

STARKE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

MARCH 4, 2025

@ 8:30 A.M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Starke County Drainage Board met in regular session in the Starke County Government Building meeting room this 4th day of March, 2025. The following members were present: Ed Jernas, Merlyn Lucas, Matt Lawrence, Gwen Rentz: Starke County Surveyor, Sara Dingman: Drainage Board Recording Secretary and Autumn Ferch: Drainage Board Attorney. The following proceedings were held to wit:

IN RE: MINUTES

Merlyn Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2025 Starke Regular Drainage Board meeting. Matt Lawrence seconded and the motion passed with all ayes.

IN RE: NEXT ERA

Bob Alois updated the board that he had reviewed the entrance culvert summary and the internal crossing summary from Next Era. He compared the locations on the summaries to the drainage map. He did not see any that were on a legal drain so they should not need to come before the board in the future. Matt Lawrence made a motion to approve that all requirements have been met for the drainage board for Next Era. Merlyn Lucas seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

Gwen updated the board on the Bartee Tile. She asked if the board wanted her to reach out to NIPSCO regarding the pole that went through a tile and needs repaired. She and Matt Lawrence agreed that NIPSCO should pay for the cost to repair the tile. The board decided not to delay the project and request reimbursement from NIPSCO.

IN RE: NEW BUSINESS

Larry Wappel came before the board to discuss drainage on the Craigmile. He had dug the Coleman ditch for the Dedloff farm. He said there is about 1.25 miles of the Marks ditch that has never been touched. Wappel stated that he would like to see a petition on the Craigmile ditch and its tributaries. Gwen stated that the board should consider putting the Craigmile under assessment as it is petitioned but not regulated. The board advised that Wappel could start the petition process.

With no further business to come before this board at this time, Matt Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Merlyn Lucas seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

Absent
Greg Troike President

Charlie Chesak
Charlie Chesak, Secretary

Merlyn Lucas
Merlyn Lucas, Member

Sara Dingman
Sara Dingman, Drainage Board Recording Secretary

Ed Jernas
Ed Jernas, Vice President

Matt Lawrence
Matt Lawrence, Member

Gwen Rentz
Gwen Rentz, Starke County Surveyor