

# Randolph County Drainage Board

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## Present:

Thomas E. Chalfant, Chairman  
Gary L. Girton, Vice Chairman  
Michael D. Wickersham, Member  
Edwin L. Thornburg, Surveyor  
Meeks Cockerill, Drainage Board Attorney  
Casey Keener, Drainage Board Secretary  
Chris Peacock

## **Minutes for October 3, 2022**

Tom Chalfant calls the Randolph County Drainage Board meeting to order. First is the approval of minutes for September 19, 2022. Gary Girton moves to approve the minutes as presented, Mike Wickersham seconds, Minutes approved, motion carries.

## Surveyor's Report

Ed starts with the project that we are involved in currently, is along 227, we are going to need to bore under the road for an upgrade like we did for US 36. I am happy to say that we have received our check for that project. Chris then gives an overview of what the project. So, the first project is a lateral of the Shockney Ditch. The outlet is on John Bruner's land, the proposed outlet on John Bruner's Farm, the tile currently flows north through Terry Comers farm and on up to where it outlets into the open ditch of the Shockney. This has been a problem area for several years, it was initially was proposed about four years ago on another tile project to reroute part of this tile, part of this legal drain to the west to John Bruner's and head west to Terry Comers land. The project is summarized on the pages I hand out to you. It is roughly about 3900 feet of 24" dual wall tile, extending to the east side of Highway 227. From

there east toward across 850 E onto land owned by 3644 LLC. So, where 3644 LLC became involve is they would like to systematically tile and outlet it through this drain. The current outlet is a 10" clay tile that is not in good condition. So, it really needs upsized and replace to handle the current water anyway. That is what this project is about, all the major land owners that are involved in this project are all for it and willing to contribute financially and some even with physical labor. So, what we are requesting if financial assistance from the Randolph County Drainage Board for this project. For instance, helping with the boring under highway 227. And actually, a pass though of fund on that when the state would reimburse on this. As well as some financial assistance for relocating part of this legal drain. Ed says our part of the contribution would be \$15,000.00 towards the replacement and the state would reimburse us for the bore, they will carry the amount of the bore until we get the money from the state. This project cost is about \$300,431.00. There is a discussion on what the project would intel of and the division of the cost involved. The only cost to the Board will only be the \$15,000.00. Gary, Motions for the Drainage Board to pay up to \$15,000.00 on this project. Mike seconds, Motion approved, Motion carries.

Chris passes out another project. This goes into Ohio onto the Donald Greene farm on the north side of 36. It is very minimal land the tile will be underground in Ohio. Potentially converting this into a legal drain, for the landowners in Randolph County. We have had meetings with the neighboring landowners in the watershed, it seemed like a pretty big important deal to some of them. They were willing to pay if they know that the ditch is going to be maintained long term. So currently the tile is in very bad shape on land that Kevin Wise owns which is just west of the outlet, on the west side of the Indiana/Ohio State line. There is some discussion about where the project is on the map. Chris points out where the 36-inch tile would be put in on the map. Mike ask if When they do this they want to dedicate this to the count? Chris states they would like to, it is important to some of the landowners to feel comfortable about contributing financially. Tom ask how much would this cost? Chris says


about \$160,000.00. There is a quote in the packet. Ed says I'm going to recommend that when this is done that we adopt it, and we won't have to collect on it until we need to. Mike said you don't want to forget about it. You could collect on it for 3 or 4 years so that the money is there when it its needed. Mike motions to make it a legal drain when it meets the County Standards. Gary seconds, Motion approved Motion Carries.


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

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022 in the Randolph County Commissioners Room, Winchester Indiana.

  
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