**LaGrange County Drainage Board Minutes**

 **Commissioner’s Room – 1st Floor County Office Building**

A Public Hearing of the LaGrange County Drainage Board was called to order by Ben Taylor at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday, March 5th, 2025.

**Those Present Were:**

Ben Taylor, Chair; Todd Perkins, Vice Chair; Kevin Myers, Member; Zach Young, Member; Zach Holsinger, County Surveyor; Samantha Emrick, Board Secretary; Cory Stewart, Deputy Surveyor; Kurt Bachman, Attorney; Tharon Morgan, County Engineer

**#49 Logan Lat. B – Establishment**

**LANDOWNERS PRESENT**: None

Zach Young recused himself from this hearing and discussion due to a conflict of interest.

 Ben Taylor opened the public hearing at 9:00 A.M. by verifying the necessary public notice criteria have been met per I.C. 36-9-27-40. Taylor verified that landowners in attendance had signed in. Taylor asked Yoder to verify proper notice of the public hearing and Yoder provided the date of letters being sent and publication in newspapers. Holsinger presented an aerial showing the location of the tile system.

**DISCUSSION:** Taylor acknowledged that no objection letters had been received. As no one was present to speak, Taylor closed public comment. The Board discussed and asked for the attorney’s advice. Bachman stated that he believes we should have done a hearing based on the reconstruction statute instead of a new drain statute and that we are using the wrong notice and statutes.

Todd Perkins made a motion to approve the establishment as presented. Ben Taylor seconded the motion. The motion failed with a 2-1 vote.

The Board asked Yoder if she could get notices around for a reconstruction hearing on this for May. Yoder said she could. This is now scheduled for Wednesday, May 7 at 8:30 AM for a reconstruction hearing.

Benjamin Taylor, Chair

Todd Perkins, Vice Chair

Kevin Myers, Member

Eric Knepp, Member

Zach Young, Member