

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE CLINTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 1, 2025
AT 10:15A.M.

PRESENT:

Dennis Leckrone Don Stock
Jason Henderson
Liz Stitzel
Bill Humphrey
Mike Cline
Riley Eller

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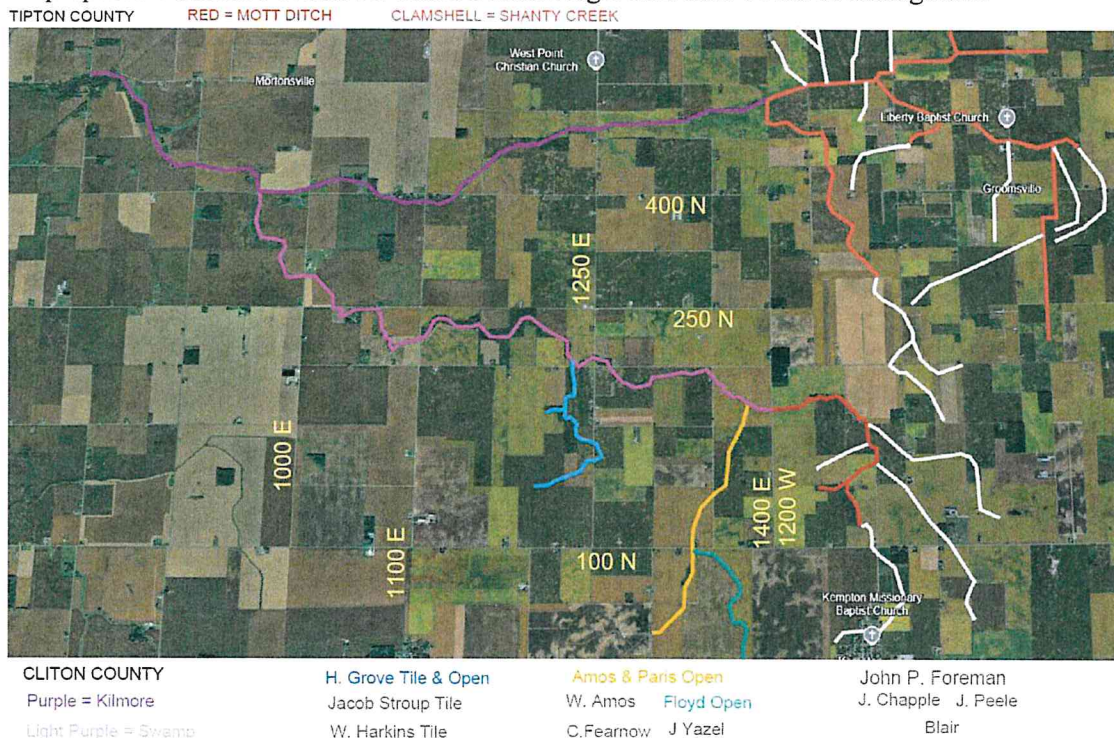
Jordan Brewer, President
Bert Weaver, Vice President
Kevin Myers, Member
Thomas F. Little, Attorney
Daniel D. Sheets, Surveyor
Zachary J. Light, Secretary

Clinton County Drainage Board President Jordan Brewer called the meeting to order.

APPROVE MINUTES: Mr. Myers made a motion approve the minutes from the June 17, 2025 Drainage Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

SWAMP HEAD WATERS – PROPOSED JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD – TIPTON COUNTY:

