

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
January 20, 2026

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, in the Courthouse Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. Those present: Members Mike McClure, Jennifer Knebel, Don Street, Surveyor Jenny Keller, Secretary Lynn Wilder, Jake Ballah/BF & S, Brandi Larkin, Rudy DeSabatine, Mike Merten, & Nathan Origer.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

CHAIRMAN – Mike McClure
Jennifer motioned, Don seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

VICE CHAIRMAN- Jennifer Knebel
Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

BOARD SECRETARY- Lynette Wilder
Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

DRAINAGE BOARD ATTORNEY – Tim Murray
Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

MONON DITCH BOARD – Mike Tiede
Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

INDIAN CREEK DITCH BOARD – Jennifer Knebel
Don motioned, Mike seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

BOGUS DITCH BOARD – Mike McClure
Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

ZECHIEL-CHAPMAN-LOHR DITCH BOARD-Jennifer Knebel
Don motioned, Mike seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

REGULATED DRAIN CROSSING / NIPSCO PROJECT / MICHAEL MERTEN

Michael Merten, a consultant from WSP Engineering, appeared on behalf of NIPSCO regarding regulated drain crossings for NIPSCO's Long Range Transmission Program extending from Reynolds to Burr Oak. This project is adding a new electrical circuit to existing overhead support structures. Temporary timber matting and easement access over several maintained ditches will be utilized. He assured the board that photos will be taken and their environmental inspectors oversee the restoration to pre-project conditions, together with the understanding that NIPSCO is responsible for the costs of any damage.

2026 DITCH CERTIFICATION OF COLLECTIONS

Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, motion carried to approve the 2026 Collections of Ditch Maintenance list as presented by the Surveyor.

AWARD 2026 SPRAY BIDS

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| Prairie Marsh, Inc. | \$ 141,117.40** |
| Right of Way Management | \$ 202,815.26 |
| Heritage Drone | \$ 177,165.00 |

Quotes were opened in the December meeting, and the award was tabled until January to allow the Surveyor time to analyze, total, and make a recommendation to the Board. Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, motion carried to award the 2026 spray contract to Prairie Marsh, Inc. The completion deadline is August 31, 2026.

ED FRAIN TILE UPDATE

Jacob Ballah, from Butler, Fairman & Seufert, presented the board with the waters report indicating that a permit would not be necessary for the outlet during construction. Additionally, the tile televising will be completed this week. Once it's determined that no further changes are necessary, they will finalize the plans and bid documents and have them for board approval in the February meeting prior to the advertisement for bids. The Surveyor indicated that an informal meeting should be called for landowners in the watershed once final costs have been determined. The board will then determine how the project might proceed.

APPROVE CLAIMS

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| Butler Fairman & Seufert | \$ 6,195.00 | Ed Frain Tile | 2700-50100-000 | GDM |
| Howard's Marathon | \$ 119.09 | Gas, Oil, Misc. | 1000-22100-006 | CO. GEN. |
| Gutwein Bulldozing & Exc. | \$18,750.00 | Lincoln Leach/Partial Payment/Contract | 2700-20100-000 | GDM |
| Weaver-Fox Bros. Excavating | \$ 250.00 | Harpster | 2700-50100.000 | GDM |

Jennifer motioned, Don seconded, all in favor, motion carried to approve the claims as presented.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 15, 2025

Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, motion carried to approve the minutes as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

The surveyor reported that a landowner reported her mailbox was leaning and a hole was forming. There is a culvert under US Hwy 35, near the State Highway Department, and a pipe extending through her property. The Surveyor spoke with INDOT, and it has been put it on their schedule to address. INDOT will address the culvert within their right-of-way, and the tile portion going through the landowner's property of the Terry Branch of the Stone Ditch would be affected and have to be addressed at that time.

The Kessinger ditch was found to have a significant number of plastic crates on both sides of 200N that had been blown in from the Goodness Gardens property. They were contacted and have since cleared the crates from the ditch in a timely manner.

The surveyor reported that their old large format copier needs major repair and was informed by Priority Engineering that the machine is very obsolete and parts for repairs are not available. It was decided that the machine would be disposed of and removed from their inventory. The surveyor indicated that due to diminished demand for large copies from other departments, a new copier was not necessary at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:53am.

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD


MICHAEL MCCLURE-CHAIRMAN


DONALD STREET – VICE CHAIRMAN


JENNIFER KNEBEL - MEMBER

ATTEST:
LYNETTE WILDER
DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY