MINUTES
WARRICK COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
&
DEPARTMENT OF STORM WATER
January 12th,2026
2:30 pm.
Regular Session
Old Historic Courthouse
107 W. Locust St. Suite 303
Boonville, In 47601
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The Warrick County Drainage Board and Department of Storm Water met in regular session with Terry Phillippe, President; Sarah Seaton, Vice President; Stacey Franz, Secretary; Morrie Doll; Attorney, Steve Sherwood, Storm Water; Steve Spinks Surveyor; and Ashley Knight, Recording Secretary.

Present in the audience: Jen Curry, Debbie Bennet- Stearsman- Sherrie Sievers, Jeff Daily, Jim Morley Jr.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Terry Phillippe: I'd like to call the Warrick County Drainage Board regular session January 12th, 2026 to order. Please stand and recite the pledge with us.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President Terry Phillippe: the first order of business is the election of officers of the drainage board. Does anyone have an inclination?

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I think your doing a fine job, I'll nominate you to continue.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: yea, I'm fine with leaving it the same as 2025. I'll make a motion to elect Terry as president, Sarah as vice president and keep myself as secretary.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I will second that.

President Terry Phillippe: all in favor? 3-0.

APPOINTMENT OF DRAINAGE BOARD ATTORNEY:

President Terry Phillippe: next order of business is the appointment of the drainage board attorney.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: I'll make a motion to reappoint Mr. Morrie as the attorney.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I'll second that.

President Terry Phillippe: all in favor? 3-0.

Morrie Doll: Thank you.

RESOLUTION #2026-1:

President Terry Phillippe: next order of business is resolution 2026-1, which would be a resolution stating the dates and times of the drainage board.

Ashley Knight: it's the same as the commissioners.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I'll make that motion.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: I'll second that motion.

President Terry Phillippe: all in favor? 3-0.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTIVE DRAINS 2026:

President Terry Phillippe: next item up is the certification of active drains for 2025.

Morrie Doll: do you have that list?

Ashley Knight: the legal drains? Yes, he's got it.

Morrie Doll: perfect.

President Terry Phillippe: yep, got it right here. Mr. Spinks, I know your new here but do you know are there any additions or subtractions from this list?

Steve Spinks: no sir, no it should be remaining the same.

Steve Sherwood: for the record could you state the total at the bottom?

President Terry Phillippe: so, the total 2,077,477 lineal feet which also equals 393.46 miles.

Steve Sherwood: thank you.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: you just need a motion to approve? I'll make that motion.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: I'll second that motion.

President Terry Phillippe: all in favor? 3-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Terry Phillippe: next order of business is approval of minutes from the December 22nd 2025 meeting, which I was not at.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: I'll make a motion to approve.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I'll second that.

President Terry Phillippe: I'll abstain. All in favor? Two approvals and one abstention.

BSM- Group/ Legal Drain

President Terry Phillippe: next up is BSM legal drain crossing.

Ashley Knight: they need to be tabled to the next meeting; they couldn't make it today. All three.

President Terry Phillippe: I'll entertain a motion to table all three drain crossings.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I'll make a motion to table.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: I'll second that motion.

President Terry Phillippe: all in favor? 3-0.

DMSF CONCRETE PLANT:

President Terry Phillippe: next order of business is DMSF concrete plant.

Jim Morley Jr: Jim Morley Jr project engineer. The handout you just received, on its front site it kind of shows where in the world we are. This is along state road 62 just as you come into Warrick County on the north hand side of the road. So, its immediately east of the E&B asphalt plant. And so, there is a; I'm going to call it a temporary concrete plant set up there. They don't use any permanent structures. Everything comes in on wheels and leaves on wheels so to speak.

And then on the back side of it shows ultimately what's happening from a drainage standpoint currently as the southern end is where they have a concrete plant, a temporary concrete plant set up. And at the northern end all the property drains to the north, is where their detention basin will ultimately be. and then they have a ditch up either side of the property to catch their water and take it up to the basin, is ultimately what happens out there. This property was rezoned many many years ago and as part of that process; well and then as erosion control report approved many years ago and as part of that process, they dug some dirt out there to fill up an area but they also kind of bring in some you know concrete and they crush it up and you know making concrete and so its kind all occurs there. That basin that's in the field now is a little different shape than the basin that is on the map. Ultimately, what's important is that they have their cubic volume of storage because that's what we care about. And so, we are seeking drainage approval for them to have the basin there and the swales there for the concrete plant. I just want to mention John David was scheduled to be here today also. Did you maybe meet John?