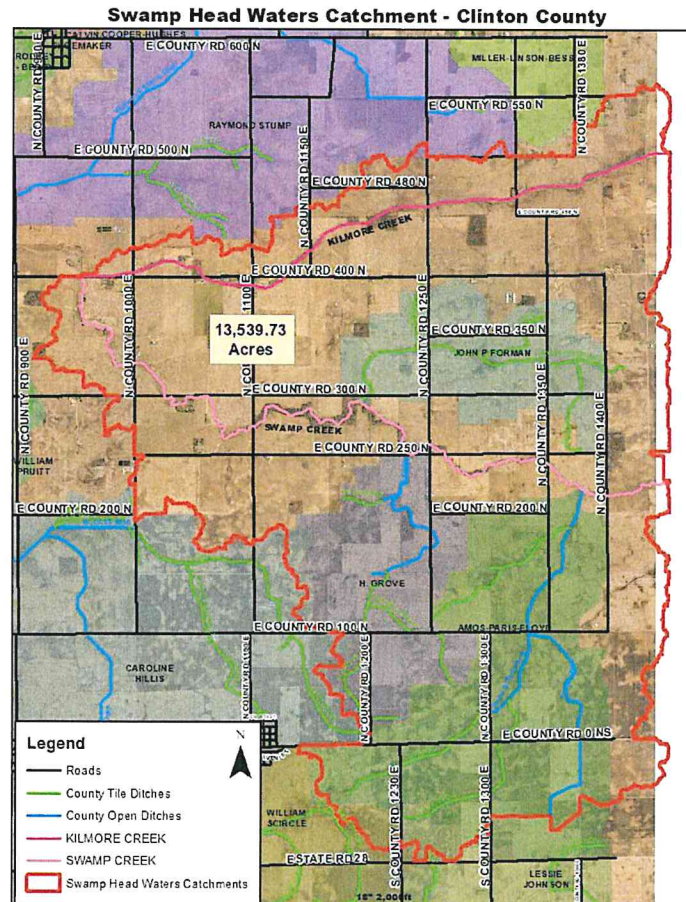
Mr. Sheets informed the Board that Tipton County Surveyor Jason Henderson and a few Tipton County landowner are in attendance to discuss the possibility of creating a new joint watershed to maintain Swamp Creek. Mr. Henderson came before the Board and presented a map showing Swamp Creek and the tiles and ditches that flow into it. He stated that the map also shows Kilmore Creek, but it is not a part of the proposed watershed because it drains a much larger area than would be manageable.



Mr. Henderson stated that he would like to put together a hearing to establish a new maintenance fund to get some much-needed repairs made to Swamp Creek. He further stated that he and the landowners in attendance came before the Board to make them aware of their intentions. Mr. Henderson then stated that Tipton County would be happy to hold the hearing to create the watershed and maintenance account and to manage the watershed once it is created.

Mr. Sheets stated that overall, he is in favor of the idea, but he is unsure of how the process would work with an existing open ditch/creek that is currently in need of maintenance. Mr. Sheets further stated that he has no objection to Tipton County taking the lead and managing the watershed if/when it is created.

Mr. Sheets then shared a catchment map of the entire drainage area upstream of the confluence of Kilmore Creek and Swamp Creek. He stated that the drainage area consists of 13,539.73 acres, and would be the largest watershed in Clinton County, if this the area proposed by Mr. Henderson. Mr. Brewer asked if some of the area is already in a watershed. Mr. Sheets stated that there are three watersheds within the “proposed” watershed, and if a new watershed is created the parcels within them would likely have two drainage assessments similar to parcels within the Big Cicero Creek Watershed. Mr. Brewer asked what kind of timeframe to expect. Mr. Henderson stated that he would like to get the watershed created before the end of the year so assessments could be collected in 2026. He then stated that November may be a good time for the hearing to allow for remonstrance before the end of the year. Mr. Sheets stated that according to the Indiana Code he has



read, when existing drains are taken under maintenance they have to be in good working order. He then asked Mr. Henderson how he sees fitting Swamp Creek into that section of code. Mr. Henderson stated that he would rely on the Surveyor of Clinton County to attest to the condition of the drain. Landowners Mike Cline, Dennis Leckrone, and Riley Eller came before the Board and spoke in favor of creating the new watershed. After some discussion Mr. Weaver made a motion to authorize Mr. Sheets and Mr. Henderson to proceed with organizing a hearing, seconded by Mr. Myers. Motion carried 3-0.

HANNAH KESSLER WATERSHED – SWIHART PROPERTY APPRAISALS: Mr. Sheets informed the Board that he has reviewed the two appraisals for the Swihart property. Mr. Sheets reminded the Board that on behalf of the Drainage Board he hired G.E.R. Appraisal Services, their appraisal came back at \$103,000.00. Mr. Sheets then stated that Mrs. Swihart hired Appraisals by Harris, their appraisal came back at \$165,000.00. Mr. Sheets then informed the Board that according to Mr. Little to process for purchasing the property is as follows:

A purchasing agent shall purchase land only after compliance with the following:

