The Vanderburgh County Drainage Board met in session this 4th day of September, 2018 at 3:23 p.m. in Room 301 of the Civic Center Complex with President Ben Shoulders presiding.

### Call to Order

President Shoulders: I would now like to call to order the Drainage Board for today, September 4, 2018.

### Pledge of Allegiance

President Shoulders: On that note, if you could lead, Commissioner Ungethiem, with Commissioner Ungethiem for the Pledge of Allegiance please.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

President Shoulders: Thank you.

### Approval of the August 21, 2018 Drainage Board Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Ungethiem: I would make a motion to approve the previous month’s meeting minutes.

President Shoulders: I have a motion for, to approve the minutes. I need a second please.

Commissioner Musgrave: Second.

President Shoulders: We have a motion and a second. All in favor please say aye.

All Commissioners: Aye.

President Shoulders: Opposed same sign.

(None opposed)

President Shoulders: The motion passes in approval the minutes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

### Henry Ditch: Additional Proposed Work

President Shoulders: Mr. Mueller, what do we have today?

Jeff Mueller: First of all, Henry Ditch, additional proposed work. Henry Ditch is actually the road ditch along Kansas Road on the east side of Green River Road. It runs along Kansas Road and then turns and goes to the southeast. The portion of the ditch that runs along Kansas Road needs to be cleaned out. Before, when we had a ditch like this, which was Aiken, along Pollack Avenue, we found it was best to use the County Garage, because they’ve got a Gradall—

President Shoulders: Uh-huh.

Jeff Mueller: --they can do the work good. They’ve got the trucks, they’ve got the manpower, and they also do a good job of traffic control. When we did this work before on Aiken, we just gave them the prevailing rate, which was $2.56 a foot. For this particular work it would be 1,850 linear feet, so we would be paying them $4,736 to do this work.
I've talked to Scot Wichser, he's, he can fit it in his schedule. He likes the kind of work when it's like, yeah, you just tell me we need it and we can work it into our schedule.

President Shoulders: Uh-huh.

Jeff Mueller: He likes that, and, like I said, it really works out well, because that Gradall will clean that ditch better than anything else. Then we'll get some, get that ditch cleaned out before Big Brother has us starting to do permitting and stuff like that. So, I'm asking for your approval to do that work.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve.

Commissioner Ungethiem: Second.

President Shoulders: A first and a second to approve the Henry Ditch additional proposed work. All in favor please say aye.

All Commissioners: Aye.

President Shoulders: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed)

President Shoulders: The motion passes for Henry Ditch.

(Motion approved 3-0)

**Wabash Eerie Canal: Additional Proposed Work**

Jeff Mueller: Next is the Wabash Eerie Canal, additional proposed work. I've given you the, there's two things in your handout—

President Shoulders: Yeah.

Jeff Mueller: --pictures, the Wabash Eerie Canal, as you probably remember, is the large ditch that is along Morgan Avenue to the east of Green River, and then the west it kind of follows along the shopping centers and stuff there. The Wabash Eerie Canal is an extremely important ditch. It carries a lot, a lot of water from very, very a lot of shopping centers and that, and every now and then, we get little things like rip rap spillage and different things in that, and you can see some of the pictures that show just the little blockages. But these little blockages, a half foot to a foot, but what ends up happening is, from one end to the other we get about three foot of water dammed up because of these blockages. So, what we're asking is to go in there and to selectively remove these. We had contacted four contractors to do the work, and to show you times are good, two of them declined the work because of their current workload. A third one was going to show up at our meeting, but then he got tied up, and so he hasn't submitted a bid. So, we only got one bid. It's right there. I already know what the bid is, but if Mr. Harrison wants to open it up.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Can I have a motion?

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to open the bid.

Commissioner Ungethiem: Second.

President Shoulders: A motion and a second. All in favor please say aye.

All Commissioners: Aye.

President Shoulders: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed)
Joe Harrison, Jr.: Okay, let me just do this real fast and we'll tell you what it is. It's from Allen Relleke Excavating, LLC, to do the Wabash Eerie Canal project, for a total bid amount of $5,750.

Jeff Mueller: Since this is the only bid, I would recommend we accept it. Now, I will tell you that, you know, this, Mr. Relleke is going to be leasing a long reach backhoe to do some work up in Armstrong Township, so he was planning on doing this work while he had this piece of equipment leased. You know, $5,750, when you sit there and take into account it's probably about two days work and the mobilization and demobilization, this is a real reasonable number. And, so, I would like to go ahead and award it, and that way he can schedule it into his schedule when he has that equipment.

Commissioner Musgrave: Question.

Jeff Mueller: Yes?

Commissioner Musgrave: In the photographs, it looks like somebody, I'm looking at photo three where there seems to be a rip rap bridge through the canal, is that supposed to be there?

Jeff Mueller: No.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: No.

Commissioner Musgrave: How does that happen?

Jeff Mueller: The rip rap comes in and falls in off of the railroad, because the slope is so steep.

Commissioner Musgrave: Oh, alright. Well, I'll make a motion to approve awarding the bid to the sole respondent.

Commissioner Ungethiem: I will second.

President Shoulders: I have a motion and a second to award to the sole bidder, Allen Relleke. All in favor please say aye.

All Commissioners: Aye.

President Shoulders: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed)

President Shoulders: The motion passes on the Wabash Eerie.

Jeff Mueller: I will say, we do have some other work proposed in the area, as far as some clearing of trees, and that job is going to take, be more like winter work, and I'm hoping we'll have some more bidders for that. We've extended the deadline on that, so, hopefully, we'll get a few more bidders.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Can I ask one question? I forgot, how does this get, the payment on this, is this, does the city contribute?

