The Vanderburgh County Drainage Board met in session this 5th day of February, 2019
at 3:49 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex with President Jeff Hatfield
presiding.

Call to Order

President Hatfield: I'll call to order the Vanderburgh County Drainage Board for February
5, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Hatfield: If we could all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.
(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Hatfield: If everyone has reviewed the minutes—

Jeff Mueller: We don't have them yet.

President Hatfield: Oh, we don’t—

Jeff Mueller: Remember we had a one week period. So, Madelyn had a—

President Hatfield: By golly, I’m glad we didn’t do that.

Madelyn Grayson: Does that mean I don’t have to do them?

President Hatfield: I’m not going to make ya. If nobody wants to approve ‘em. Okay.

Bid Specifications for 2019 Maintenance of Regulated Drains

Jeff Mueller: Next item is bid specifications for 2019 maintenance of regulated drains. Okay, you have a large packet in your package there, and, by the way, if you don’t want
that packet, please give them back, because Linda will take those and use them to mail
out to one of our contractors. So, the package will describe in detail the work that was
highlighted in the drainage report that was provided to you at the last meeting. I do want
to say that there was a three page spreadsheet that summarized that work. We are adding
one project, and that is the clean out of Bonnie View Extension in the city. This is being
done at the request of the City Engineer, and I agree with the work. There’s been some
flooding on Cherry Street. The Cherry Street storm sewer empties into Bonnie View. The
pipe, that storm sewer is actually partially blocked, and so what we want to do is go down
dip this drain out and remove some of the obstacles, and see if we can’t get that
storm sewer operating 100 percent. Then, perhaps, we can eliminate the flooding problem
they’re having on Cherry Street. If it just doesn’t work, then we might go to a Plan B, which
we’re still kind of discussing, the City Engineer and I. But, you know, the City Engineering
Department, the city actually, you know, pays quite a few of the funds that go into the
East Side Urban dollars. So, we’re kind of spending their dollars, and, like I said, it is
going to help out some citizens, and the drain needs to be cleaned out. I don’t know why,
we’ve got one person that keeps going in and throwing a blocks in there and tries to use
it as a shortcut, and then the dirt backs up behind it. So, like I said, we’ll dip that thing out
and see if it can’t help some people out there. With that said, the bids will be due on March
19th. So, Linda will be mailing these out this week. Madelyn will be putting an
advertisement in the paper also. The bids would be opened on the 19th of March, taken
under advisement, with awarding on the following meeting, which will be April 2nd. If
there’s any questions, Linda’s here. I did not put that package together, she did. She gets
the credit for it.

President Hatfield: Good job, Linda.
Jeff Mueller: If you have any questions for her, she’s here, but, if not, I would ask that you approve that we could send those specifications out.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion.

President Hatfield: Madelyn, call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: Yes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Jeff Mueller: Thank you.

Final Drainage Plan: 13644 SR 57: JC Wildlife

Jeff Mueller: Next we have the final drainage plan request for 13644 State Route 57, JC Wildlife. Now, this is located on the west side of Highway 57, north of Daylight. The project is for a shop and warehouse. In the future, I understand there might even be some manufacturing of bird houses that would also occur. Essentially, this site, the applicant, he’s kind of like everything there is to birds. He’s bird seed, bird houses, everything, right, Jim? I mean, so, anyway, he’s got high hopes for making a really big business there. I’ve submitted a summary of the plan, and rather than read this information, I’m requesting that this information be included into the minutes, as if read into the record:

Information Submitted by Surveyor for Final Drainage Plan: JC Wildlife:

“The final drainage plan was submitted on January 21, 2019, with revisions submitted on January 28, 2019 and January 31, 2019. The plan that is requested to be approved consists of the submitted document, with a receipt date listed above, along with the following drawings: Drawings submitted January 31, 2019; Drawing 1 Undeveloped Basins & Drawing 2 Developed Basins.”

Jeff Mueller: I’ve also included with your package a review of the submitted drainage plan, and request that the review document be made part of the approved final drainage plan. The drainage plan was reviewed by the County Surveyor, and found to be in compliance with Vanderburgh County’s drainage code. A couple things that I do want to point out, that they did have to put a mailing notice out to the adjoining property owners, and we did not hear back from any adjoiners. So, apparently nobody had any issues with it. I do recommend two conditions; first, under Section 13.04.175, that according to the engineering firm that the applicant has also applied for a permit from INDOT for the driveway, and the Army Corps for a 404 permit for work to be done in the stream, which I believe is for the water and sewer. Anyway, that is a condition of approval, that copies of the approved permits be provided to the Surveyor’s Office, upon receipt by the applicant. And, second, that being as with all single lot drainage plans, that as a matter of record, that prior to the County Surveyor signing off on any Certificate of Occupancy, that the owner, or developer, supply the required as-built, or record drawings, or certification document, as required by code. Mr. Morley is here if you’ve got any questions, but it’s pretty cut and dry.

Commissioner Musgrave: Do you need a motion?

Jeff Mueller: Yes, please.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.
Commissioner Shoulders: I will second the motion.

President Hatfield: The, in this document, you have some things that require revisions are show in red, right?

Jeff Mueller: Yes.

President Hatfield: And—

Jeff Mueller: And, in blue or purple, if they came back with purple, they have supplied those.

President Hatfield: Yeah.

Commissioner Musgrave: On following pages.

President Hatfield: So, if they come back in blue, when you say provided—

Jeff Mueller: That means they provided them in the initial application.

President Hatfield: Okay.

Jeff Mueller: Then, if not, then I put a comment in red, and then they follow up in purple if they’ve supplied what I’ve asked for in red.

President Hatfield: So, with all of this colored confusion—

Jeff Mueller: If you have blue or purple at the end, it’s good. And, I don’t bring it to you with an open red, except for the very first statement, it says, “requirements to be addressed”.

President Hatfield: What about B on page 5? It doesn’t have any color behind it.

Jeff Mueller: What’s that?

President Hatfield: It doesn’t have any color behind it.

Jeff Mueller: I don’t know, I would have to look at that.

President Hatfield: You’ve got colors behind every one of these paragraphs, except that one.

Jeff Mueller: Except number 5, huh?

President Hatfield: I guess, that’s the one they got right off the bat.

Jeff Mueller: It’s not a multiple lot, or industrial.

President Hatfield: Okay.

Jeff Mueller: Or an industrial subdivision.

President Hatfield: Alright. Alright, a motion and a second. Madelyn, call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Musgrave?

Commissioner Musgrave: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Hatfield?

President Hatfield: Yes.

(Motion approved 3-0)
Vectren Non-Compliance with Sonntag Stevens Agreement Follow-Up

Jeff Mueller: Okay, Vectren, we had an issue with non-compliance on Sonntag Stevens agreement. And, that site was inspected, and if you remember, someone here was from Vectren saying the poles got moved, and we checked it, and they did get moved. I guess, I don’t know if we can call them Vectren anymore, can we?

President Hatfield: Nope.

Commissioner Musgrave: So, you’re satisfied?

Jeff Mueller: Yes.

Commissioner Musgrave: And, so, do you need a motion, or—

Jeff Mueller: No, I just was reporting back.

Commissioner Musgrave: Okay.

Commissioner Shoulders: It’s a report, okay.

Commissioner Musgrave: Good deal.

Ditch Maintenance Claims

Jeff Mueller: I have no ditch claims tonight.

Other Business

Commissioner Musgrave: I have a question about a ditch.

Jeff Mueller: Yes.

Commissioner Musgrave: Um, the road that runs along Wesselman Woods, between Wesselman’s and the mall?

Jeff Mueller: Yeah, Stockwell.

Commissioner Musgrave: Stockwell, and you’re very close to Morgan, and you have the ditch that runs underneath.

Jeff Mueller: Yeah, the canal.

Commissioner Musgrave: The canal, on the Wesselman Woods side of that Stockwell—

Jeff Mueller: Yes.

Commissioner Musgrave: -- trees and things are growing out of the bottom of that.

Jeff Mueller: Okay, we do mow on the north side of that.

Commissioner Musgrave: But, not on the south?

Jeff Mueller: It’s the railroad side. If we’re talking about the same thing. The railroad won’t let us on their property.

Commissioner Musgrave: This is really the waterway itself, trees growing in the waterway, on the Wesselman Woods side.


Commissioner Musgrave: Yeah, if you would just go take a look.

Jeff Mueller: Now, is this north of the railroad tracks, or south?

Commissioner Musgrave: I think it’s north, but I’m not going to swear to it.
Jeff Mueller: Okay, well, we do have, as a matter of fact, we didn’t use to mow on that side, and we started mowing there last year, with the idea of keeping trees from coming up. But, I think we’ve got two or three mowings this year on that.

Commissioner Musgrave: Next time you head that way, would you take a look?

Jeff Mueller: Well, we’ll head that way, well, I’ll look on a photo some time and make sure we’re talking about the same area. Okay, yeah.

**Public Comment**

Commissioner Shoulders: So, anything else?

President Hatfield: The only thing we have left is public comment.

Jeff Mueller: I know, the only other thing is, is Eldon might want to remind you that Big Creek Drainage Association annual meeting is March the 11th at Hornville, I call it the tavern, the conference hall in the back, social half hour. I’ll let Eldon, since he’s President, tell you, just kind of give you a personal invite and a little reminder.

Eldon Maasberg: On March 11th we’re going to have our annual meeting. It’s 6:30, social hour, and we’ll eat at 7:00. I’ll give you this piece of paper, so that you can either call one of these three guys to tell them that you’re coming.

President Hatfield: Thank you, Eldon.

Jeff Mueller: Or, if you want, get a hold of Linda, and she turns in a count for a lot of us.

Eldon Maasberg: Linda will do it too for us.

Jeff Mueller: Yeah. Linda takes a count for our office and that, so. Okay, but that’s all I have, unless you all have anything else.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Hatfield: Okay, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

(The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.)

**Those in Attendance:**

Jeff Hatfield  
Jeff Mueller  
Eldon Maasberg

Ben Shoulders  
David Jones  
Others Unidentified

Cheryl Musgrave  
Madelyn Grayson  
Members of Media

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