

**Drainage Board Meeting
January 6, 2015**

Present: Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, David Gogel, Surveyor Stanley Herron, Elaine Jones, Auditor Autumn Winkler

The reorganizational meeting of the Drainage Board was called to order by Auditor Winkler at 11:33 A.M.

First order of business was nominations for President for 2015. Gogel made a motion to nominate Logsdon for President. Seiler seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Motion was approved. The meeting was turned over to President Logsdon who asked for nominations for Vice-President. Gogel made a motion to nominate Seiler. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon ask for letter of request for the position of Attorney. Seiler made a motion to appoint Kelly Ward based on her proposal. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

2015 meeting time has been changed to 12:45 P.M. Seiler made a motion to approve new meeting time. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to accept the minutes from December 1st. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Surveyors Report

Herron stated that the county has received the money from Charles Kamuf for Forked Pond Ditch. Erwin Construction has removed stumps that needed removed and is waiting to see what the water is going to do before he starts digging. There will be 2 feet removed, because if 4 feet is removed all stumps would need to be cleared out and then the Core of Engineers would get involved. Herron has contacted loggers about JC Hoople drain with no response. He is waiting to hear from Jimmy Weatherholt. Gogel ask if we are allowed to remove trees from classified forest and Herron stated that loggers can. Herron is getting information together to let out bids on Sweezer Ditch. He is hoping to get bids done on that so it can possibly be done this Winter/Spring.

Logsdon requested to be put on the 1/20/15 County Council agenda to request \$50,000.00 for drainage in the county for the coming year. Anderson River, Lake Drain Tributary, Little Sandy and Pigeon Creek being set up as the major recipients of that work. \$2,500.00 will be set aside for chemicals and \$12,500.00 set aside for miscellaneous work. Total donations received for drainage in the county for 2014 was \$40,019.00. Boyd Farms also donated in-kind work worth almost \$15,000.00.

Walter Yeager was in attendance to discuss his concerns with drainage around the Richland area.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

President

Attest:

Autumn Winkler

Al Logsdon

David J. Gogel

Jim Seiler

**Drainage Board Meeting
February 2, 2015**

Present: Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, David Gogel, Surveyor Stanley Herron, Elaine Jones, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:45 P.M.

Minutes

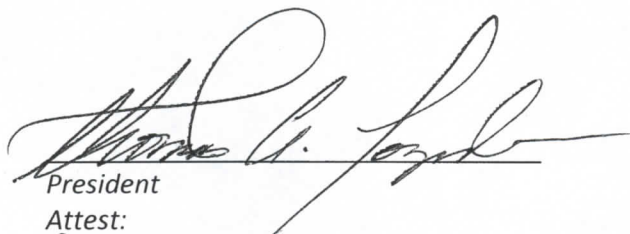
Seiler made a motion to accept the minutes from January 6th. Gogel seconded the motion, motion approved.

Surveyors Report

Forked Pond Ditch- Irwin dug the ditch out 3 ft. and it was still holding water. Herron contacted the utility company and they allowed us to dig out another foot to aide with draining.
Anderson River-Herron stated there are currently loggers working along Anderson River. He will meet with the landowner and loggers to see if they would possibly pull the trees out for us since they are already in the area. This cost should be significantly lower than if we bid it out.
Herron plans on getting the bids out for Lake Drain Tributary in hopes of getting it done before crop season.

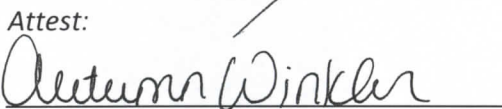
An additional request is on the agenda for the 2-17-15 County Council meeting for \$25,000.00 from the Riverboat Fund. Logsdon will not be in attendance for this meeting, Gogel and Seiler will be present.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 P.M.



President



Attest:




**Drainage Board Meeting
March 3, 2015**

Present: Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, David Gogel, Elaine Jones, Surveyor Stanley Herron, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by the President Al Logsdon at 12:51 P.M.

