

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2026

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 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 Attorney Tim Murray, Eric Galbreath, Sherry Fagner, Pam Dennis, Karla DePue, Deb Straw, Gloria Hizer, Ronni Newman.

ED FRAIN TILE

A significant rain event of approximately 12+ inches causing un-precedented flooding prompted a more urgent discussion of how to be able to proceed with improvements to the existing Ed Frain Tile. It was acknowledged that the current tile as originally designed, is not capable of handling the significant additions of infrastructure over the last 50+ years. Additionally, an improvement project designed by engineers and let out for bids in early 2026 came in at \$908,852.00. This amount was cost prohibitive for the watershed to bear the cost of the project. The engineers will be asked to re-design the project, in an effort to find some cost savings. Funding for the project, regardless of the final cost, remains an issue. Other avenues for financial assistance were discussed such as Pulaski County Council, the Town of Winamac, the State Highway, grants, and contacting our State Representative and State Senator.

LOCHMUELLER GROUP/JAMES MELTON - SECTION CORNER

There is a section corner missing on the Starke/Pulaski line that needs to be established for work being performed with regard to Solar. James Melton, an unlicensed surveyor employed by Lochmueller Group (for Mammoth) has offered to establish it at no cost to the county. Jennifer motioned, Don seconded, all in favor, motion carried to allow Lochmueller Group to establish the section corner and that VS Engineering would certify it being done accurately. Lochmueller will pay for the installation and VS Engineering will utilize the compliance contract to verify.

RE: AEP STAR PULASKI AGREEMENT FOR FIBER OPTIC INSTALLATION

Tim Hollandsworth with VS Engineering came before the board to inquire whether the Drainage Board would require bonding or financial security on all ditch crossings under the installation. A motion was made by Jennifer for a \$50,000.00 bond per crossing for the AEP Star Pulaski Fiber Optic Installation. Don seconded, all in favor, motion carried. All agreements will be sent to the Surveyor for review prior to submission to the Drainage Board.

CLAIMS

Prairie Marsh, Inc.	\$ 25,450.00	Ditch Spraying	2700-50100.000	GDM
Prairie Marsh, Inc.	\$ 23,972.50	Ditch Spraying	2700-50100.000	GDM
Prairie Marsh, Inc.	\$ 38,015.00	Ditch Spraying	2700-50100.000	GDM
Howard's Marathon	\$ 78.42	Gas, Oil, Etc.	1000-22100.006	Co. Gen.
Butler, Fairman & Seufert	\$ 3,300.00	Ed Frain Tile	2700-50100.000	GDM
Winamac Ace Hardware	\$ 29.69	Field Supplies	1000-24400.006	Co. Gen.
Lochner Ag Products	\$ 7,800.00	Bruce Lake Outlet	2700-50100.000	GDM

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

MINUTES

Jennifer motioned, Don seconded, all in favor, motion carried to approve the minutes from July 20, 2026, as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Surveyor was asked if she had knowledge of the County ever spraying for mosquitoes. It was noted that the Town of Winamac has historically fogged within the town at times, but the county has not. It was suggested that individuals could contact the County Health Department for Mosquito Disks if they are available.

Cass County Surveyor Josh LeDonne, representing the Indian Creek Joint Drainage Board, has as asked our Surveyor to go ahead and contact a local contractor to take care of a couple log jams attributed to the recent flooding in Pulaski County.

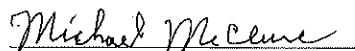
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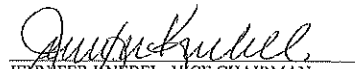
None

ADJOURNMENT

Don motioned, Jennifer seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:41am

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MICHAEL MCCLURE-CHAIRMAN


JENNIFER KNEBEL- VICE CHAIRMAN


DONALD STREET - MEMBER