**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, October 8th, 2025.

**Those Present Were:**

Ben Taylor, Chair; Todd Perkins, Vice Chair; Zachary Young, Member; Kevin Myers, Member; Zach Holsinger, County Surveyor; Samantha Yoder, Secretary; Cory Stewart, Deputy Surveyor; Tony Manns, County Attorney; Tharon Morgan, County Engineer; Michael Ware, NIPSCO Rep.; Yazmin Ramirez, Landowner; Natalie Skaro, NIPSCO Rep.

**Agenda:**

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

**Minutes:**

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

**New Business:**

Holsinger presented an application to encroach into the drainage right-of-way for NIPSCO. Holsinger showed an aerial picture and stated that this is for a pole replacement, and he has no issue with it. Young made a motion to approve the application as presented. Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Holsinger presented a second application to encroach into the drainage right-of-way for NIPSCO. Holsinger showed an aerial picture and stated that this is for a pole replacement, and he has no issue with it. Young made a motion to approve the application as presented. Perkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Holsinger presented a third application to encroach into the drainage right-of-way for NIPSCO. Holsinger showed an aerial picture and stated that this is for a pole replacement, and he has no issue with it. Perkins made a motion to approve the application as presented. Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Holsinger presented a fourth application to encroach into the drainage right-of-way for NIPSCO. Holsinger showed an aerial picture and stated that this is for a pole replacement, and he has no issue with it. Young made a motion to approve the application as presented. Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Holsinger presented an application to encroach into the drainage right-of-way for NIPSCO. Holsinger showed an aerial and stated that they are looking to do a pole replacement. Holsinger stated that he has some concerns because we just replaced this tile and the current pole’s guy wires are right over the pole. Natalie Skaro, NIPSCO Rep., stated that they can move the pole so that the guy wires do not interfere with the tile. Perkins made a motion to approve the application as long as the pole is moved so that the guy wires are out of the way of conflict with the tile. Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Holsinger presented an older application from Jose Munoz and NIPSCO. Holsinger stated that we approved a driveway for Mr. Munoz two years ago and that NIPSCO had come in earlier this year to run underground lines on the west side of the property, but because of the location of our tile the Board approved the lines to be run on the East side along the driveway. Holsinger stated that he believes that the tile may no longer be there or is really deep and he doesn’t have an issue with allowing the lines to be on the west side of the property. The Board discussed. Perkins made a motion to approve moving the lines to the west side of the property. Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Holsinger presented a claim from Gilberts for work done on Turkey Creek #219 in the amount of $26,218.75. Holsinger stated that they have done a good job, and we will be getting another bill later because they are still doing more work. Perkins made a motion to approve payment of the claim. Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Holsinger gave an update on the letter we received from the landowner in regard to his pond on 200 E. The Board discussed. The Board decided to have a riser pipe installed on the north end of the pond where the water outlets to help keep debris out of the tile.

**Other Business:**

The Board discussed the possibility of a cum drain fund and have decided to pursue it.

Next meeting date is Wednesday, November 5th at 8:30 AM.

**Adjourn:**

Perkins motioned to close the drainage board meeting for Wednesday, October 8th, 2025, at 9:35 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