

**LITTLE RIVER  
JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD  
MINUTES**

June 13, 2007

8:00 a.m.

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Call to order: The meeting of the Joint Drainage Board was called to order by  
Huntington County Surveyor, Jay Poe.

Present: From Huntington County:

Surveyor	Jay Poe
Commissioner	Richard Brubaker
Technical Operations	Troy Hostetler
Business Operations	Erica Bair

Allen County:

Surveyor	Allan Frisinger
Commissioner	Wm E. Brown
Drainage Board Sec.	Sharman Bultemeier

Wells County:

Surveyor	Jarrod Hahn
Commissioner	Paul Bonham

Whitley County:

Drainage Bd. Member	Steven Sickafoose
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Adams County:

Surveyor:	Paul Norr
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See sign-in sheet for others present.

**1) The Selection of Officers**

Paul Bonham nominated Richard Brubaker as Chairman of the Joint Board, seconded by Steven Sickafoose. Motion voted on and carried

Jay Poe turned the meeting over to Richard Brubaker at this time. He asked for a nomination for the Vice-chair:

Steven Sickafoose nominated Bill Brown, seconded by Paul Bonham. Motion voted on and carried.

**2) The Selection of a Secretary of Records**

Richard Brubaker suggested using Allen County as the Secretary of Records. Paul Bonham nominated Allen County, seconded by Steven Sickafoose. Motion voted on and carried

**3) The Selection of a Fifth Member**

Bill Brown nominated Paul Norr as the fifth member, seconded by Paul Bonham. Motion voted on and passed.

The Little River Joint Drainage Board:

Richard Brubaker	Chairman
Wm E. Brown	Vice-Chair
Pal Bonham	Wells County
Steven Sickafoose	Whitley County

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Paul Norr	Adams County
Allan Frisinger	Surveyor – Technical Adviser
Records	Allen County

4) **Declare Emergency and Hire a Firm of Engineers**

The Chair opened the floor for discussion:

Allan Frisinger asked to hear the declaration what the emergency is.

Richard Brubaker explained that Roanoke suffers from flooding due to the flooding of the Little River.

Alan Frisinger explained that the Little River only has about five percent element in the flooding of Roanoke or any backwater affect. If there is an emergency in Roanoke, it is probably due to the receiving streams through Roanoke and the lack of adequate drainage facilities in the town itself. It is currently floodway, flood fringe on those waterways.

Richard Brubaker told Al that once the river is up, it backs water into Roanoke.

Al Frisinger and Richard Brubaker agreed that the backwater affects the system.

The Board needs to be clear when they hire a firm that there is a definite direction that they are given.

Steven Sickafoose asked who would be directing the firm and Al Frisinger told him that it would probably be through his office.

The word emergency was dropped

Steven Sickafoose asked – The Little River, the only part that the Joint Board would have is the backwater going into Roanoke as far as the Joint Board we are not totally concerned about the problems of Roanoke.

Al Frisinger told him that as the Joint Board your look in Roanoke is very minimal because the regulated drains that go through Roanoke are the jurisdiction of Huntington County Drainage Board.

Richard Brubaker agreed. He asked Mr. Frisinger his opinion of the proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL).

Al Frisinger responded that the proposal would give the Board the chance to make recommendations along the way. (Copy of proposal attached.)

5) **Review a proposal from an engineering firm**

Mr. Brubaker asked if the Board would entertain Jay Poe reviewing the proposal with the board.

Bill Brown agreed and offer a motion if needed.

Jay Poe turned the floor over to Jon Stolz from CBBEL.

Mr. Stolz reviewed the scope of services.

Jay Poe presented a power point program showing the problem areas along the Littler River Drain in Huntington County.

Chairman Brubaker asked if there were any further questions for Jon or Jay.

Question and answer session followed between the Board and Mr. Stolz.

Steven Sickafoose asked what would happen if it was determined that the Little River can't handle the amount of water flowing into it.

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Mr. Stolz told him that that would probably be part of their work. There are different corrective measures. You can slow down water with a regional detention basin or regional flood control type of project. You can use ordinance or other type of land use policies. They would bring different solutions to the Board for their review. Time line is a year or less if possible.

