**LaGrange County Drainage Board Minutes**

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

A regular session of the LaGrange County Drainage Board was called to order by Ben Taylor at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025.

**Those Present Were:**

Ben Taylor, Chair; Todd Perkins, Vice Chair; Zachary Young, Member; Glen Bontrager, Member; Zach Holsinger, County Surveyor; Samantha Yoder, Secretary; Cory Stewart, Deputy Surveyor; Tony Manns, County Attorney; Robbie Miller, Planning/Zoning; Ron Mishler, Landowner

**Agenda:**

Young moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Perkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:**

Young motioned to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Perkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

No right-of-way applications to present.

Holsinger presented the two bids we received for the #9 Francis project on 700 S and SR 3. The bids submitted were as follows: Adam Castle - $149,735.00 and API Construction Corp. - $264,000.00. The Board discussed. Perkins made a motion to award the bid of Adam Castle with the stipulation that we get Highway and INDOT approval. Bontrager seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Yoder presented the proposed meeting dates for 2026 for the Boards consideration. Young made a motion to approve the dates as presented. Bontrager seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Holsinger gave an update on Shipshewana Auction and the placement of rock catches for the manholes. Holsinger stated that all have been placed that we required, and they have placed additional ones in their private laterals but are waiting on three additional baskets because they miscounted originally.

Holsinger gave an update on Ervin Bontrager’s cabin that was to be moved. Holsinger stated that the new foundation has been poured, and they are 95’ from the top of the bank and will be moving the structure either this week or next, so they have come into compliance.

**Other Business:**

Holsinger presented an issue we are having with a landowner in regard to the Turkey Creek log jam removal project we have going on. Holsinger stated that the landowner is threatening to sue us for cleaning out the log jams and removing trees because he doesn’t like what is being done and how it’s being done. The Board discussed. Manns suggested that we send a letter to the landowner letting him know that he is welcome to hire his own contractor and pay for the cleaning on his property following our specifications or we will do what needs to be done to keep water flowing per Drainage Code. Perkins made a motion to send a letter to the landowner and for Manns to write the letter. Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board had a short discussion about the cum drain fund.

Next meeting date is Wednesday, October 8th at 8:30 AM.

**Adjourn:**

Perkins motioned to close the drainage board meeting for Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025, at 9:02 A.M. Young seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Benjamin Taylor, Chair

Todd Perkins, Vice Chair

Kevin Myers, Member

Glen Bontrager, Member

Zachary Young, Member