Steve Spinks: I didn't I talked to him on the phone though.

Jim Morley Jr: he was scheduled to be here today but had a doctor's appointment.

Steve Sherwood: just a question as you alluded to, the map shows a basin of what your design, but it is currently today larger than that as…

Jim Morley Jr: yea today currently larger than that.

Steve Sherwood: so, the proposed basically to push it in from the south end. But your basin calc say that the basin size then on the per design will be 3.72 acres and you only need about 2.9 acres required. So, you got a little bit of a cushion.

Jim Morley Jr: yea, we have a little bit of an overdesign. Ultimately, we pushed the basin as far north as we could because as they work their way north on that site, that basin will just keep getting pushed and pushed until it can't be pushed any further without violating the volume. And that's ultimately where it stops.

Steve Sherwood: as long as they know that.

Jim Morley Jr: we've had that conversation with them.

Steve Sherwood: And the site size, if I remember right is a little over 28 acres in total?

Jim Morley Jr: somewhere in the… Part of this company is a new company in Warrick County. They didn't have business here until then. They have a facility on the west side of it. But they wanted to open up an office or a facility in Warrick County.

President Terry Phillippe: as you describe the operations, I keep driving by there going well that is the weirdest looking concrete plant I've ever seen.

Jim Morley Jr: yeah, its and so everything that had I mean at least last time I drove by they you know their office so to speak is on wheels, their bathrooms are on wheels and I guess that is indicative of this type of facility where the literally the concrete plant it comes in on a trailer and they sit it up and then when they're done with it, they can lay it back down and drive it back out.

Steve Sherwood: but they plan on operating here for the foreseeable future?

Jim Morley Jr: they do, but just that's the nature of those types of facilities.

Steve Sherwood: and you can see Jim's sketch he has two proposed drainage swales, one along the west boundary, one along the east boundary. Everything drains from south to north and drains to the basin. So, everything will be contained. I believe you made the modification that the surveyor requested for the concrete. It has a concrete line ditch because as he said the slope is so flat.

Jim Morley Jr: yeah, I did notice when we did went through that Steve, when we did that concave part, it shows up in our subdivision ordinance. It doesn't show up in drainage ordinance so we may want to amend our drainage ordinance to put it in both places. Happy to make that change but I noticed when I was going through everything that I knew it was; I knew we had put it in there.

Steve Sherwood: yeah, I don't know why its not in the drainage ordinance, but it is in the subdivision.

Jim Morley Jr: yeah, it is in the subdivision.

Steve Sherwood: So, we and I know we talked about it when we were in committee.

Jim Morley Jr: so, I'm not sure how I'm not sure how it fell through the cracks but. So that may be something we want fixed.

Steve Sherwood: we are covered either way.

Steve Spinks: I would like to say, I stopped by, as you know, I stopped by, paid a visit. Things look good. And welcome to the county John David industries. Warrick County is one of the largest fastest growing counties there is. As we grow so forth, hopefully John David Enterprises will grow with his concrete plan.

Jim Morley Jr: a lot of that growth requires concrete at some level, whether its in a foundation or a curve or a building or a parking lot or a street.

Steve Spinks: glad to have you.

President Terry Phillippe: anyone want to make a motion?

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I'll make a motion.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: I'll second that.

President Terry Phillippe: all in favor? 3-0.

CLAIMS:

President Terry Phillippe: next order of business is approval of claims. We have a total of $56,094.86. and $56,000. Is the Kiesel- Wagner. What is that about?

Steve Sherwood: section corner perpetuation which is a requirement of the county surveyor's office by statute.

President Terry Phillippe: refresh my memory. Is that a six month or quarterly bill?

Steve Spinks: yea, commissioner that's what they did for the surveyors office last year in 2025. And they did complete everything there that they contracted previously with the other surveyor Dennis has been completed. And then he will bring us he has some on his projection that he would like to do and finish a section and he's going to bring us another proposal for this year.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: so, this is last year's claim?

