

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE CLINTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JUNE 17, 2025
AT 10:15A.M.

PRESENT:

Connie Funk
Tommy Plahitko
Gary Crum
Kat Bell
Rick Campbell
Carol Price

Melissa Hodson-Ostler

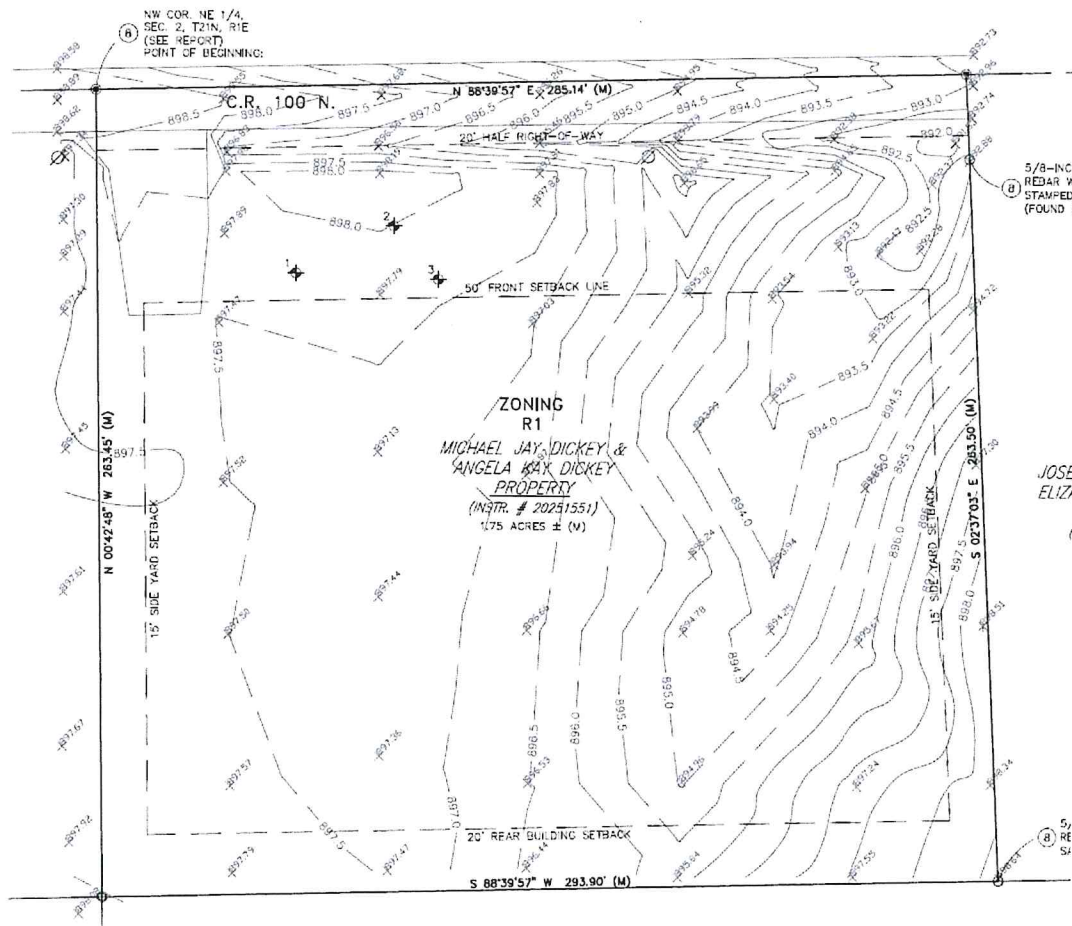
PRESENT:

