

**Drainage Board Meeting
September 5, 2023**

**Present: Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, Auditor Melissa L. Bunner, Attorney Jeff Lindsey,
Surveyor Jeff Meredith**

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse

Meeting was called to order by President Seiler at 2:45 P.M.

Minutes

Gries made a motion to approve the minutes for August 1, 2023. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Surveyors Report

On August 4, 2023, went to Huffman Covered Bridge to investigate the work needed. On August 18, 2023, held a pre-bid meeting at the bridge with two (2) contractors present.

There were three (3) bids received for the bid opening. They are as follows:

Logans Tree Service	\$6,600
Redline Landworks LLC	\$12,000
Allegiance Tree Service	\$16,500

Meredith advised against a recommendation for Logans Tree Service.

Brown motioned to award the bid to Redline Landworks LLC for the project. Gries seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On August 21, 2023 met with landowner at his farm along the Little Sandy Ditch. There are five (5) landowners that own a part of that drain from State Road 66 to the river totaling approximately 2.4 miles. The drain is in a wetland. Waiting to hear from the Corp of Engineers on how to proceed. Brown suggested looking at our ordinances and reviewing the new bill set by the state for direction while he waits.

Edward Dunn came to the office to discuss Muddy Creek. He is advising that the approved drain work from 2020 to 2021 was never finished. It was awarded to Herron Excavating but Phase 2 never started. It is confirmed that Phase 1 was paid but Phase 2 was not.

Mayor Cathy Kirkpatrick came to discuss a drain from 66 to Silverdale Road. She was directed to call INDOT since the question entails drainage under the highway.

CenterPoint Energy / Mark Wannemueller

Wannemueller presented a map of the Joab Hill Ditch. They are seeking approval for an access road in the drain easement. **Gries motioned to approve this request. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Old Business

Nothing to Report

New Business

Nothing to Report

Gries made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

President

Attest:

Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

