WARRICK COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

REGULAR SESSION - AGENDA
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Meeting Date: July 13, 2026
Meeting Time: 2:30 P.M.

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Present: Steve Sherwood, Morrie Doll, Stacey Franz, Terry Phillippe, Sarah Seaton, Amanda Mosiman, Steve Spinks and Ondrea Temme.

The meeting was called to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approval of Minutes

June 29th meeting- Stacey Franz made motion to approve, Sarah Seaton seconded motion. Approved unanimously (3-0)

2. Drainage Review Requests-Evansville Federal Subdivision 2

Chad Wagner on behalf of Servus Incorporated request a waiver for drainage plan preparation for Lots 1 & 2, which is located at 7899 State Road 66 Newburgh, IN.

Sarah Seaton made motion to approve, Stacey Franz seconded motion. Approved unanimously (3-0)

3. Legal Drain Crossing-BSM Group

Dan Yancey with BSM Group is requesting approval for Crossing of Sprengle Ditch which is located along Warrick Trail. Approx start date is within 1 week of approval. The crossing must maintain: 60 inches minimum clearance below the drain, per county ordinance. Stacey Franz made motion to approve, Sarah Seaton seconded motion (3-0)

4. Bid Opening – Edwards Ditch Vegetation Removal

Morrie Doll, opened bids for the Edwards Ditch vegetation removal project.

The first bid, submitted by Bieber Excavating, was in the amount of $24,780.00 and included all required documents.

Amanda confirmed the project is a one-time vegetation removal service. The project consists of approximately 5,792.9 feet of ditch, including approximately 2,537 feet along the north side of State Road 66 and 2,537.6 feet along the south side of State Road 66 in the Edwards Ditch corridor adjacent to Walmart and nearby businesses. Vegetation mut first be mowed before herbicide can be applied.

A correction was made for the record that the project is Edwards Ditch, not Howard Williams Ditch as listed on the agenda.

The second bid, submitted by Paulson Earthworks LLC of Boonville, totaled $64,533.84 and included all required bidding documents.

The third bid, submitted by Elliott Excavating, Inc. of Chandler, totaled $78,188.00 and included all required documents.

Amanda confirmed that all bidders attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting and met the qualification requirements.

Morrie discussed whether the project should be considered a Drainage Board project or a County Surveyor project and if the Drainage Board can approve the contract. Following discussion, it was determined that the Surveyor will select the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and submit the contract to the County Commissioners for approval at a future Commissioners meeting.

Amanda mentioned temporary rights of entry are currently valid for 30 days and requested that the project be awarded promptly to allow completion within 14 days per bid contract. If necessary, the Surveyor will seek extensions from the affected property owners.

Storm Water Board

1. Westwood Subdivision Sections A & B Drainage Improvement Project

Steve Sherwood reported that the Westwood Subdivision Sections A and B Drainage Improvement Project is approximately 65 percent complete.

Invoice No. 2 in the amount of $38,823.00 was presented for payment. Under the Board's new purchasing policy, invoices exceeding $5,000 require approval by the Board and signatures.

Approve Invoice No. 2 in the amount of $38,823.00 and authorize signatures from at least three members of the Storm Water Board.

Approved unanimously (4-0) Sarah Seaton, Stacey Franz seconded, Steve Spinks & Terry Phillippe

2. Baker Tilly Storm Water Rate Study

Previously tabled the proposal, in the estimated amount of $10,000, serves as an addendum to the County's existing professional services agreement with Baker Tilly and outlines the work necessary for the upcoming rate.

Morrie advised that although the agreement contains only a single signature line, Indiana law requires approval by the Board, with signatures from a majority of Board members.

Terry Phillippe made motion to approve the Baker Tilly proposal.

Motion carried unanimously. (4-0) Sarah Seaton, Stacey Franz seconded, Steve Spinks & Terry Phillippe

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Public Comment – Drainage Easement and Erosion (Blue Lake Estates)

Property owner Mike Dietsch (Lot 16) addressed the Board regarding a drainage ditch located between his property and a neighboring property (Lot 15). He explained that runoff from an approximately 40-acre field flows through the ditch and that, despite improvements completed in 2016, including installation of a larger culvert and additional drainage work, severe erosion continues. The issue is that the water does not drain through the platted easement into the lake as it's supposed to.

Mike reported that sediment has accumulated to the extent that the ditch outlet into the lake now sits approximately one to two feet above the water level. During heavy rainfalls, water has entered his garage. He's also concerned about erosion near fiber optic lines, telephone lines, and an electrical transformer as well.

Mike requested that the ditch be reconstructed using proper erosion-control measures, including geotextile fabric, and suggested installation of a box culvert extending to the lake as a permanent solution.

Steve Spinks provided photographs documenting the condition of the drainage easement and explained that the platted 8-foot drainage easement has eroded significantly, expanding to approximately 13 feet and, in some locations expands to 25 feet. Steve stated that water now crosses neighboring property instead of discharging into the lake. Additional photographs showed erosion, exposed utility cable, sediment accumulation, and previous attempts by the property owner to stabilize the ditch.

Board discussed whether the County possesses legal authority to perform corrective work where the drainage channel has left the platted easement and now crosses private property. Steve Spinks referenced Indiana Code 36-9-27 regarding the authority of county surveyors over drainage and storm water systems; however, Sarah Seaton questioned whether that authority extends to work outside the platted drainage easement.

Morrie Doll, stated that the county's authority is generally limited to work within recorded drainage easements and taxpayer funds cannot be used for improvements on private property.

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Steve Sherwood and Bobby will get together to discuss from a roadside standpoint and review approved drainage plans then advise recommendations at a future meeting.

Approved unanimously 4-0 Sarah Seaton, Steve Spinks seconded, Stacey Franz & Terry Phillippe

Meeting Adjourned