Minutes

Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2015 Drainage Board Meeting as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyors Report

Irwin Excavating has the ditch dug out to the levee, but does not have all the leveling done yet. Herron spoke to the logger that is working up on Anderson River and he said he would pull 3 trees out for \$200.00 with the landowner possibly paying \$100.00 of that. Work will begin on getting Lake Drain laid out for bid, but we need to see how much Vectren will contribute before proceeding. The start of this project may have to wait until Fall, due to backwater.

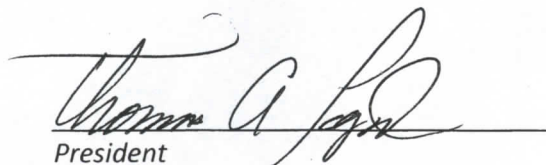
The NCRS has a \$30,000.00 grant they want to use to do a 2 stage ditch on Chrisney Drain. This project will be at no cost to the county. They feel this is a perfect ditch for this type of project and it is designed to slow down the water. This will serve as a model for that type of drainage.

New Business

Painter ask if the Commissioner's were planning on doing any road work in Newtonville on 700 E and opening up Little Sandy. Painter stated he had not spoke with landowners as of yet, but was willing to go speak with them if this was something they were going to act on. Logsdon and Painter will go speak with the landowner about this project.

Logsdon requested the April 7, 2015 meeting time be changed to 2:10 P.M. due to the Commissioner's having a conflicting appointment. Gogel made a motion to change the time of the April 7th meeting. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:03 P.M.



President



Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler



Drainage Board Meeting

April 7, 2015

Present: Al Logsdon, David Gogel, Jim Seiler, Chuck Painter, Surveyor Stanley Herron, Elaine Jones, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 2:10 P.M.

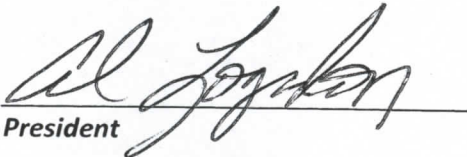
Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2015 meeting. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyors Report

Herron stated there is not a whole lot going on and everywhere is flooded. The ditch in the river bottoms is dug, but the spoil isn't leveled yet. It has been a wet Spring so far and we may have to wait until Fall on some jobs, like in previous years. Herron received a call from a gentleman on SR 70, complaining that a neighboring property had put in a lane going up a hill and now there is lots of mud running across his property. Herron feels that a silt fence needs to be put up, but doesn't feel that is his jurisdiction. He will speak with the ASCS office about their thoughts on this issue and if any action can be taken.

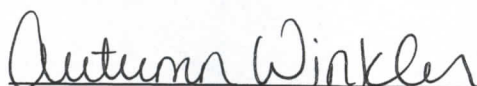
Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 2:16 P.M.



President



Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler



**Drainage Board
May 5, 2015**

**Present: Al Logsdon, David Gogel, Jim Seiler, Surveyor Stanley Herron, Elaine Jones,
Auditor Autumn Winkler**

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:55 P.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from April 7th as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyor Report

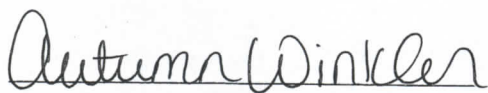
Herron reported there is still not much going on. Irwin is in the bottoms leveling the spoil from the big ditch. Herron reported on a drainage issue along 750W, which is affecting numerous property owners. Ditches on both sides of the road need dug out so water can run down 750W to Clear Creek. The county has attempted to clean out the ditches before and the property owner was unhappy about it, so the county stopped. These ditches need to be cleaned so they can run to a natural drain that runs across a field. The natural drain would also need some work to enhance its drainage, but it would probably be October before anyone could get on the property to work on that ditch due to crops in the fields. Logsdon suggested that the next time it rains Herron, Painter, and Seiler meet and assess the problem. We will notify the landowners before any work is done. He stated we can use the money from the Rainy Day Fund since this is an emergency situation. Gogel suggested we contact the landowners about also contributing. Herron stated he was unsure about the landowners contributing, but that the person who farms the ground might. Seiler suggested that the farmer might do the work himself in lieu of contributing to someone else doing the work. This issue will be discussed again after further review.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:13 P.M.



President
Attest:







**Drainage Board Meeting
June 2, 2015**

Present: Al Logsdon, David Gogel, Jim Seiler, Surveyor Stanley Herron, Elaine Jones, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:55 P.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from May 5th. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyor Report

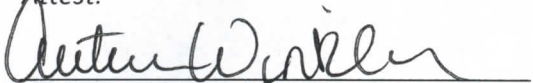
Herron reported that the ditch in the bottoms has been inspected and approved. Mike Erwin has turned in the bill for said ditch. Herron stated they are half way thru spraying and it's possible that more chemicals will be needed. There is \$500.00 left in budget, but Herron is requesting permission to purchase additional chemicals if needed. Gogel made a motion to approve the surveyor purchasing more chemicals if needed at a cost of no more than \$1,000.00. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

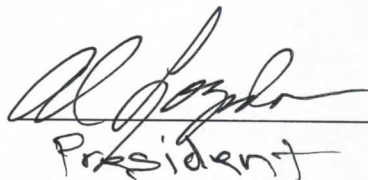


President

Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler



President



**Drainage Board Meeting
July 7, 2015**

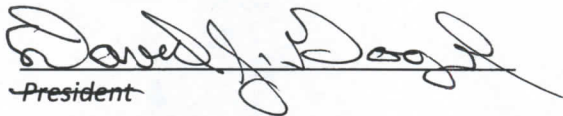
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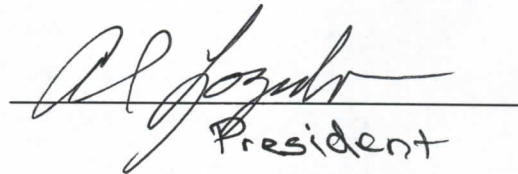
Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:45 P.M.

Surveyor Report

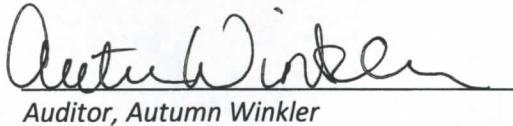
Herron reported that Vectren contacted him wanting the address of where to send the donation for Lake Drain ditch. They did not state what the donation would be, but they are donating. The JC Hoople ditch, just north of Richland, has been cleared of trees on both sides for approximately a mile and ½ stretch by the landowner, Gray Estates. This clearing of trees was done at no cost to the county. Logsdon mentioned the 2016 budget that Herron had recently submitted and Herron stated that everything stayed the same as 2015, except the rental on the RZR which went from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00. Herron reported that he was able to finish the spraying without having to purchase additional chemicals.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.M.


President


President

Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler



**Drainage Board Meeting
August 4, 2015**

Present: Al Logsdon, David Gogel, Jim Seiler, Surveyor Stanley Herron, Elaine Jones,
Deputy Auditor Heidi Greene

Absent: Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:45 P.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from July 7, 2015. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2, 2015. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyors Report

Herron reported that he has some bid specs he would like to get out at the beginning of September.

He has contacted Vectren about the contribution amount and has heard nothing from them. Herron would like to know the amount contributed before he goes to the farmers. This could slow up the Sweezer ditch project. Logsdon will contact Vectren again.

Herron reported that the ditch that runs beside the fire department in Hatfield on old SR 66 needs to be cleaned out. He asked for direction on whether the board wanted trees removed from both sides of the road or only one side. Herron reported he would like the trees removed on the fire department side if the decision is made to only complete one side. They are too large to mow down and would need to be removed and the ditch sprayed, so they don't return. He believes this goes to the states property, so we will only be able to clean to the fence. Herron mentioned that when we get to the ditch by Luce there will be no money from farmers to contribute to the project. Logsdon asked Herron what he thought an estimate would be to do the project. Herron stated that it just depends on how much of the ditch is in the state right of way. Herron estimates that if you clean both sides of the ditch, it would cost about \$5.00 per foot. He will check into what the actual cost could be.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

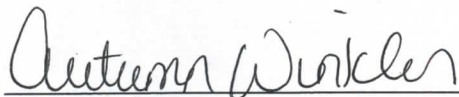
Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.



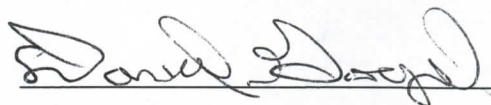
President



Attest:



Auditor, Autumn Winkler



**Drainage Board Meeting
September 4, 2015**

Present: Al Logsdon, David Gogel, Jim Seiler, Stanley Herron, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 1:30 P.M.

Minutes

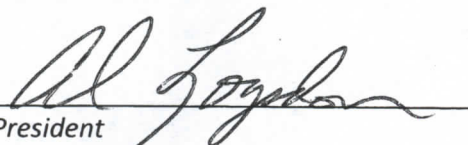
Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from August 4th as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyor Report


Herron presented the letter from Vectren showing their \$5,000.00 contribution on the drainage project in Grass Township. He stated that Phillip Schmidt and Scott Singleton have pledged to pay \$2,000.00 each towards this project also, so the county will only be responsible for the remainder after these contributions. The bid specs were presented to the board and the bid opening is scheduled for October 6th.

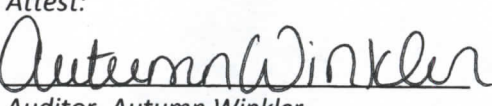
Herron reported that he has spoke with Youngblood Farms about the ditch in Luce Township and the possibility of Youngblood being able to bush hog the ditch. Herron will wait to hear back from Youngblood before bidding the job out.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:34 P.M.

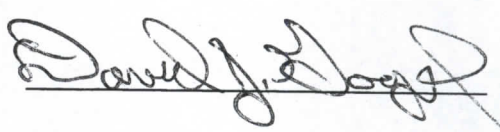


President



Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler



**Drainage Board Meeting
October 6, 2015**

**Present: Al Logsdon, David Gogel, Jim Seiler, Stanley Herron, Elaine Jones,
Auditor Autumn Winkler**

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 12:45 P.M.

Minutes

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from September 4th. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Bid Opening

Eisler/Martin Drain- 3400 ft.

This ditch is on the west side of SR 161 and will be cleared on both sides. Herron stated it will be cleared 2/3 on one side of the ditch and 1/3 of the way on the other side. Two bids were presented.

Youngblood Farms - \$13,800.00

Erwin Excavating, LLC - \$34,100.00

Surrounding farmers Schmidt and Singleton have committed to pay \$2,000.00 each on this project. Herron recommended accepting the bid from Youngblood Farms. Seiler made a motion to accept the bid from Youngblood Farms. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved. The county responsibility for this ditch will be \$9,800.00 after the \$4,000.00 contributions from farmers.

Sweezer/Meyer Drain

Vectren has contributed \$5,000.00 for work to be done on the Sweezer/Meyer Drain. Bid specs were for quotes to be given on how many feet could be cleared for the \$5,000.00 contribution. 1 bid was presented from Youngblood Farms.

Youngblood Farms - 1428 ft.

Gogel made a motion to accept the bid from Youngblood Farms. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyors Report

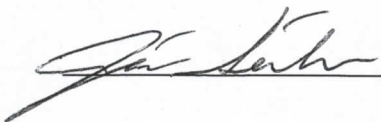
Don Schroeder came before the board to express a complaint about drainage in the area around The Lincoln Commerce Center. Schroeder stated that a ditch leading into a culvert near the railroad track is stopped up restricting flow which is flooding surrounding land. The owners of the surrounding land are losing crops due to water not draining properly. Herron stated that the culvert was not put in at the correct depth. Herron will go investigate the ditch and culvert to see what action should be taken. Logsdon assured Schroeder that Herron will go check it out. Schroeder will speak with surrounding land owners to see who is willing to contribute funds to assist with clean up needed. Herron will work on drawing up bids to do the work needed and if funds are available action can be taken in November.

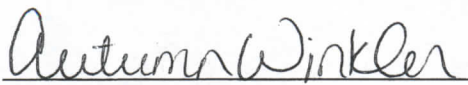
Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.