Steve Sherwood: yes, this is last year's contract.

Steve Spinks: and they did a complete good job. They're a very good company.

Steve Sherwood: and if the board will recall, every time there is a deed recorded across the street, $5 goes in this section corner perpetuation fund. So that's what creates the money for him for that office to perpetuate section corners. And we made great progress over the recent years. And we have the funds in there to continue going. If you ever wish to, please stop by and see Steve's office. He has a master map that shows all these perpetuations.

Jim Morley Jr: I will tell you as a surveying company, we appreciate you all are doing the section corner perpetuation. And I don't know how if you guys; how much you know about section corners, everything after the state of Ohio, the United States is split up into one mile by one mile grid and those are section corners and so one mile by one mile is one section and our area was surveyed in the early 1800's and back then they put them in a wooden post and wooden post kind of disappeared over the last 200 years. And so, what they're doing is they're going back in and reestablishing where that wood post was set 200 years ago and having those set is very important for the property lines around the area and possession and it's a big deal. And so, we appreciate you all for doing a great job on that.

Steve Sherwood: and they're not just arbitrary. They actually have records from the 1860's in his office that they have to. Its very important that the surveyor follows the steps of the previous surveyor. So, this goes all the way back to the origination of the state surveyor system is Jim's point.

Morrie Doll: the post in Southern Ohio were actually set by a young military officer by the name George Washington for the, well it wasn't the Continental Congress yet, it was the predecessor to that.

Steve Sherwood: now, if you South into Kentucky don't expect this system to exist.

Jim Morley Jr: if you ever fly East, you'll look down and you don't see much pattern. If you fly West, it looks like a quilt. And that quilt is the sectionalized land system. That's why you see a quilt flying west and you don't see a quilt flying east. If you don't have any questions about section corner thing, I'm happy to speak or Steve's a registered surveyor.

Morrie Doll: Well, the actual French sections were surveyed off of landmarks, which is why which is normally rivers and things of that sort, which is why Indiana has passed a title law that says if you can prove ownership of the title for 50 years plus, grant into that period of time, you have good title.

Steve Sherwood: and most of Illinois is on the same coordinate system except for a small area called the French Colonial somewhere around the Wabash…

Morrie Doll: and Vincennes is not half of Vincennes is French half of it is English.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I'll make a motion.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: I'll second her motion.

President Terry Phillippe: All in favor? 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

President Terry Phillippe: Sherrie.

Sherrie Sievers: Sherrie Sievers Warrick County acquisitions administrator. And since our last meeting, Steve and I have been working on trying to get some kind of deal procured trading off the Fendt tractor.

Steve Spinks: Sherrie, you want me to pass these out now?

Sherrie Sievers: yea, if you don't mind. So, since our last meeting we've reached out and spoke with Westside Tractor sales and they're up in like Lafayette, Northern Indiana, RPM Machinery, Diamond Equipment, Boyd Cat and Revolution. So, we're currently facing a significant challenge as we're not actually working with funds. We're working with an asset and the asset is a disposal of a Fendt Tractor. It's a reliable workhorse and we also have a hurricane ditcher which those are known for efficiency. So, to try to get and secure a favorable deal, we have to work with the tractor dealership. So, were very, very limited. Its hard-to-find tractor agriculture businesses that also carry heavy equipment, CAT, excavators, land movers whatever. So, before

you; I've been working with Lee Rexing and Steve has to with AG Revolution. This is the only company that has come back to us with a deal. Westside Tractor sales, again that's up Northern Indiana and that's kind of out of their region. RPM, we're out of their territory. Diamond, Mr. Spinks has dealt with Mark at Diamond and I'll let you provide the 411 if you will on that. And Boyd Cat, you've also talked to Boyd Cat. If you want to share with them what your conversation was.

Steve Spinks: Yes, Diamond the Mark Salesman there. I talked with him just here a couple hours ago and he said they was not interested. He said they're not a tractor dealership and they are not interested in it at all. And cat the Cat Boyd sent email back and the only thing they was going to allow us was $110,000 on a trade in. That was it. Give us $110,000 that was all. So, that's the two.

