

**Montgomery County
Drainage Board Meeting**

March 13, 2024

The Montgomery County Drainage Board met on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Chairman Dave Rhoads, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, called the meeting to order. Vicki Emmert gave the prayer.

Board members in attendance were Chairman Dave Rhoads, Secretary Matt Mitchell, and member Lance Sennett. Vice Chairman John Frey and member Doug Mills were not present. Present were Tom Cummins, Surveyor, Vicki Emmert, Secretary and Attorney Tyler Nichols.

Also, present was Brenda Foster, Heather Laffoon and Roger Azar.

Approval of Minutes

Lance Sennett moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to approve the February 14, 2024 and February 21, 2024 minutes. Motion carried, 3-0.

Petitions

Tom Cummins – reported receiving a petition for variance from Duke Energy for the **William Linn #580** drain to replace four overhead electric utility poles from wood to metal. Mr. Cummins recommends approving the petition. The overhead projector displayed all the information for all the petitions today.

Dave Rhoads moved, seconded by Lance Sennett, to approve the petition for variance from Duke Energy as submitted for the *William Linn #580* drain. Motion carried, 3-0.

Tom Cummins – reported receiving a petition for variance from Duke Energy for the **Alvin Sparks #554** drain to replace six overhead electric utility poles from wood to metal. Mr. Cummins recommends approving the petition.

Lance Sennett moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell to approve the petition for variance from Duke Energy as submitted for the *Alvin Sparks #554* drain. Motion carried, 3-0.

Tom Cummins – reported receiving a petition for variance from Duke Energy for the **Linn-Himes #533** drain to replace one overhead electric utility pole from wood to metal. Mr. Cummins recommends approving the petition.

Dave Rhoads moved, seconded by Lance Sennett, to approve the petition for variance from Duke Energy as submitted for the *Linn-Himes #533* drain. Motion carried, 3-0.

Tom Cummins – reported receiving a petition for variance from Duke Energy for the **Timothy Lane #602** drain to replace one overhead electric utility pole from wood to metal. Mr. Cummins recommends approving the petition.

Matt Mitchell moved, seconded by Lance Sennett, to approve the petition for variance from Duke Energy as submitted for the *Timothy Lane #602* drain. Motion carried, 3-0.

Tom Cummins – reported receiving a petition for variance from Duke Energy for the **James Harris #715** for ten overhead electric utility poles from wood to metal. Mr. Cummins recommends approving the petition.

Lance Sennett moved, seconded by Dave Rhoads, to approve the petition for variance from Duke Energy as submitted for the James Harris #715 drain. Motion carried, 3-0.

Dave Rhoads – inquired about vacating the **William Linn #580**.

Tom Cummins – reported no, it is the **Isaac Linn #626** drain; the landowners would like to vacate.

Tom Cummins – reported receiving a petition for variance from Lumen Technologies for the **Otis Thompson #708** drain that will cross two lines running fiber optic cable. It would be Tributary 3 and the main.

Roger Azar- inquired if it was a directional bore.

Tom Cummins –reported yes, our lines are six to seven feet deep and they will be running cable at three to four feet deep.

Dave Rhoads moved, seconded by Matt Mitchel, to approve the petition for variance from Lumen Technologies as submitted for the Otis Thompson #708. Motion carried, 3-0.

Tom Cummins – reported receiving a petition to vacate the **Moore's Heights #598** drain from landowners representing more than 10% of the affected acreage. Mr. Cummins recommends holding a vacate hearing at the April 10, 2024 meeting.

Dave Rhoads moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to hold a vacate hearing for the Moore's Heights #598 drain on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the Montgomery County Government Center. Motion carried, 3-0.

Old Business

Tom Cummins – reported the original 2024 OFF list included the **James Hose #572**. Surveyor would like to omit it for the 2024 year, as maintenance work is needed, and recommends that the drain be assessed.

Lance Sennett moved, seconded by Matt Mitchel, to accept the revision for the 2024 off list. Motion carried, 3-0.

There was no new business, other business, or public comment.

Lance Sennett moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried, 3-0.

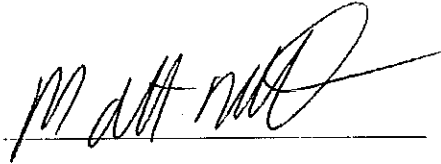
Vicki Emmert,

Recording Secretary

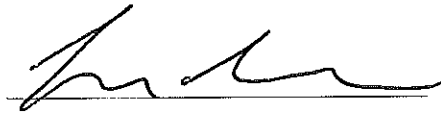


David Rhoads, Chairman

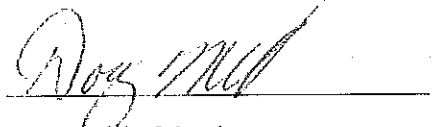
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Lance Sennett, Member



Doug Mills, Member

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