two six comma seven five zero period zero zero. Those are the three bids I've been furnished
Terry: Everybody came to the pre-bid meeting?

Steve Spinks: Yes, everyone that's on this lower part here is the one I had a signature from.
Terry: They all understand the scope of work? That's kind of what I'm getting at.
Steve Spinks: Yes, they were there, I was there, Michael was there. We went over it and read the whole thing to them more or less
Terry: Council any other questions I should be asking?
Morrie: No, just how the heck do I close this knife? Oh, I see it
Steve Sherwood: It's got a pressure point, don't cut yourself.
Morrie: Got it! Will you hand these to Commissioner Phillippe (Stacey)?
Terry: Thank you
Steve Sherwood: The only question I have is on the tree clearing. Are they cutting the stumps flush with the ground or how is that being handled?
Steve Spinks: Yes, Steve (Sherwood), they were instructed that they need to cut them flush with the ground but don't remove the stumps
Steve Sherwood: Okay, I just didn't see it in the bid specs.
Terry: Alright I'll entertain a motion
Sarah: I'll make a motion for the $19,398 from Elliott's
Stacey: I'll second
Terry: I have a first and a second. All in Favor?
All: Aye
Terry: The motion carries 3-0
Steve Spinks: Thank you.
Terry: When's that going to start again?
Steve Spinks: They have 14 days that they need to get started. They have within 14 that they should get started in that. I'm going to get with them and we've got the right of entries.
Terry: Anything else?
Steve Spinks: No sir. I think that's all for us on the- that we have for you. There is number four, comments and discussion. Anyone that wants to? There's no one on the list.
Terry: Okay. (Points gavel at Mr. Sherwood to start the Stormwater Agenda)

4. Comments & Discussion

5. Storm Water

Steve Sherwood: Thank you, Mr. president. I'll be brief today. I have before you the storm water department quarterly report, the third quarter, just some figures that Jennifer presented—what we've accomplished the last three months. If you have any questions, feel free to call me, email me, text me, or right now if you have any. Thank you, Jennifer, for preparing this for the board.
No other questions. I'll do my last item I have on the Willow brook subdivision entrance. We have a bad structure. I offered the highway department our assistance in doing this work. They would like for us to do that if at all possible. In order not to get three bids, we have been able to use our annual bid with Metzger Construction on similar projects before. And I wanted to make sure and clarify—I clarified with Bobby that we were able to do that and get a singular bid using the approved unit rates from our paving contractor for minor excavation and pipe installing. I'm getting a proposal together, but I just want to notify the board that that's how I'd like to proceed and make the board aware that that's what I want to do. It's 160 ft of pipe across the entrance down in Pollock Avenue in Willow brook next to the nursing home. They've had flooding problems at the entrance for a number of years. It's a very shallow system. We did ascertain what the problem is and we need to replace the 160 ft of pipe. So, I just want to let the board know if we proceed and get a good proposal, Bobby and I feel good about—I can order material and we can proceed in that direction, and then there'll probably be a final proposal for the board to approve.
Terry: Okay.

Sarah: Okay.
Steve Sherwood: That's all that I have unless you have any questions.
Terry: That's it.
Steve Spinks: Do we need to make a motion for that?
Sarah: You just said that verbally
Terry: Consensus is fine, isn't it, council?
Morrie: Yes. That's just educational.
Steve Sherwood: Yes. I mean, I just don't want to bring a proposal back for the board and ask for a blessing without it being discussed ahead of time.
Terry: Thank you.
Steve Sherwood: Thank you.
Steve Spinks: Thank you, Steve.
Terry: Anything else for storm water? Short day.
Steve Spinks: Make motion to adjourn.
Sarah: Second,
Terry: Alright. Thanks everybody.
Meeting adjourned.