Sherrie Sievers: Thank you Steve. So, before you we've broke everything down. We've let you know what the total cost for the ditcher was, which was $83,932.54. The total cost of the Fendt 516 was $223,346.36. The cost of the excavator, and Steve has provided pictures of the case 220e excavator, $175,000. A 6-inch ditching bucket. I think it's got a smooth bottom on it if I'm not mistaken. $7,505. and then a forestry disc mulcher 25,000. So, total cost would 207,505. The trade in that rep can give us on the hurricane ditcher is 42,300. The trade in on the Fendt is 148,568. Making us 16,637 shy of making the deal work. So, if that was approved, then Mr. Spinks would have to go to council, happy to go with you. So, if we break it down even further, it's going to be a loss of $41,632.54 on the ditcher and a loss of 74,773.36 on the Fendt Tractor for a grand total loss of $116,45.90. But at this point, we see no avenue to go. And we've got a Fendt tractor, nice piece of machinery but its sitting in a garage I think at Vann Road and not being used. Meanwhile the surveyor has expressed that he does need an excavator for what he needs to do in these ditches.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I think we established at the last meeting that we all agreed that you don't have the equipment that you need, this equipment you can't use it. It's just going to sit there. It's a loss whether we trade it in or not. It's not going to be used by us.

Sherrie Sievers: that's what were presenting to the drainage board today. Permission or not to move forward with the excavator that Mr. Spinks requires as it his job as a surveyor.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I do have a question about the mulcher. Is that an absolute necessity? Because that wasn't included originally, right?

Sherrie Sievers: I don't think that we did figure a mulcher originally, but when Steve got into, he feels like needs a mulcher. One thing about a mulcher is, if you don't get approved you can always rent one or possibly go before council again for additional appropriations.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: That's the only thing. That was my only hold up because without adding that 25,000 then at this point, you're not asking for extra money. You're not at a 16,637 deficit. The county doesn't have type of mulcher you can use?

Steve Spinks: not that I know of, as Sherrie mentioned I will if you approve the deal without the mulcher, I will approach county council and ask him. We have a credit remember Sherrie.

Sherrie Sievers: if you don't approve the mulcher, that would leave a credit with AG Revolution of $8,363.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: And I'm saying this not because I don't think you need the mulcher, but because if we approve everything but the mulcher then you don't have to wait until like you can move forward with this and then go to council next meeting because you're not going to make it on probably the February meeting even now, right? It'll be March. So, then everything is help up until that 16,000 additional appropriation. So, it would be my recommendation that we approve everything minus the mulcher and then you hold that credit and then go to council and ask for additional appropriation. That way you can move forward on these other two pieces of equipment.

Steve Spinks: yes, Miss Seaton that would be what would take place and I could use that ASP. As soon as it was delivered and unloaded, I could put that to work by removing beaver dams and opening these ditches.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: Sherrie did you get a hold of Bobby?

Sherrie Sievers: I did. I sent him a text to see if he would be at the meeting, I didn't get a response.

Steve Sherwood: he's ill today.

President Terry Phillippe: I got a question for you, what other avenues have we pursued other than taking a $116,000 loss and still owing the dealer $16,000?

Vice President Sarah Seaton: we circled around this a lot last meeting, Terry. We spent a lot of time.

President Terry Phillippe: I mean the things we've done in the past, we've bid these jobs out to contractors. Do you know what? How much money do you have in your 2026 budget after your overhead's gone to projects?

Steve Spinks: Mr. Commissioner, they allowed me $100,000 for contract services and my plan is to use the county highway. They will use they will furnish the surveyor office and operator that is well qualified to handle this piece of equipment.

President Terry Phillippe: we approved that.

Steve Spinks: I will pay them a dollar a foot to clean these legal drains out. They will do the dams. My understanding Bobby said that they would just do the dams as a we'll give you that. Okay. But when it comes to cleaning the legal drains, I will pay them from the surveyor's office will pay them out of my contract.

President Terry Phillippe: But we approved all that, I understand all that. I'm trying to find any avenue where it makes sense to trade in a brand-new tractor.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: We're not going to use it.

Steve Spinks: were not going to use it sir. I have no use for it.

President Terry Phillippe: elsewhere in the county, why don't we shift it to another department.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: it's an agriculture.