- Fiscal body shall pass a resolution

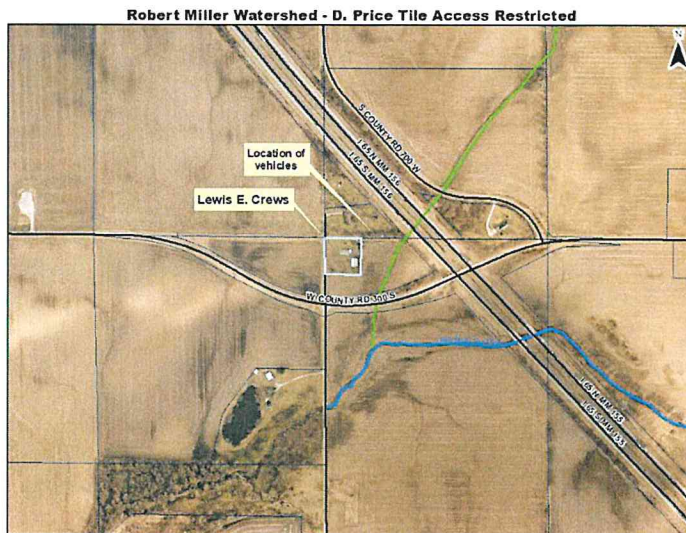
- Purchasing agent shall appoint two appraisers to appraise fair market value of land or structure
- Appraisers must be professionally engaged in making appraisals or trained as appraisers & licensed as broker
- Appraisers return appraisals within 30 days of appointment
- Purchasing agent gives copy to fiscal body

A purchasing agent may not purchase any land or structure for a price greater than the average of the two appraisals received

Mr. Sheets informed the Board that the average of the two appraisals received is \$134,000.00. Mr. Brewer asked what funding mechanism Mr. Sheets would propose to use to purchase the property. Mr. Sheets stated that he would like to join the cost of the house with the tunnel project and get a loan with a five-year term. Mr. Sheets further stated that it may also be necessary to go through the same process for the barn/storage building southwest of Mrs. Swihart's house. He informed the Board that the property was bought on tax sale last year, but is still in the redemption period. After a brief discussion Mr. Myers made a motion to authorize Mr. Sheets to inform Mrs. Swihart of the maximum amount the County could offer for the property and see if she is interested, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

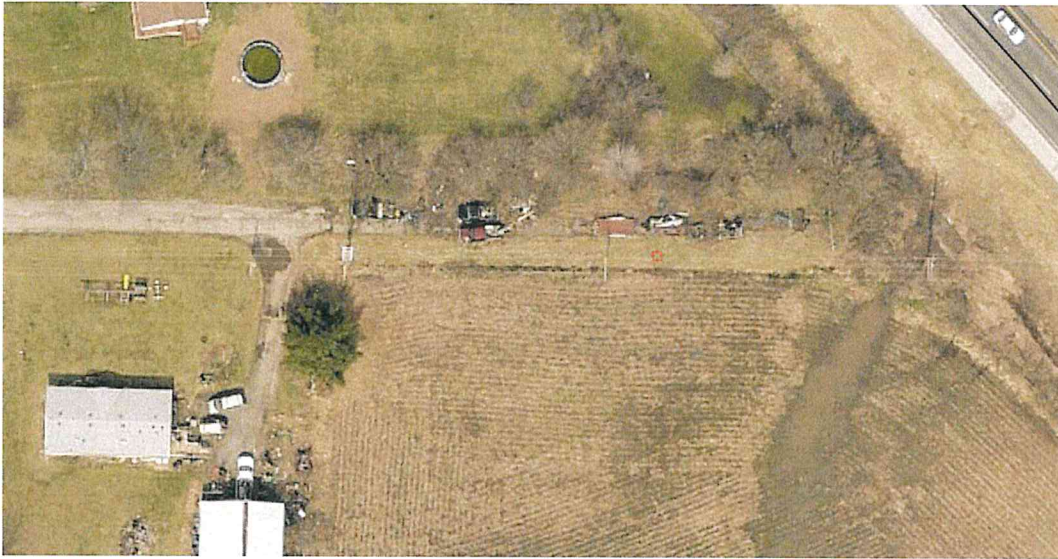
ROBERT MILLER WATERSHED – D. PRICE TILE/COUNTY ROAD R-O-W ACCESS

RESTRICTION: Mr. Sheets informed the Board that while attempting to flag the location of the D. Price County Tile recently he was unable to access the location of the tile due to junk cars that are being stored in a County Road right-of-way.