Jeff Mueller: It would come out of the Wabash...yeah, the city contributes quite a bit to that particular—

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Fund.
Jeff Mueller: --fund, yes.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Okay.

Jeff Mueller: And, that's one of the funds that we have a fair amount of money in.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Right, right, right.

Jeff Mueller: But, it's also one of those, when we have a problem there, the bucks are usually big, a lot of times. So, but, yeah, I think, Mr. Harrison, we have over $100,000 in that particular fund.

Fieldstone: Release from Condition

Jeff Mueller: The next thing is, would be Fieldstone release from the condition. You already had some emails, and, you know, there was a request to get a release for one additional house out there. But, I did make an inspection out there last Thursday, if you recall, Mr. Dauby and Mr. Buck, the basin at the time had not been finished. They gave us a letter with some deadlines, they have met those deadlines. They've got the work completed. I did give you a page that shows you a few pictures. You can see where they've went and done the slope work, you can see the green grass, it's coming up already. So, as far as I'm concerned, he, they have met their criteria. Really, what we're going to do is, the overall condition, they've met the whole condition. So, we would allow any further Certificates of Occupancy to be granted on that first section, assuming that everything goes smooth and there's no other issues to come up. But, right now, we would just lift that whole condition, and, you know, so we won't be going next house, next house, next house.

Commissioner Musgrave: So, do I make the motion to release from condition the Fieldstone Subdivision?

Jeff Mueller: Yeah, I think that would be a good idea--

Commissioner Musgrave: Alright.

Jeff Mueller: --if Mr. Harrison does.

Joe Harrison, Jr.: Yeah.

Commissioner Musgrave: So moved.

Commissioner Ungethiem: Second.

President Shoulders: We have a motion and a second to release Fieldstone from condition. All in favor please say aye.

All Commissioners: Aye.

President Shoulders: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed)

President Shoulders: The motion passes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Jeff Mueller: And, I do thank you for your help on that.
Ditch Maintenance Claims

Jeff Mueller: Finally, or, actually there’s one other thing, but before that, ditch maintenance claims. You have a summary sheet requesting payment for 10 claims for a total of $5,166.20. All of the claims are for work previously approved by this Board.

Commissioner Musgrave: Motion to approve paying the claims.

President Shoulders: A motion and a second to pass ditch claims for $5,167.20. All in favor please say aye.

All Commissioners: Aye.

President Shoulders: All opposed same sign.

(None opposed)

President Shoulders: The motion passes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Other Business

President Shoulders: Jeff?

Jeff Mueller: Okay, I do have one other item in the other business. Just a reminder, first of all that the next Joint Drainage Board would be Wednesday, September 26th at 3:00 p.m. I do know that we probably need to think about the fact that Mr. Ungethiem is not going to be with us after this year, because he’s not going to be on the Board.

President Shoulders: That doesn’t sound very optimistic.

Jeff Mueller: Although he might be in the audience.

President Shoulders: I was going to say, that’s not…geez.

Jeff Mueller: And, also that Mr., Commissioner Weisheit from Warrick County did not seek re-election either, so, I’m hoping, we’re going to have, especially from Warrick County, because the other Commissioner hasn’t even been showing up at the meetings. So, I’m not sure where we’re going there. But, I also wanted to point out that, starting tomorrow the Indiana Flood Management Association, and I know I didn’t get that name right, is having their State convention here in Evansville. Some of the people from Division of Water are going to be there. There’s also going to be some vendors there. One of the, Dave Nance, Mr. Ungethiem, the geologist that spoke to us about Pigeon Creek, Dave is going to be there, and Dave has told me that there’s a couple vendors that we might want to talk to about gauging. So, I’ll get with Dave and see what they say. Of course, still the issue is, where are we going to put them? Who’s going to pay for them? And all of those other issues, but, at least we’ll be able to get some information on that. So, that begins tomorrow and runs through Friday.

Commissioner Ungethiem: If you set something set up this week and want me to attend, just let me know. I think I should be able to do that.

Jeff Mueller: Okay, I think the only thing is, is it’s one of those where you have to join and pay to get in. I mean, I don’t know, it’s a couple hundred bucks. It’s just the vendors are there. I don’t know if they would let you sneak in to go talk to the vendor, or maybe I could get the vendor to come and meet with you or something.

Commissioner Ungethiem: It’s at the Old National Events Plaza isn’t it?

President Shoulders: Uh-huh.

Jeff Mueller: Yes. Yeah, you can, or something, but, yeah, so we could find out what’s going on there.
Commissioner Ungethiem: Okay.

Jeff Mueller: But, there’s meetings, a couple other folks from here, we’re going to kind of be in between going back and forth to catch some of the activities. So, I think there’s going to be about 250 people there, so, I’m thinking this is the first time in a while that this has been held in Evansville too. So, anyway, that’s all I’ve got, unless anybody else has got anything.

President Shoulders: Any other business, Jeff?

President Shoulders: Any public comment for our big crowd here today?

Jeff Mueller: Everybody is home watching.

President Shoulders: Okay.

Jeff Mueller: It’s so hot.

Adjournment

Commissioner Ungethiem: Motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Musgrave: Second.

President Shoulders: All in favor please say aye.

All Commissioners: Aye.

President Shoulders: We are adjourned.

(The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.)

Those in Attendance:

Ben Shoulders           Bruce Ungethiem           Cheryl Musgrave
Jeff Mueller            Joe Harrison, Jr.         Madelyn Grayson
Others Unidentified     Members of Media

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