STARKE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING APRIL 1, 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 1st day of April, 2025. The following members were present: Greg Troike, 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: BIG EASTERN DITCH -CULVERT OBSTRUCTION

Gwen updated the board that the property owner did remove the culvert that was causing an issue. Gwen will provide the property owner with a variance form so they have the opportunity to put in a culvert that has been approved. Gwen also informed the board that there are trees down over the ditch, but not in the channel and asked how they want to proceed. Greg Troike noted that the ditch needs to be dipped out. The board suggested getting a quote to see if it would be under \$2,000 and not need to be bid out.

IN RE: SPRAY QUOTES

Gwen provided the board with her proposal for ditch spraying for the year. The most affordable option was to use Heritage Drone for spraying. The surveyor's goal was to do between 20 and 25 miles of ditch spraying per drainage board. Matt Lawrence made a motion to approve Heritage Drone to do ditch spraying. Merlyn Lucas seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

Ed Jernas asked the status of the job in North Judson. Gwen said that Allsop will head to that job after they complete the job in Pulaski County.

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.

Greg Troile President

ABSENT
Charlie Chesak Secretary

Merlyn Lucas, Member

Sara Dingman, Drainage Board Recording Secretary

Ed Jernas Vice President

Matt Lawrence, Member

Gwen Rentz, Starke County Surveyor