Chairman Brubaker asked the Board if they would prefer having legal council review the contract before signing.

Steven Sickafoose suggested approval subject to review; suggestion was seconded by Bill Brown.

Paul Bonham didn't see a problem with the contract.

Mr. Stolz told the Board that the contract could be terminated at any time with charges for work completed only.

Bill Brown withdrew his second on requesting a review from legal council.

Chairman Brubaker asked for a motion to accept the contract between the Joint Board and Christopher Burke Engineering.

Bill made a motion to accept the contract (copy attached) between the Board and Christopher Burke Engineering. Motion seconded by Paul Bonham and voted on. Motion carried.

6) **Order Maintenance Collections be restored in 2008**

Chairman opened the floor for discussion:

Al Frisinger told the Board that the 608 Thousand dollars stipulated exceeds the amount that was originally detailed as the collectible four year amount which is 304,380 dollars back in 1972 and hasn't been updated. Any look at increasing that to a specific level probably should be a hearing issue, where we have public input.

Chairman Brubaker asked Al how far down must they spend before they can start collecting again.

Al Frisinger told him that they can continue on collection. There is work that needs to be done in Allen County. CBBEL's report will give the Board a better direction in the amounts of money that will be needed.

Al Frisinger told the Board that the amount of interest to be added back on hasn't been decided yet, but there will be additional dollars that will be brought back in.

7) **Restrict payment of Claims to be made as is allowed in 36-9-27-11, being by approved recorded motion of the Board**

Steve Sickafoose asked if there is a working relationship between counties now to handle these temporary needs.

Al Frisinger told him that the direction of the Board in the seventies gave the counties the ability to do the work and submit the invoice to the Allen County's Surveyor Office and we would approve that through the Board.

Chairman Brubaker thought that the Board should approve large amounts before beginning work. He thought that there should be a dollar amount. He suggested \$25,000 as an amount that could be done without the Board approval.

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Bill Brown suggested a \$40,000 level.

The Board decided to stay with the \$25,000 and have the Board meet for any larger amounts.

Bill Brown made a motion to make the fee level of expenditure at \$25,000 before Board's approval, motion seconded by Steve Sickafoose. Motion voted on and carried.

8) **Consideration of claims**

Al Frisinger asked the Board to pay for the advertisement (\$8.97) and mailing (\$8.15) incurred for the hearing. The Board agreed to pay them. Paul Bonham made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Steve Sickafoose. Motion voted on and carried.

9) **Authorize and/or seek legal council**

After a short discussion, it was decided to defer hiring a law firm until after the receipt of CBBEL's report.

10) **Set the next meeting of the Board**

The Board decided that the next meeting will be held in the Allen County Commissioner's Courtroom (room 200) on September 12, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.

Paul Bonham made the motion for September 12, 2007, seconded by Bill Brown. Motion voted on and carried. Allen County will send out all notifications.

11) **Boards members concerns and/or comments**

Discussion followed concerning the Huntington County Surveyor going ahead with maintenance work on the Little River. It was decided that Jay Poe should get together with Al Frisinger regarding completing maintenance work that is less than the \$25,000 limit.

Jarrod Han the Wells County Surveyor brought it to the Board attention that according to Indiana Code they (Board) due to the numbers of acres can just put the notice in the paper and redo the assessment rolls.

Jay Poe said that after reviewing the code he thinks that if the Board decides to raise the rate they can also notify the property owners through the paper instead of sending them notification in the mail. The Board will keep this advice in mind for future planning.

Paul Bonham asked if the Board will pay their members a per DIEM. Discussion followed and it was decided that they would pay \$55.00 per DIEM. Paul Bonham made a motion to set per DIEM at \$55.00 per member to be paid from the Little River Fund, seconded by Steve Sickafoose. Motion voted on and carried.

Bill Brown made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Paul Bonham. Motion voted on and carried. Meeting adjourned.

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**LITTLE RIVER JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD**

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Richard Brubaker – Chairperson

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Wm E. Brown – Vice Chairperson

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Paul Bonham – Wells County Rep.

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Steven Sickafoose – Whitley County Rep.

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Paul Norr – Adams County Rep.

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Allan Frisinger – Allen County Surveyor