Steve Spinks: its ominous. You know, its ideal for a farmer because you can actually have nobody in there and plow and disc and plant your fields.

President Terry Phillippe: I understand all of it, I'm looking for any justification to say yes, it's taking such a big use for this.

Steve Sherwood: This particular machine, I think, if I understand this right, the county surveyor's office will own it, but they're asking Bobby to run it.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I mean the one that we have now. The one that we have now that we would like to trade. Would you have any use for that?

Steve Sherwood: no, we had one 20 years with the same type of ditching machine and we end up parting with it.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: can you see any other use within the county?

Steve Sherwood: not for that particular tractor no.

President Terry Phillippe: Bobby told me…

Steve Sherwood: the ditching machine we had one before and we had to do away with it because we kept tearing up utilities with it and roadside ditches, which is what we bought it for if its mainly district three in rural situation. But we got in so much trouble with utilities as they were supposed to be buried 3 ft deep, but they didn't care if it was just a few inches below ground level and we started tearing up cable left and right.

President Terry Phillippe: would you guys be okay with tabling this? Bobby and I had a little bit of a discussion on the existing Fendt Tractor and putting it to use in the highway department. He's not here. I mean if you guys want to vote two to one there's no way I'm going to take that big of a hit. That thing is brand new, how many hours does it have on it?

Steve Spinks: 140 about 140 hours because it didn't work. The previous surveyor when he had it out there, he almost got it turned over in a ditch. It just don't work Mr. Commissioner. It just wont work.

Steve Spinks: and I know what your thinking bush hogging with it but I think they have bush hogging track.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I don't like it, I don't think any of us like it, but we did circle all of this last meeting.

President Terry Phillippe: we need to leave no stone uncovered.

Sherrie Sievers: I truly believe that is the wrong platform for this piece of equipment. It needs to be on tractor horse or auction house but you're going to pay a fee and government are not allowed to pay fees if the auction site doesn't sell it. So, you're looking at a $350 fee initially to even put it on these sites. And the people that are using that kind of equipment's and can afford that kind of equipment's those are what they're shopping daily.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: and then we still have downtime.

Sherrie Sievers: and we still have downtime, and I truly get it. I mean, that makes you sick at your stomach, it does.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: but also, what Steve is saying is that he; I don't know he and Bobby collaboratively work together and Steve says there's not a use for it, right?

Vice President Sarah Seaton: not enough to justify keeping it.

Steve Sherwood: no.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: which is terrible.

President Terry Phillippe: so, you got to balance that against; Bobby told me he could put it to use.

Steve Sherwood: but whatever used piece of equipment we want to trade this in on, I think Bobby said him and his mechanics need to look at that, go through it, make sure its worth the money that they're asking for.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: prior to buying it.

Morrie Doll: is this used?

Sherrie Sievers: yes, it is used, but it still has warranty on it. I think it had eleven hundred hours on it, I'd have to go back to my original notes. So, we have about a 3-year warranty on that or so many hours. So, we still have a warranty with the case 220. And it is, it's a significant amount of loss.

Steve Sherwood: Bobby and I have the same concerns you do, commissioner…

President Terry Phillippe: I'm not going to say yes to it.

Steve Sherwood: I'm not going to say $114,000 loss is hard to stomach.

Morrie Doll: 116,405.

President Terry Phillippe: would we need to go back to the well and figure something out?

Morrie Doll: its tax payer money.

President Terry Phillippe: there's always more than one way to skin a cat.

Steve Spinks: but Mr. commissioner we've already done that sir.

President Terry Phillippe: no we haven't. We went to 3 people and asked for trade in values.

Sherrie Sievers: no. no sir.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: No, like I've said we circled around. Sherrie I'm not going to ask you to revisit everything that we talked about at the last meeting.

Sherrie Sievers: 5 separate companies, but the problem is just because you sell heavy equipment doesn't mean you're going to take a tractor on trade in. And that's the issue. We've got to work with a company that can get heavy equipment and sell tractors. That's why you had a 110, a $110 trade in value from Boyd Cat.

President Terry Phillippe: you're not going to convince me, so you might as well stop.

