

Montgomery County
Drainage Board Meeting
January 8, 2025

The Montgomery County Drainage Board met on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025, 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, Jake Bohlander, and Secretary Matt Mitchell. Present were Surveyor Tom Cummins and Attorney Dan Taylor.

Also present were Breanne Deaver, Preston Evans, Jake Peterson, and Tom Klein.

Reorganization & Election of Officers

Jake Bohlander nominated Dave Rhoads to serve as Chairman, seconded by Doug Mills. Motion carried 3-0.

Matt Mitchell nominated Doug Mills to serve as Vice Chairman, seconded by Jake Bohlander. Motion carried 3-0.

Matt Mitchell nominated Lance Sennett to serve as Secretary, seconded by Doug Mills. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Rhoads welcomed the new County Commissioner, Jake Bohlander to the Board.

Attorney Contract

Dave Rhoads moved, seconded by Jake Bohlander, to accept the contract from Dan Taylor, of Taylor, Minnette, Schneider & Clutter, P.C., to serve as the Drainage Board attorney, in 2025. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Doug Mills moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to approve the December 11th, 2024 Drainage Board minutes. Motion carried, 4-0.

Petitions

Tom Cummins – reported receiving a petition for variance from Vault Alliance CCS, LP, for the William Hawker #522 drain to install a new sub-surface carbon dioxide pipeline, as part of a carbon capture project located north of Linden. Surveyor reported that the same project will encroach the easements on three (3) different regulated drains, and petitions have been received for all encroachments. Petitioner(s) have also requested variance for the Arthur Fraley 2 #709 and the Shumaker-White #713. Chairman Rhoads inquired if all the petitions could be approved in one motion, as they are all part of the same project. Attorney confirmed. Surveyor recommended approving the requests.

Doug Mills moved, seconded by Matt Mitchell, to approve the petitions for variance, from Vault Alliance CCS, LP, for the William Hawker #522, Arthur Fraley 2 #709, and Shumaker-White #713. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business

Tom Cummins requested the Board schedule assessment hearings for the Samuel Humphrey #526, Fred White #609, and James Servies #703. These drains are currently carrying significant deficits in the Improvement fund. Mr. Cummins recommends setting the assessment hearings for the February meeting.

Doug Mills moved, seconded by Dave Rhoads, to schedule assessment hearings for the Samuel Humphrey #526, Fred White #609, and James Servies #703 drains at the February 12, 2025 meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Other Business

Attorney Dan Taylor presented the Board members a handout for training and reviewed it with the Board.

Dave Rhoads inquired about the joint board on the John McLaughlin #097. Former Board member John Frey sat on the joint board, with Tippecanoe and Clinton Counties, and will need to be replaced. Attorney recommends putting this item on the agenda for the February meeting.

Public Comment

County Administrator Tom Klein reminded the Board that starting in July, Board meetings are required to be live streamed, online.

Tom Cummins introduced Breanne Deaver, the new Drainage Tech in the Surveyor's office.

Dave Rhoads – reported the next Drainage Board meeting will be on February 12th, 2025.

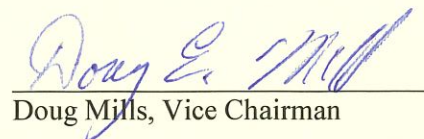
Jake Bohlander moved, seconded by Doug Mills, to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. Motion carried, 4-0.

Tom Cummins,

Surveyor



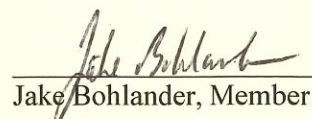
Dave Rhoads, Chairman



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Matt Mitchell, Member



Jake Bohlander, Member