

**STARKE PULASKI DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**JANUARY 6, 2026**  
**@ 8:30 A.M.**

Pursuant to adjournment the Starke Pulaski Drainage Board met in regular session in the Starke County Government Building meeting room this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026. The following members were present: Justin Hazelton, Greg Troike, Mark Scarborough, Mike McClure, 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: REORGANIZATION**

Mike McClure nominated Justin Hazelton for President. Mark Scarborough seconded and the motion passed with all ayes. Mike McClure made a motion to keep the other positions the same as 2025.

President – Justin Hazelton

Vice President- Greg Troike

Secretary- Ken Redlin

Attorney- Autumn Ferch

Recording Secretary- Sara Dingman

**IN RE: DRAINAGE BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT**

Mark Scarborough made a motion to approve the 2027 Drainage Board Attorney Contract with Autumn Ferch. Greg Troike seconded and the motion passed with all ayes.

**IN RE: EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS**

Gwen presented the boards with the submitted Emergency Maintenance Contracts for 2026.

**IN RE: DECEMBER 4, 2025 MINUTES**

Greg Troike made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2025 meeting. Mike McClure seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

**IN RE: CLAIMS**

Mike McClure made a motion to accept the claim from Dirt Works Excavating for a beaver dam removal on the Lucas Branch in the amount of \$1,250.00. Mark Scarborough seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

**IN RE: 2026 DITCH ASSESSMENT RATES**

Gwen noted to the board that it was determined at the Starke Regular meeting that it was determined that there would be too little notice to try and raise assessment rates for this year's taxes. She asked the board to consider raising assessments for next year.

**IN RE: 2026 PROJECTS**

Gwen gave the board information on the upcoming 2026 projects. Gwen showed the board drone footage for the Bebe Ditch and where there are drainage concerns. Gwen will be sending out bid proposals soon for the Bebe Ditch project. Gwen noted that the Hanley ditch is overgrown and needs debrushed. Gwen told the board she would have more information for them for February's meeting. The Hook Ditch needs dredging and debrushing. Gwen will provide the board with information in February.

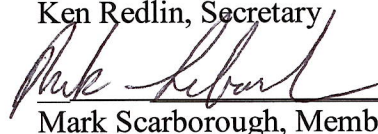
**IN RE: FEE SCHEDULE**

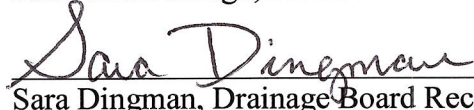
Gwen brought a proposed fee schedule in front of the board for them to review and discuss. This would be for ensuring compliance with utilities and permissions in the regulated drains. Mark Scarborough mentioned possibly due per project on some of the fees.

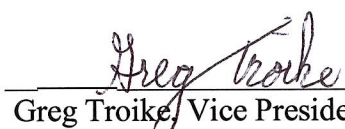
With no further business to come before this board at this time, Mike McClure motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mark Scarborough seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

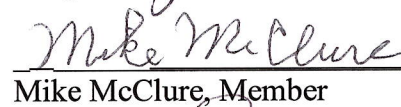
  
Justin Hazelton, President

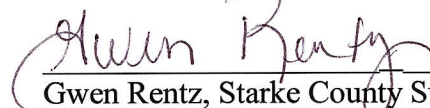
ABSENT  
Ken Redlin, Secretary

  
Mark Scarborough, Member

  
Sara Dingman, Drainage Board Recording Secretary

  
Greg Troike, Vice President

  
Mike McClure, Member

  
Gwen Rentz, Starke County Surveyor