Mr. Sheets stated that County Road 300 South was re-routed when I-65 was installed, but the right-of-way for the County Road is still intact and has not reverted to the landowners. Mr. Sheets informed the Board that over the last few years Duke Energy has installed all new metal power poles through the area, and there has been a fiber optic project in the area as well. Mr. Sheets further stated that during Duke's project he had a riser installed on the D. Price tile to make it easier to locate and monitor in the future, however, it is now difficult to access due to the junk vehicles. He then stated that the vehicles also make it very difficult for the utility companies to access their easements. Mr. Sheets then shared some aerial photography of the area from several different years.

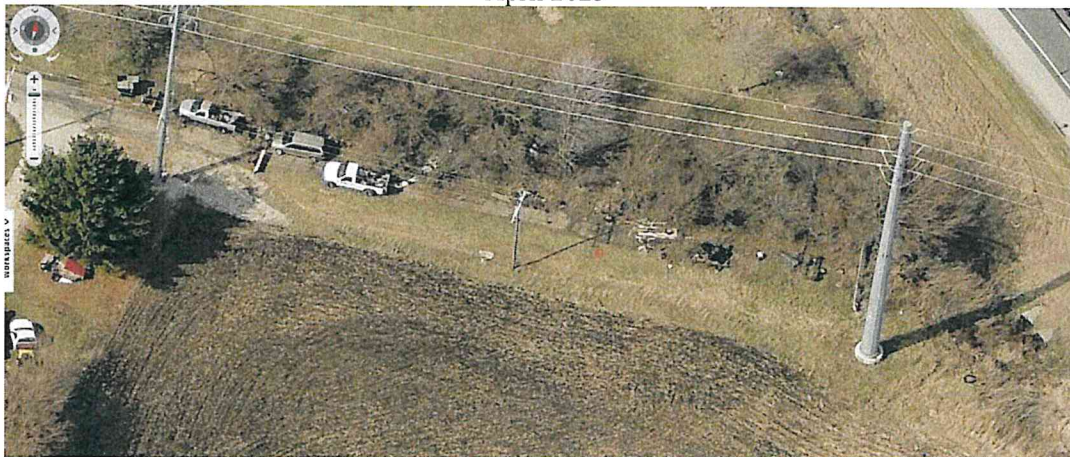
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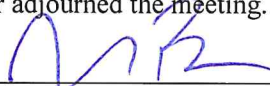
Mr. Brewer suggested that Mr. Sheets should politely asked the owner of the vehicles to removed them from the county road right-of-way. Mr. Sheets stated that as the County Surveyor his statutory right-of-

way ends seventy-five-feet from the centerline of the tile. Mr. Sheets then asked if the request should come from the Board of Commissioners since the vehicles are in a county road right-of-way. Mr. Brewer stated that the Board could grant Mr. Sheets authority to act on their behalf. Mr. Myers made a motion to grant Mr. Sheets the authority to act of their behalf to get the vehicles removed from the county road right-of-way, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

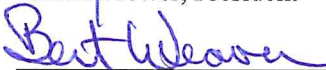
COUNTY HIGHWAY MULCHING MACHING: Mr. Sheets informed the Board that Highway Superintendent Rick Campbell sent one of his operators out to the Frankfort Regional Storm Water Detention Facility with their new mulching machine to mulch trees and brush that had grown up around the ponds. Mr. Sheets stated that it was a good training opportunity for the employee to get familiar with the machine without traffic. Mr. Sheets thanked Mr. Campbell.

TAX SALE LIST: Mr. Sheets informed the Board that County Treasurer Gina Brettnacher has begun sending a list of potential tax sale properties to the Surveyor's Office for review before the sale. Mr. Sheets stated that this was done under the previous Treasurer, but for some reason was stopped over the last few years. Mr. Sheets thanked Mrs. Brettnacher for resuming the practice.

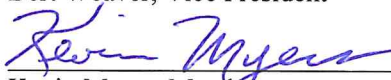
Clinton County Drainage Board President Jordan Brewer adjourned the meeting.



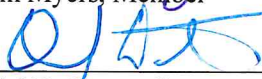
Jordan Brewer, President



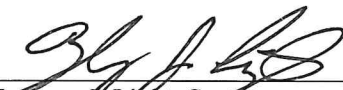
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Attest: