

Montgomery County
Drainage Board Meeting
December 11, 2024

The Montgomery County Drainage Board met on Wednesday, November 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Chairman Dave Rhoads called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members in attendance were, Dave Rhoads Chairman, Doug Mills, and Secretary Matt Mitchell. Present were Surveyor Tom Cummins and Attorney Dan Taylor.

Also present was Ethan Redmon, Treasurer Heather Laffoon, and Stephanie Campbell.

Approval of Minutes

Doug Mills moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to approve the December 11, 2024 Drainage Board minutes. Motion carried, 3-0.

Petitions

Tom Cummins – reported receiving a petition for variance from the Board of Public Works and Safety for the William Epperson #622 drain to install a new sub-surface water main, along Nucor road. Surveyor recommends approving the petition.

Doug Mills moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to approve the petition for variance from the Board of Public Works and Safety, on the William Epperson #622. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom Cummins – reported receiving a petition for variance from the Board of Public Works and Safety for the Jennings-Miller #616 drain to install a new sub-surface water main, along Nucor road. Surveyor recommends approving the petition.

Doug Mills moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to approve the petition for variance from the Board of Public Works and Safety, on the Jennings-Miller #616. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom Cummins – reported receiving a petition to attach from Mr. Craig Lawrence, on the Claude Moody #583 drain to connect a 4" septic perimeter tile. Surveyor recommends approving the petition.

Doug Mills moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to approve the petition to attach from Mr. Craig Lawrence, on the Claude Moody #583. Motion carried 3-0.

Tom Cummins – reported receiving a request from INDOT, to extend the approved variance petition #2023004, on the Harrison Doyle #617. Generally, these petitions are good for one year, but INDOT has pushed this project and is scheduled to begin in September of 2025 with a completion date of September of 2026.

Dave Rhoads moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to approve the petition extension request from INDOT on the Harrison Doyle #617 for the approved petition #2023004. Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

David Rhoads recommended setting the Board's 2025 meeting schedule on the second Wednesday of each month, at 9:30 am. Outgoing Commissioner Frey will be replaced, and a new Commissioner will sit on the Board after the first of the year.

Dave Rhoads moved, seconded by Doug Mills to maintain the current Board schedule in 2025, and meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am at the Government Center. Motion carried 3-0.

Surveyor reported that a new Indiana law requires that our meetings are live-streamed online, on YouTube, starting on July 1, 2025.

Treasurer Laffoon recommended that in the future, the Board continue to invite the County Treasurer to the Board meetings, as they answer a lot of questions from landowners regarding drainage and assessments. The Board agreed.

Tom Cummins – Submitted a drain fund transfer request to the Board; total transfers of \$33,673.22 to be moved from maintenance to improvement, \$69,628.79 to be moved from reconstruction to improvement, and \$36,070.54 to be moved from reconstruction to maintenance.

Doug Mills moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to approve the drain fund transfer request, as submitted by the Surveyor. Motion carried, 3-0.

Tom Cummins – presented the current Drain Listing Report, showing the drain fund balances reflecting the transfers approved today. This report is for information only and doesn't need approval by the Board.

Public Comment

Attorney Dan Taylor mentioned that retention of members is paramount to the Board's success.

Dave Rhoads – reported the next Drainage Board meeting would be January 8th, 2025.

Doug Mills moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m. Motion carried, 3-0.


Tom Cummins,

Surveyor




David Rhoads, Chairman

Vacant, Vice Chairman


Matt Mitchell, Secretary

Lance Sennett, Member


Doug Mills, Member


member