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

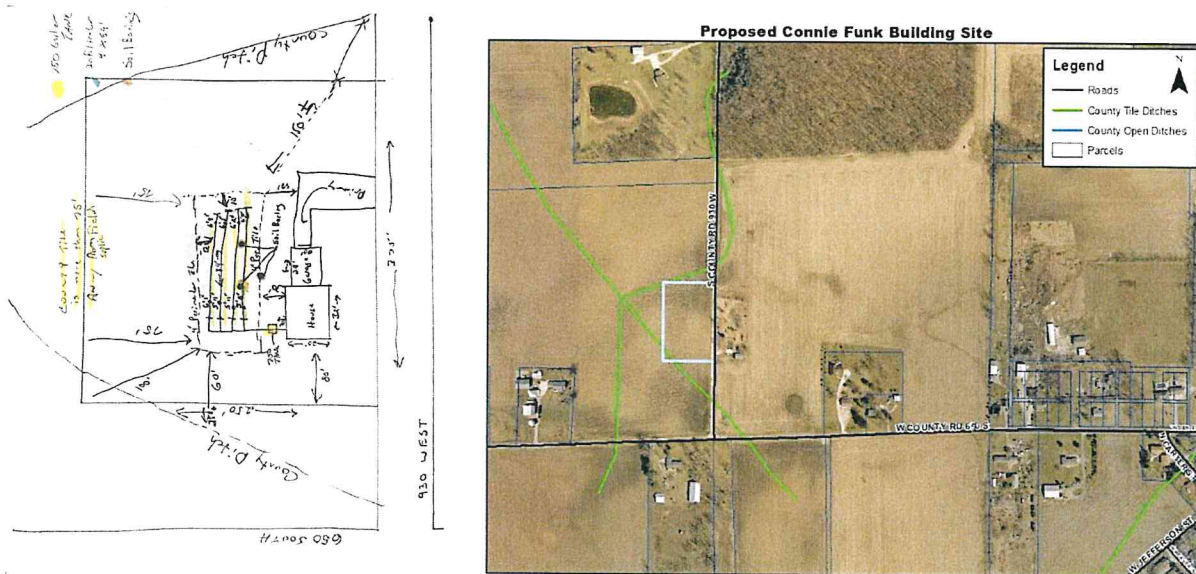
BRANT-TALBERT-WALKER WATERSHED – DICKEY CR100N MINOR PLAT – PROPOSED 1-LOT SUBDIVISION – DRAINAGE REVIEW: Mr. Sheets informed the Board that the primary plat for Dickey CR100N Minor Plat has been submitted for drainage review. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. Dickey would like to build a home on the 1.75-acre lot on CR 100 North, just east of Clinton Central (Sec.35, T22N, R1E, Michigan Twp.). Mr. Sheets further stated that the proposed lot is located in within the Brant-Talbert-Walker Watershed.



Mr. Sheets presented a topographic survey submitted by Hause Surveying that showed that the property naturally drains to the northeast corner of the lot. Mr. Sheets then stated that the structure will be a post and beam/barn-dominium so he has been working with Mr. Dickey to ensure that the proper elevation and drainage away from the home can be achieved. Mr. Sheets stated that Mr. Dickey has agreed to raise the elevation up an additional three inches from the stake that was originally set, and he will grade three inches deeper around the perimeter of the foundation. Mr. Sheets then asked Mr. Light to present the soils report. Mr. Light stated that according to the USDA Web Soil Survey the depth to the water table on the proposed lot ranges from 15 to 76 centimeters, which is normal for the area. Mr. Light then stated that conditions for dwellings with basements are very limited. He further stated that conditions for dwelling with crawlspaces are somewhat limited to very limited due to the soil types. Mr. Light then stated that a basement or crawlspace could be built on the site using proper construction methods. He then stated that there are no flooding or ponding concerns on the site. Mr. Sheet recommended granting drainage approval. Mr. Brewer asked if the finished floor elevation would be at least 1-foot above the elevation of the road. Mr. Sheets stated that it would be considerably higher than 1-foot above the elevation of the road. Mr. Myers made a motion to grant drainage approval to Dickey CR100N Minor Plat, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

JOHN HOLT WATERSHED – CONNIE FUNK BUILDING SITE – DRAINAGE REVIEW: Mr.

Sheets informed the Board that Connie Funk would like to build a new home on her farm ground along County Road 930 West in the John Holt Watershed (Sec.7, T20N, R2W, Perry Twp.). Mr. Sheets stated that the proposed home site is on the high ground between two county tiles, so there is lots of access to drainage, and the finished floor elevation will easily be one-foot above the elevation of the road. Mr. Light stated that according to the USDA Web Soil Survey the depth to the water table at the building site is over 200 centimeters, which is excellent for the area. Mr. Light then stated that conditions for dwellings with basements are not limited, however, conditions for dwellings with crawlspaces are somewhat limited due to the soil type. Mr. Light further stated that a basement or crawlspace could be built on the site using proper construction methods. He then stated that there are no flooding or ponding concerns at the building site. Mr. Sheets recommended granting drainage approval. Mr. Weaver made a motion to grant drainage approval to Connie Funk's building site, seconded by Mr. Myers. Motion carried 3-0.

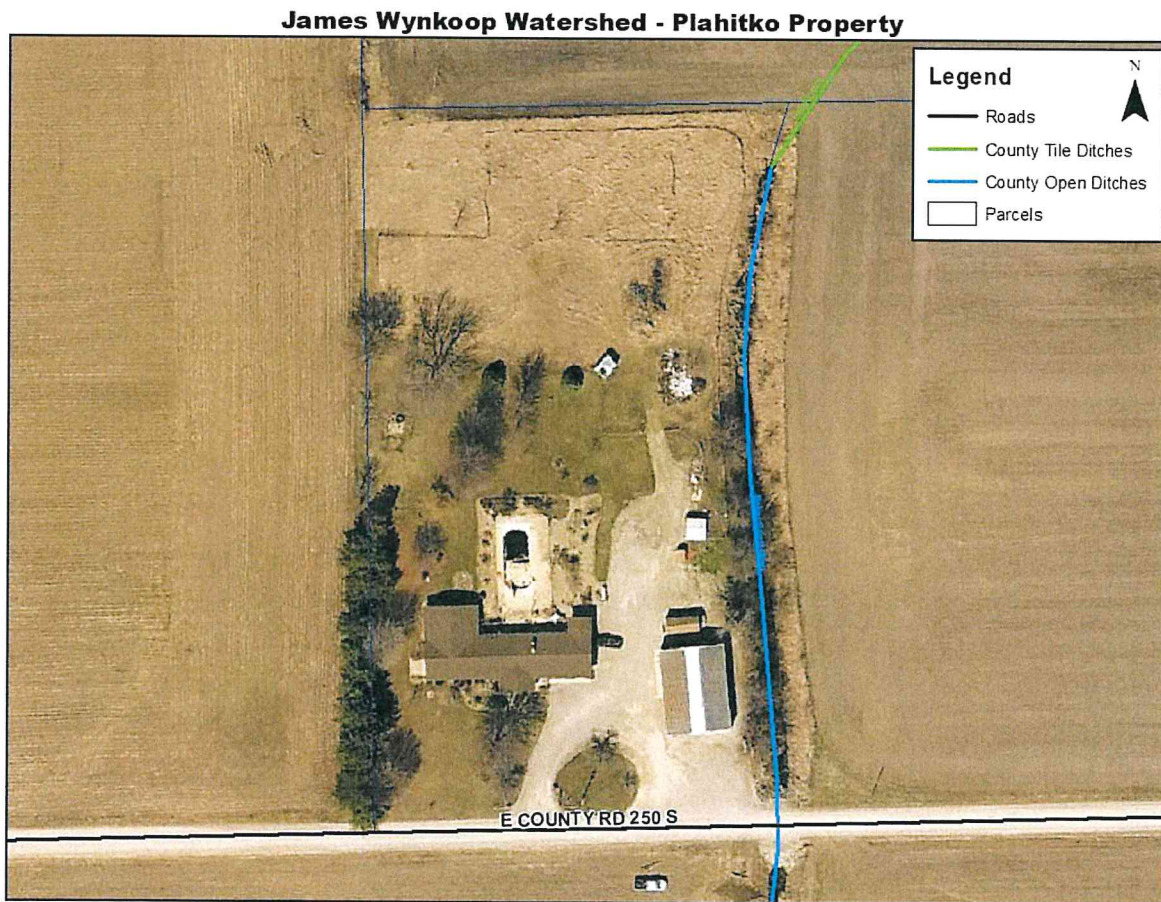


HANNAH KESSLER WATERSHED – SWIHART PROPERTY APPRAISALS: Mr. Sheets informed the Board that two appraisals have been received for the Swihart property. Mr. Sheets stated that on behalf of the Drainage Board he hired G.E.R. Appraisal Services, and their appraisal came back at

\$103,000.00. Mr. Sheets then stated that Mrs. Swihart hired Appraisals by Harris, and their appraisal came back at \$165,000.00. Mr. Sheets stated that he has not reviewed the appraisal from Appraisals by Harris. Mr. Sheets then asked that the Board take the appraisals under advisement so they can be reviewed and compared before taking any action. Mr. Myers made a motion to take the appraisals under advisement, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Motion carried 3-0.

JAMES WYNKOOP WATERSHED – OPEN DITCH SPRAY PROGRAM – PLAHITKO

PROPERTY: Mr. Sheets informed the Board a work order was issued to Lawn Tamer to spray the Baker-Scott Open Ditch within the James Wynkoop Watershed. Mr. Sheets stated that with our woody brush control policy we try spray ditch banks every three years. Mr. Sheets then stated that Mr. Plahitko (located on CR 250 S, Sec. 23, T21N, R1E, Kirklin Twp.) has come concerns about access to his property, as well as potential adverse effects from the herbicide on his livestock. Mr. Sheets stated that Mr. Plahitko and Mr. Gary Crum of Lawn Tamer have been texting back and forth for a while, and he and Mr. Plahitko have been emailing back and forth, but he thought it was a good idea get everyone together to figure everything out.



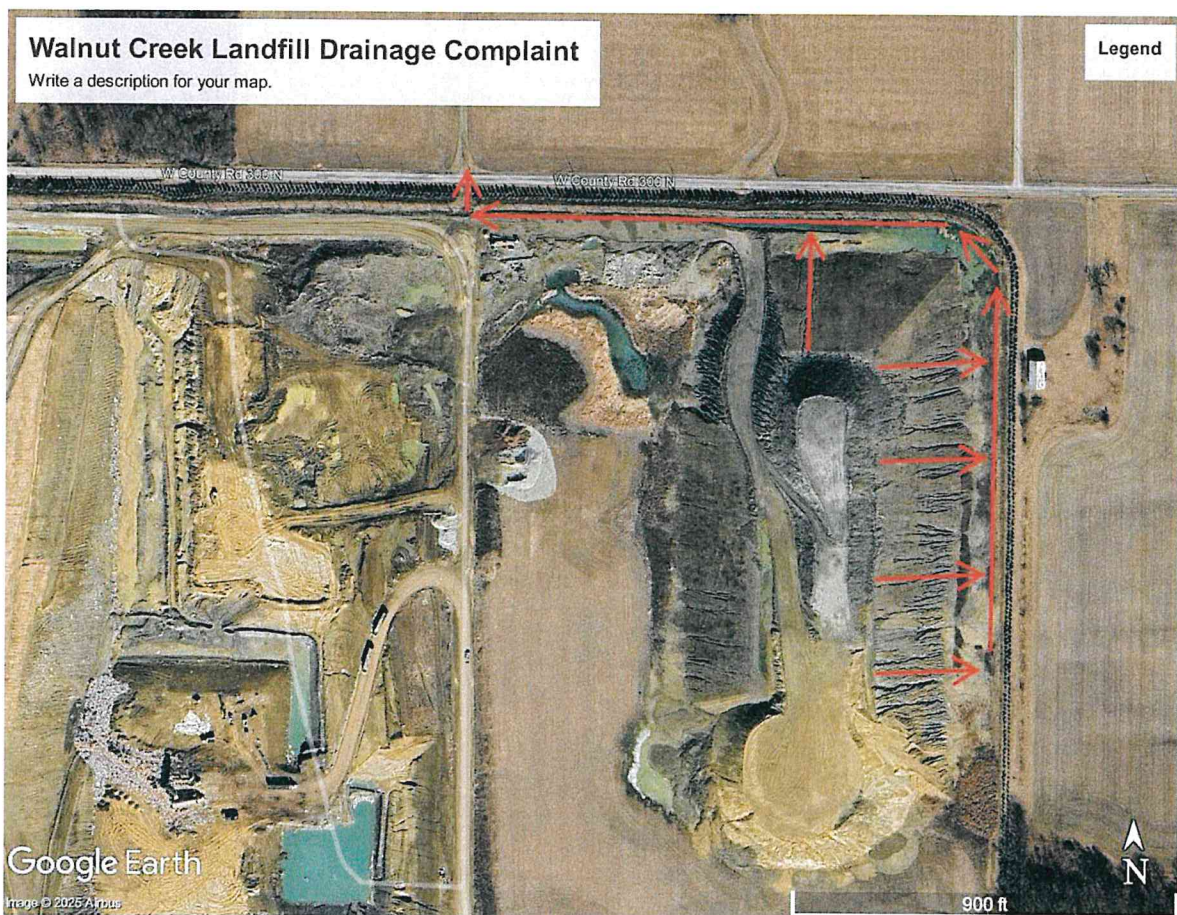
After a lengthy discussion all parties agreed that:

1. Mr. Crum and/or his employees will try their best to spray the ditch on a day with a westerly wind to avoid wind drift onto Mr. Plahitko's property.
2. Mr. Crum and/or his employees will give Mr. Plahitko a 24-hour notice before they intend to spray the ditch so he has time to pen up his animals.

3. Mr. Crum and/or his employees will have access to the west side of the ditch once the animals have been penned up.

Mr. Sheets stated that it will likely take a couple years to get the vegetation on the ditch bank under control.

WALNUT CREEK LANDFILL – DRAINAGE COMPLAINT: Mr. Sheets informed the Board that he received a complaint from a neighbor to the north of the landfill that water was leaving the property through a gate that is not used very often. Mr. Sheets stated that erosion on the site has caused the drainage system to flow in the opposite direction from how it was designed. Mr. Sheets then stated that representatives from the landfill installed a sort of silt trap last week and made other improvements. He further stated that he will continue to monitor the situation including a drone flight to gather elevation data next week.

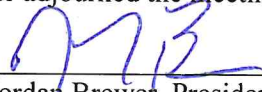


FRANK POWELL/SIMS-ROGERS WATERSHES – PONDING PHOTO: Mr. Brewer reminded his fellow Board members that at a previous meeting (5/6/2025) he and Mr. Sheets presented a proposal for a new tile between the Frank Powell and Sim-Rogers Watersheds. Mr. Brewer stated that the idea was to relieve some pressure from the Frank Powell Watershed by installing a tile into the Sims-Rogers Open Ditch. Mr. Brewer then stated that a lot has to happen before this project is possible, but he wanted to share a drone photo he took after a recent rain event. Mr. Light then shared the follow photo provided by Mr. Brewer.



Mr. Brewer stated that the proposed tile would not take care of all the standing water, but it would help significantly. Mr. Sheets stated that it would definitely help. He further stated that the tile starts over three miles northeast of the road at the bottom of the picture (CR 730 South). Mr. Brewer stated that this tile starts at the curve in State Road 38 by Steve Neal's house.

Clinton County Drainage Board President Jordan Brewer adjourned the meeting.



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Bert Weaver, Vice President



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Attest: