

**Minutes of the Meeting
of the Clark County Drainage Board
Clark County, Indiana**

July 21, 2026

The Clark County Drainage Board met in Regular Session on July 21, 2026, in the First Floor Meeting Chamber #103 of the Clark County Government Center, 300 Corporate Drive, Jeffersonville, Indiana at 5:00 pm. Present at the meeting were President Jack Coffman, Vice-President Alan Conner, Member Rob Lewellen, Ex-officio non-voting member Clark County Surveyor David Ruckman, Attorney Ron Culler, and Coordinator Talaina Taff.

In the first order of business, Mr. Conner moved to approve the **Minutes of the June 16, 2026 meeting** with the following correction in the last paragraph of page two: Change 'adopt' to 'amend the prior motion to accept'. Mr. Coffman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 2 – 0. It was noted that Mr. Lewellen is absent at this time.

In the next order of business, the Board addressed a **Drainage Issue from Chris and Suzanne Wallace – 21119 Greenville Borden Road, Borden**. They were not present at the meeting. Mr. Conner inspected the site and reported findings to the Board. After discussion, Mr. Conner moved that the Board write a letter to the petitioners letting them know that this is a private property matter, and they need to write a letter to their neighbor asking that they put a culvert underneath their driveway to allow water to get to the 12" county culvert that is already under Borden-Greenville Road. Mr. Conner will author the letter, Mr. Coffman will sign it, and Ms. Taff will send it. Mr. Coffman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 2 – 0.

In the next order of business, the Board addressed a Drainage Issue from **Jamie Aaron – 5917 Juniper Ridge Drive, Charlestown**. J. Aaron was not present at the meeting. Mr. Conner inspected the site and reported findings to the Board, stating that it appears that a drain gate has landscape fabric on it. After discussion, Mr. Conner moved that Mr. Culler draft a letter suggesting that the property owner investigates whether the drain gate is within a drainage easement, and whether such drainage easement is on their property, and whether they have the authority to maintain the drainage easement on their property. If so, as an option, the property owner could remove the grate and remove the landscape fabric. Mr. Coffman will sign the letter, and Ms. Taff will send it to Jamie Aaron. Mr. Coffman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 2 – 0.

In the next order of business, the Board addressed a Drainage Issue from **Jacob and Vanessa Lewis – 1958 Henryville Bluelick Road, Henryville**. Ms. Lewis was present at the meeting and addressed the Board. County Surveyor David Ruckman reported that the culvert is 72 inches and does not find this to be a blockage of a natural surface water course. Mr. Ruckman addressed a letter to the Board. Letter is attached. Mr. Conner also inspected the site and reported findings to the Board. After discussion, Mr. Conner moved that the Surveyor communicates with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to investigate this issue further. Mr. Coffman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 2 – 0.

Notation was made that Mr. Lewellen arrived at the meeting.

In the next order of business, the Board discussed the **Ordinance for Establishing the Department of Stormwater Management** and the **Ordinance for Establishing a Stormwater System User Fee**. Mr. Culler stated that he sent both documents to Mr. McCrite (Council attorney) and Mr. Lewis (Commissioner attorney) and has not received a response. Mr. Coffman will communicate a request for a response from both attorneys through the Council and Commissioners.

In the next order of business, the Board discussed the necessity of **Drainage Plans for Deerfield Crossing Section 5**. Discussion ensued with Mr. Clint Guthrie. Ms. Taff will send Mr. Guthrie the Drainage Board approval process information, and he will get plans turned in.

In the next order of business, the Board discussed the **Drainage Issue Report form**. The Board discussed whether to update the current wording: 'The person submitting this report *should* be present...', versus: 'The person submitting this report *must* be present...'. After discussion, it was determined to leave the form as is. No action required.

In the next order of business, the Board discussed the **Drainage Board Approval Form**. After discussion, Mr. Conner moved to approve the recommended change to the Clark County Drainage Board Approval form as suggested by the Drainage Board attorney, Mr. Culler. Mr. Lewellen seconded the motion. After further discussion with Mr. Kevin Taff and upon recommendation of Mr. Culler, Mr. Lewellen moved to table this discussion until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 3 – 0.

In the next order of business, the Board discussed the **Long Term Maintenance Agreement** as it pertains to the legal description and the timing of recording the document. After discussion, Mr. Conner moved to table this item until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Lewellen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 3 – 0.

