

**Montgomery County  
Drainage Board Meeting  
September 11, 2024**

The Montgomery County Drainage Board met on Wednesday, September 11, 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, Dave Rhoads Chairman, Vice Chairman John Frey, Secretary Matt Mitchell, members Lance Sennett & Doug Mills. Present were Tom Cummins, Surveyor, and Attorney Dan Taylor. Vicki Emmert and Jenna Foster secretaries.

Also present was Brenda Foster and Heather Laffoon.

**Approval of Minutes**

**John Frey moved, seconded by Lance Sennett, to approve the August 14, 2024 Drainage Board minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.**

**Old Business**

**Chrineyance Schenck #506**

Tom Cummins -- reported there were two change orders for the **Chrineyance Schenck #506**. The first was work completed by Maxwell Farm Drainage. The screen was used to display the area.

Tom Cummins -- reported the second change order was for engineering completed by Banning Engineering for the geotechnical investigation.

**Chrineyance Schenck #506** the Board approved the final reconstruction cost breakdown, as submitted.

The loan request will be for \$712,936.16

John Frey -- reported to have a main that was in so dire need of repair and the average per acre of \$583.57 is really good.

Tom Cummins -- Used the screen again to display the area; what was old and what was new.

Tom Cummins -- reported there were not a lot of unknowns.

Tom Cummins -- recommended the Board approve the change orders, final payment to the contractor, and the final schedule of assessments.

**John Frey moved, seconded by Doug Mills, to approve the Chrineyance Schenck #506 change orders in the amounts of \$63,776.00 and \$5,500.00, the final payment to Maxwell Farm Drainage and the final schedule of assessments.**

Dave Rhoads -- reported walking with Bill McCormick in the east pasture of the **Chrineyance Schenck #506** and the **William Shelley #706** and was uneasy about both drains. **Motion carried, 5-0.**

**Other Business**

Tom Cummins – recommended the Board hold landowner information meetings in October for the **Roy Harper #592, Edward Berry #593** and the **Joseph Conway #700**, to discuss future reconstruction. The drains were partially reconstructed previously and are scheduled on the Long Range Plan. Landowner input is needed to determine future phases of reconstruction.

Dave Rhoads – inquired if we could hold the landowner meetings in November instead of October, due to harvest.

Tom Cummins – recommended meeting in October, to allow sufficient time for surveying and engineering.

Dave Rhoads – reported he was concerned for harvest and the landowners involved with attendance.

**Doug Mills moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to hold landowner informational meetings for the Roy Harper #592, Edward Berry #593, and the Joseph Conway #700 on October 9, 2024 at the Montgomery County Government Center at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried, 5-0.**

**New Business**

Tom Cummins – introduced Jenna Foster, who is in training to replace Vicki Emmert.

Tom Cummins – reported he has had a couple of interviews for the drainage tech position but nothing solid yet.

John Frey – reported seeing the City has a bid for reconstruction of the **William Shelley #706**.

Dave Rhoads – reported it is possibly for a Dollar General Store.

**Public Comment**

Heather Laffoon – inquired of Tom Cummins when the assessment notices would be sent out for the reconstructions?

Tom Cummins – reported the last three reconstructions have been sent to the Auditor, and payment is due in June of 2026.

Tom Cummins – inquired if Heather Laffoon would like to be copied on the e-mail information to the Auditor.

Heather Laffoon – reported yes.


Dave Rhoads – clarified that the loan was from Tri County Bank.


Tom Cummins – reported they were the only one to submit rates.

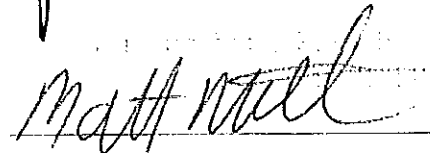
The next meeting will be October 9, 2024.

John Frey moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

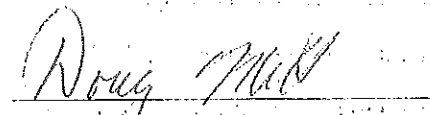
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Recording Secretary

  
David Rhoads, Chairman

  
John Frey, Vice Chairman

  
Matt Mitchell, Secretary

Lance Sennett, Member

  
Doug Mills, Member

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