Sherrie Sievers: it's not that I'm trying to convince you. I'm saying your going to take a loss Terry whether it sets in a garage for a year and a half or you take; and I get it. But I can tell you from a procurement standpoint, I have climbed every mountain available. And Boyd Cat says, we're going to give you $110. Now, if that's not a slap in the face, I don't know what is. But they can't do any better than that because they don't sell tractors. But they can't do any better than that because they don't sell tractors.

President Terry Phillippe: I get that. Okay, so there's nothing else I can say. If you guys want to approve it, I'll open up for a motion on the floor.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I'm going to make a motion that we approve it minus the mulcher because I feel like you; I mean what did we spend last time 40 minutes talking about it and all the potentials and possibilities…

Sherrie Sievers: I will do whatever because it is taxpayers money and that's…

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I don't think any of us are taking it lightly.

Sherrie Sievers: if you can give me a different avenue to go down, I'm happy to go down that avenue.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I will make the motion that we approve it, minus the mulcher.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: I just wish that we also had Bobby's perspective, but you already talked to him about it.

Sherrie Sievers: I sent him a text; he didn't respond because he's ill today.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: but we talked to him about it before.

Sherrie Sievers: yea, we had a meeting where Steve and the highway superintendent or foreman's…

Steve Sherwood: Carl and Bobby Miller. Fleet manager.

Sherrie Sievers: and discussions on it.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: so basically, there should have been; well, before we bought it the first time it should've been…

Vice President Sarah Seaton: yea, we established last time…

Commissioner Stacey Franz: it would've been a lot different than when it was originally bought, right?

President Terry Phillippe: we could spend $50,000 to pay a consultant to go sell this thing and still save have $50,000. I get it, you've only got so much time in a day, but that is such a big loss that we could literally pay somebody to go find a better price for this thing and pay them well to do it and broker the darn thing. It's just too much.

Sherrie Sievers: I don't know if you can legally do that in government procurement.

Steve Spinks: may I say one more thing on behalf of the surveyor's office? This is the biggest piece. The highway department does not have a track excavator this size. This is one step bigger than what they have in their jurisdiction. So, therefore you know it can come into other jobs, too. The drainage, the surveyor's office. We're looking at a job up here on 68 on illegal drain where a farmer, Mr. Lindsay is having a massive erosion. And this here, is going to take riff raft to fix that. And this track hole here is the horsepower, the reach and the right size to where we can use that to place that riff raft and fix that erosion on that legal drain. My point is this would be the biggest piece that the county owns horsepower- wise and reach at this time. It can be used on other jobs if you grant this.

President Terry Phillippe: again, understood. But you kind of opened up another question for me when you mentioned the farmer there. Mr. Wilzbacher had laid out a plan for cleaning the legal

drains. That doesn't sound like that; are you going to do your own plan? Are you going to follow that plan?

Steve Spinks: Mr. Commissioner, I had all the intentions of following that plan to the tee because he has it projected out for about four years and he has the mileage laid out. But when I was taken on my second day of being sworn in down to a place on Howard Williams Ditch and Stahl Road and saw the water that is coming up on Newburgh Dermatology and coming up on another business over here and its due to beaver dams is what its due to. I went back to my office and I thought what should I do? Follow his plan or is this an emergency? And this is an emergency to open up Howard Williams ditch and to save Deaconess Gateway's back corner parking lot and to save Newburgh Dermatology and the other businesses that are over here that are private small businesses and some farmers fields up at Oak Grove where there's two massive beaver dams. I need this piece of equipment to get in there. That's why I decided to move that back and spend my contract service money that I was allowed last year to get this what I call an emergency opened up and to save those peoples businesses.

President Terry Phillippe: so, where's that water going to go?

Steve Spinks: It's going to flow. We get the dams out, sir. Its going to flow right down Howard Williams Ditch into another ditch and that's I can't hardly pronounce that name, but then it will empty into Pigeon Creek and it'll be taken out to the river.

President Terry Phillippe: so, are you saying that there's no blockages downstream?

Steve Spinks: once you get to the other ditch, there is some, sir, but here this equipment has enough horsepower and enough reach that we can grab. And I have my technical deputy as of once he finished these files for you all to be presented. He is now looking at that with the drone. He's flying that drone up and down there and he's finding these log jams and that's the other part of where that contract service will go. Sir, it will be moved to that to open those log drams and get that water flowing to save those businesses there along that ditch.