In the next order of business, the Board discussed adding an **Arc GIS Online User License** to create a dashboard on the Beacon website. This would allow the user to catalogue drainage issues on the Beacon website. Additionally, the drainage issue form will be available online and can be used to generate coordinates of the location of the drainage issue. The fee is \$250 per year. After discussion, Mr. Conner moved to approve the request. Mr. Lewellen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 3 – 0.

Notation was made that Mr. Culler left the meeting.

In the next order of business, the Board discussed the **Site Inspection** report from Clark County Soil & Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) indicating **Violations** at the **Founders Point Elementary School** site. After discussion, Mr. Conner moved to request that CCSWCD conduct another follow-up inspection on this project. Mr. Lewellen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 3 – 0.

In the next order of business, the Board discussed the **Site Inspection** report from Clark County Soil & Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) indicating **Violations** at the **Kingsland Fields** site. After discussion, Mr. Conner moved to request that CCSWCD conduct another follow-up inspection on this project. Mr. Lewellen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 3 – 0.

In the next order of business, the Board noted the **Site Inspections** conducted by Clark County Soil & Water Conservation District (CCSWCD). They are as follows:

Champions Run Sections 2 & 4 – 06.25.26 – Violations

Kingsland Fields – 06.25.26 – Violations

Foxtail Crossing Section 1 – 07.02.26 – Violations

After discussion, Mr. Lewellen moved to, in addition to the Kingsland Fields follow-up inspection, request that CCSWCD conduct follow-up inspections on Champions Run Sections 2 & 4 and Foxtail Crossing Section 1. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 3 – 0.

In the next order of business, Ms. Taff presented the **Drainage Board Financial Report**. Mr. Lewellen moved to accept the report as submitted. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 3 – 0.

In the next order of business, Mr. Lewellen moved to approve the **Invoices and Claims** as submitted. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 3 – 0. The claims were as follows:

- **Staples - \$112.22 – Office Supplies**
- **Culler Law Office - \$16,647.50 – Services 07.15.25 - 06.24.26**
- **OHM Advisors - \$112.50 – Stormwater Support through 06.13.26**
- **Alan Conner - \$300.00 - July 21 CCDB Meeting + 2 Drainage Issue Inspections**
- **Rob Lewellen - \$100.00 – July 21 CCDB Meeting**
- **Talaina Taff - \$2140.00 - July contract**
- **Brian Dixon - \$503.44 – Storm Water Drainage Conference**

There being no further business before the Board, on motion made, seconded, and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

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Clark County Drainage Board,

Per the Drainage Board Issue Report Form that was submitted by Jacob and Vanessa Lewis on June 30th, 2026, the Clark County Surveyor's Office has evaluated the reported issue for evidence of blockage of a natural surface watercourse. Deputy Surveyor Joshua Cassin inspected the below site on July 20th, 2026, at around 1:15pm.

Parcel: 10-06-25-300-108.000-027
1951 Henryville Bluelick Road

As of the time of writing, a culvert of what appears to be 72 inches or more has been installed to continue the conveyance of water along Guernsey Creek (USGS Name), where upon said creek a new driveway has been created. This structure sits under new dirt and gravel fill with riprap and a concrete retaining wall. It is in the same place where the creek lay before the fill was introduced.

Currently, the Surveyor's Office submits that there is NO blockage of a natural surface watercourse due to the structure. It provides a 6-foot opening which is consistent with the 6-foot and higher creek bed clearance of Bridge 75, labeled Asset 10-00075 Blue Lick Road over Caney Fork of Guernsey Creek.

The washing out of Henryville Bluelick Road and any attached driveways may stem from debris in the creek from upstream restricting flow. Guernsey Creek contains heavy canopy and is drained into from a large amount of land north of the site. We recommend speaking to Indiana's Department of Natural Resources or Department of Environmental Management for clarity on actions that can be taken within waterways.

Attached to this letter is an image of the culvert in question.

Best Regards,

David J. Ruckman
County Surveyor

Joshua D. Cassin
First Deputy Surveyor

*Reminder: Clark County does NOT contain legal drains, nor does it collect fees to maintain any. As such, the County Surveyor does not have the funds or authority to maintain any waterways within the County.