President
Attest:





Auditor, Autumn Winkler



**Drainage Board Meeting
November 2, 2015**

Present: President Al Logsdon, David Gogel, Jim Seiler, Surveyor Stanley Herron, Elaine Jones, Auditor Autumn Winkler

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 11:30 A.M.

Minutes

No minutes were presented.

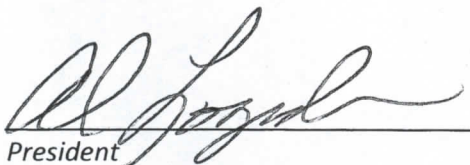
Surveyor Report

Herron reported that he went and investigated the Thomas/Strassel ditch. He walked the ditch and it was completely dry at that time. The culvert at the railroad track is a good 2-1/2 to 3 ft. deeper than the ditch and it's humped up on each side. The ditch needs to be dipped out on the north side about 800 ft. Don Foertsch owns some of the land in that area and it appears that land could be causing some of the problem. Herron recommended that when we are working in that area that we request permission to put a culvert in also to assist with draining. Logsdon asked what size culvert Herron recommended and he stated a 30" culvert would be a good fit. A culvert would help all the surrounding land owners. Logsdon asked Herron what he thought the cost would be and Herron stated that the ditch was pretty clear, so probably around \$3.00/ft. Herron stated that they have some money they can move around to put towards it and Schroeder has commitments of \$5,000.00 from land owners. Logsdon will try to setup a meeting with Don Foertsch to explain the situation and request that he contribute towards the project also. Herron would like to have the bids out by the middle of this month or no later than the first of December. If any funds are available after completing this project, Herron is hopeful that work can be done on the ditch by the Hatfield fire station.

New Business


The December meeting needs to be moved to December 9th at 11:00 A.M, due to a change in the Commissioner's meeting. Gogel made a motion to approve changing the December meeting. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 11:54 A.M.



President

Attest:







**Drainage Board Meeting
December 9, 2015**

**Present: Al Logsdon, David Gogel, Jim Seiler, Surveyor Stanley Herron, Elaine Jones,
Auditor Autumn Winkler**

Meeting was called to order by President Al Logsdon at 11:30 A.M.

Minutes

Gogel made a motion to approve the minutes from October 6th as presented. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

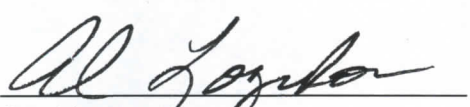
Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from November 2nd as presented. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Surveyors Report

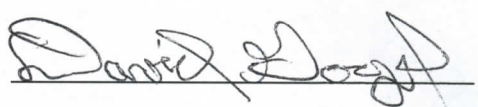
Herron reported that him and Commissioner Seiler went to inspect the ditch out by the LEDC after a hard rain and determined that the ditch was running backwards. After making this discovery, Herron and Commissioner Logsdon met with INDOT to discuss the drainage issues. INDOT has agreed to have their engineer shoot the grade, then they will dig a ditch just inside their fence within 3 weeks to see if this resolves the issue. Elevation needs to be shot before any digging is done to see if digging out a ditch will even work. INDOT stated that the culvert at the railroad tracks could also be part of the problem and if that's the case the culvert will need to be lowered. Herron reported that bids for this job have been put on hold and no money that was pledged by surrounding landowners has yet been received. We want to make sure all work that needs completed by the state is done first.

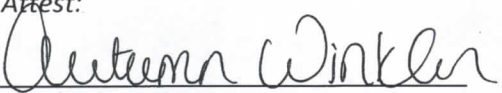
Jones presented the Annual Financial Report and explained the descriptions and figures listed. As of December 9th the Auditor's office showed a balance of \$35,378.77 and the Surveyors office showed a balance of \$16 578.77, this difference is due to the Surveyor's office already taking of the amounts needed for the Martin and the Meyer drain. This gives them an accurate number of what funds they have left to spend. Youngblood will turn in an invoice for Sweezer ditch to be paid before year end. Eisler/Martin ditch will not be completed by year end so that money will need to be encumbered and also Tower Drain will be encumbered.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded the motion, motion was approved.
Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M.



President



Attest:


Auditor, Autumn Winkler