

# Randolph County Drainage Board

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## Present:

Michael D. Wickersham, Chairman  
Gary Friend, Vice Chairman  
Gary L. Girton, Member  
Edwin L. Thornburg, Surveyor  
Meeks Cockerill, Drainage Board Attorney  
Laura Martin

## Minutes for April 3, 2023

Mike Wickersham calls the Drainage board meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The first item on the agenda is to Approve the Minutes for our Monday, March 6, 2023 Meeting. Gary Girton makes a motion to except the March 6, 2023 minutes as presented. Gary Friend seconds, Motion is approved.

Mike states that the next item on the agenda is the Surveyors report and turns it over to Ed.

Ed starts, Ok, the first item we have is, I requested more quotes on the Willows Edge ditch project. Two of them were E-mailed and the third one is in a secured envelope. Ed hands Mike the quotes to read. Mike says we have 3 quotes, first is Earthworks out of Lafayette, Indiana for \$43,230.00, East Central Contracting for \$39,523.00 and Cobalt Civil for \$31,429.84. Mike ask if they are all doing the same thing? Ed says that they all got the same request. Mike says he is good with excepting Cobalt Civil. Gary Friend agrees. Mike makes a motion to except Cobalt

Civil's quote of \$31,429.84, Gary Girton seconds, Charity Cox ask if they can check on that to see the date of completion. Mike says we don't have one. Charity say can we put that in there somewhere? Because I know after talking to some of the people that put bids in one did not have a date of completion and one just had Spring, we need this complete as soon as possible. We are working with our excavating company to come in at the end of April, on April 20 to do our part of the parking lot and do grating and we are getting seeded right after that. That's why this need to be done as soon as possible and that's probably why our company high so they can put others to the side to get this job done quick and Cobalt's bid being lower because he can do it in June verse getting done in the end of April. Mike says First none of these bids have a completion date on them. The other is since this is the ditches maintenance money we are not in the position to spend extra money for a time line that meets your needs. Now if you would like for us to contribute 31,429.84 and you pay the difference that would probably work. Ed said he is good with that. Mike states that we have never put a time line on a tile replacement contractor. We work within their schedule and unless we put it in the specs I'm not sure we can. Charity say I don't care who does it just so it gets don't in the next month/month and half. Mike says, I'm afraid you're not going to be able to control that. She says that Ed said he told them. Ed says both of the contractors I have spoke to understand that you are pushed at this. Cobalt is the one that is doing the sew and you have rented equipment from them so they are familiar with the project. Charity say I don't care who does it I just know we are going to be doing seeding and don't want to have to re-do it. This is all going to be done the end of April. Mike says it also depends on the weather. From my stand point I'm in favor of cobalt. I guess that is the motion we have and it has been seconded. Motion approved unanimously, Motion Carries. Charity then gives a brief update on what the have done and are doing.

Ed says we got a letter from Randy Braun, this is for the MS4, they want us to sign this and send it back. Mike ask it meets Ed's approval. Ed

replies yes, I had to read over it several time to completely understand what they said. I you look at the map attached and look at Parker City, you will see a little square. That is the area that they use for the reason that we meet the criteria to be MS4. We should be able to sign this and get our waiver. Mike would entertain a motion giving him permission to sign the MS4 waiver letter on behalf of the Randolph drainage board. Gary Friend motions Gary Girton second, Motion approved, Motion Carries.

Ed states that he met with two sets of farmers work on the log jam between the stone quarry and Ridgeville. Elden Wray came in one day and Muhlenkamp's they are the ones that own the ground adjacent to the log jam. I've been in contact with J.D. Prescott again and basically the understanding is we can have a log jam removed, they don't ask for anything action as long as soils is not distributed in the flood way, not the flood plain the flood way. I have a picture here of the distance from the floodway to the river, its hard to read but the distances are very clear. There is some discussion on the picture and distances. Ed goes on to say that everyone has talked to DNR and it appears that if we move the stuff 750 Feet away there isn't going to be any issues. There is more discussion on the DNR and Mike says that they should be getting DNR approval. Ed then read a letter that DNR had sent, stating that any trees cut must be removed from the floodway to a non-wetland area. Meek suggest that we tell them what ever DNR says we support.

The is discussion on Dark County wanting our GIS. Gary F. suggests if they get ours we get theirs. They discuss what we have done with other counties. Mike suggests Ed talk to him a tell them if they can get a signed commitment from their commissioners stating they will give us access to theirs then we would be willing to waive the \$1200.00 fee.

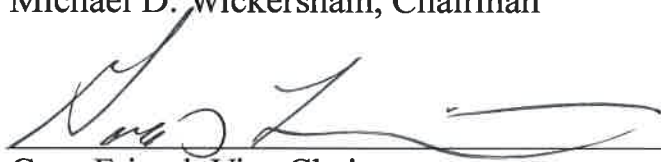
Mike Wickersham makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Friend seconds, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2023 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.



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Michael D. Wickersham, Chairman



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Gary Friend, Vice Chairman



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Gary L. Girton, Member



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Edwin L. Thornburg, County Surveyor