President Terry Phillippe: okay, so we have a motion on the floor.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: so, its not a decision that I know that we're not making lightly because it is such a large amount of money. However, I do believe that Sherrie's done her due diligence. We've talked about this. I do believe that it's a necessity for Steve to do his work effectively. And so, therefore, I will second Sarah's motion.

President Terry Phillippe: okay, we have a first and a second and I'll say no. So, all in favor? Motion carries 2-1.

Steve Spinks: thank you commissioner, I appreciate that. Thank you, Sherrie, for all the work you did on it.

President Terry Phillippe: anything else for the drainage board? Storm water.

STORM WATER DEPARTMENT:

Steve Sherwood: Thank you Mr. President. First thing I have is the annual appointments. Traditionally, we make them the same as the drainage board officers. Morrie, I think we need a motion to that.

Morrie Doll: we do.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: I'll make that motion to reflect the drainage board.

President Terry Phillippe: same as last year. Is that what you're saying?

Commissioner Stacey Franz: yes.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I'll second that motion.

President Terry Phillippe: all in favor? 4-0.

Steve Sherwood: and then with Terry then being the president, I'd like to ask him if he would assign himself as the 2026 MS4 operator. That's a necessary signature and documents have to come from our office.

President Terry Phillippe: happily, thank you.

Steve Sherwood: need a motion on that too.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: I'll make that motion.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: I'll second that motion.

President Terry Phillippe: all in favor? 4-0

Steve Sherwood: and with that, I do not have anything else on my agenda other than I'm going to move forward as the board requested me to in December to reach out to the county council people and put a package together. I've already met with two individually. They don't think its necessary to meet with the others, but I'm going to put a whole package together and show them in a little more detail that goes with each of the numbers. We are requesting the rate increases to corroborate. I did meet with county surveyor Mr. Spinks as to what the amounts that Dennis Wilzbacher put in here and we could not come up with projects to associate his costs with. He's tried to reach out to Dennis. Dennis has not responded to his calls.

Morrie Doll: what are you asking for? How much are you asking for?

Steve Sherwood: we are, as the board asked me to pitch to $7.50 per month. We talked about in two separate meetings. That's still the will of this board, is that correct? And I will put that to the county council.

Vice President Sarah Seaton: how did the meeting go with the two that you met with?

Steve Sherwood: they would both like to see something less as what we discussed back in December that the meeting Morrie went to and Morrie, I wasn't at the meeting you attended on my behalf. I think they would like us to entertain something less still.

Morrie Doll: they wished we had come earlier and sequentially in smaller increments is what they want. They didn't say a preference for a particular amount, but they didn't like $8.50.

Steve Sherwood: and I plan on pitching the $7.50 per month. And if they do deny that, I will turn around and ask the same meeting, what will you support? That's my tact at this point.

Morrie Doll: well, they said that they couldn't lower it, that they could only approve or deny the specific amount requested by the board. So, if you go in at 7.50 and it's not approved, don't look for them, unless they change their mind and the council could do that, but don't look for them to be willing to say, well, would you take five? Because that's not something they said.

Steve Sherwood: that's not what they wanted. They want the board to propose a figure.

Morrie Doll: they felt like they were limited to the approval or denial specifically of what the board has asked for.

Steve Sherwood: so, with that and if I do pitch the 7.50 and its per month and they deny that they're probably ask me to come back again is what you're saying.

Morrie Doll: yes. Past is indicative of their position.

Steve Sherwood: unless the board wants me to change my approach, that's how I plan to proceed.

President Terry Phillippe: the best you're going to get is an individual expressing their own personal opinion.

Morrie Doll: maybe.

President Terry Phillippe: which doesn't speak for the board.

Steve Sherwood: and I have to make a submittal next week to go meet the council's deadline for advertisement for February. And if Morrie is available, I would welcome him accompany me to that meeting.

Morrie Doll: the unanimously turned me down, are you sure you want me to go?

Steve Sherwood: anything else from the board? Yes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN/RECESS:

President Terry Phillippe: final motion.

Commissioner Stacey Franz: I'll second.

President Terry Phillippe: all in favor? 4-0