

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 2026, in the Courthouse Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Those present: Members Mike McClure, Jennifer Knebel, Don Street, Surveyor Jenny Keller, Board Secretary Lynn Wilder, Board Attorney Tim Murray, Jake Ballah/BF&S, Gary Kruger Highway Superintendent, Eric Galbreath, Brad Zellers/Winamac Town Manager, also present, Brandi Larkin, & Connie Ehrlich.

CLOSING OF PRIVATE/MUTUAL LANGE DITCH BR/I DITCH - TODD SCHMICKER

The closing of the ditch and the installation of a tile through Todd Schmicker's field is complete. A 12-inch tile was installed after the Surveyor and the Board determined that the 6-inch tile proposed by Schmicker was deemed insufficient. The 20'-30' ft stretch of open ditch has now been closed and a 36-inch riser was installed on the west side of County Road 250W to allow for future-needed access. The tile will be monitored in the short term to ensure its effectiveness and drainage for those property owners to the east of the field.

ED FRAIN TILE UPDATE

Eric Galbreath, Town of Winamac Manager Brad Zellers, Jake Ballah/BF & S Engineers, & the Surveyor presented the Board with some ideas of how to move forward with the improvement of the tile. It was noted that the school property & Casey's both appear to be draining sufficiently and that attention should be directed to the area between the two. The Town offered the use of a couple flowmeters where there are ponding issues to measure the effectiveness of the tile in that area. Additionally, Eric Galbreath will check the manholes after the next several rain events. A motion by Don was made to deem the proposed Ed Frain Tile improvements a "Project", rather than "Maintenance" for the qualification purposes for any grant or assistance opportunities that can be found. The motion was seconded by Jennifer. Motion carried unanimously.

ROBERTS DITCH

A parcel of ground owned by Renewa, LLC, formerly Jim Jordan, has a private crossing which is affecting the water flow. Water has been held back for quite some time and starting to eat at the bank of the north side. The Surveyor is working with Renewa, LLC to secure the removal of this crossing, as well as several others owned by them.

SAMUEL D. HARING DITCH

Carl Federer reported cornstalks in the ditch going about 100 ft north from the culvert at 900S. Carl indicated that Mike Putt was likely to remove them. Carl was informed that any possible re-imbursement that Putt might want to claim for the work would have to be approved and an agreement made with the Surveyor, prior to the work being done, and that Putt would need to contact the Surveyor's office. No claim has been submitted as of this date.

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTION OF MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT / SCHEUER-KELLER

TS Triple M Land, LLC submitted a map detailing the re-tilling of parcel #66-01-03-200-001.000-015 and has requested it to be removed from assessment on the Scheuer-Keller Ditch.

Was: TS Triple M Land, LLC NW Sec. 8 160/15 acres
Should read as follows: TS Triple M Land, LLC NW Sec. 8 160/0 acres

Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

MAMMOTH PASTURES LLC & MAMMOTH GRAZING LANDS LLC - AGREEMENT FOR USE & REPAIR OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES

Discussion was had regarding whether the statutory 75 ft drainage easement for regulated/maintained ditches would also apply to private ditches. It was determined that the Drainage Board had no legal authority to mandate a 75 ft setback for private ditches within the solar area, but that Mammoth Attorney Chris Shelman stated that the solar plans were designed to account for that setback because the County's Unified Development Ordinance requires a 75 ft setback regardless of regulated/maintained or private status.

Don made a motion, seconded by Mike to accept the Mammoth Pastures LLC & Mammoth Grazing Lands LLC Agreement for use & Repair of Drainage Facilities as presented. A lengthy discussion was had as the Surveyor strongly requested that the section corners within the designated solar area be identified and documented by Mammoth prior to any ground movement work performed. Mammoth Attorney, Chris Shelman, indicated that they were not obligated to do that, but that per the agreement, Mammoth would be required to re-establish and make restoration, performed by a licensed surveyor, with documentation to be provided to the County upon completion. It was also noted, according to the agreement, that should a section corner need to be identified during the construction process, Mammoth was obligated to re-establish it at that time and provide the documentation to the County. With the motion and second having been made, it was called to a vote. Don & Mike voted to approve, Jennifer opposed. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

None

MINUTES

Jennifer motioned, Don seconded, all in favor, motion carried to approve the minutes from May 18, 2026, as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Surveyor reported that a significant washout had been reported on the Bruce Lake Outlet, on the Loehner property in Tippecanoe Township, and it had already been contracted out for repair. Additionally, the Helman and Anliker ditches were being looked at for possible work to be performed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandi Larkin stated that she appreciated the discussions with regard to how the drainage issues took into account the affect on neighboring landowners. She urged the Commissioners to apply that same concern in other areas in their decision making. She also expressed her disappointment that the Board did not show a strong sense of protection to the County by not supporting the reasonable request made by the Surveyor with regard to the section corners. Another concern was that there wasn't any discussion of the content of the agreement for the sake of the public, prior to a motion being made.

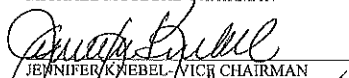
Connie Ehrlich was also in support of the Surveyor's request for the section corners to be identified and documented before ground movement and was disappointed that the only support came from Commissioner Knebel.

ADJOURNMENT

Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, meeting adjourned at 11:21am

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ATTEST:
LYNETTE WILDER
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