

**THE LITTLE RIVER JOINT
DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR HEARING**

September 12, 2007

8:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Chairman Richard Brubaker

Chairman Brubaker called the meeting to order 8:06 am.

Present: Drainage Board: Richard Brubaker, Wm E. Brown, Paul Norr, Allan D. Frisinger, Sharman Bultemeier, Jay Poe, Keith Hood, and Peggy Shepherd from Christopher Burke Engineering

Approval of Minutes: June 13th, 2007 minutes

Mr. Brubaker asked if there were any correction to the minutes, hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. Bill Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Paul Norr. Motion carried.

1. Presentation of Claims for Consideration.

Mr. Frisinger presented the following claims to the Board:

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| <i>Christopher Burke Eng for</i> | <i>\$1,326.50</i> |
| <i>Fort Wayne Newspaper for</i> | <i>\$22.64</i> |
| <i>The Herald-Press for</i> | <i>\$7.59</i> |

*Bill Brown made a motion to pay submitted claims, seconded by Paul Norr, motion carried. *The following invoice was received after the meeting and paid: News-Banner Publications, Inc. (Legal Ad) for \$10.90.*

2. Discussion – Payment of Per Diem.

Mr. Frisinger asked the Board whether they were going to submit a claim individually from each county.

Richard Brubaker said that in Huntington Co they pay off the minutes. If you are present for the meeting you are paid the per DIEM.

Bill Brown had to leave for a few minutes, meeting put on hold until he returned.

While Mr. Brown was absent, a general discussion took place regarding who should be paid the per DIEM for attending the Little River Joint Meeting. It was

determined that all members of the Little River Drainage Board including the Allen County Surveyor are entitle to the \$55.00 DIEM for attending meetings. Mr. Brubaker reviewed with Mr. Brown the decision upon his return to the meeting.

3. Presentation by Christopher Burke:

**Burke Engineering, LTD
Little River Study**

Peggy Shepherd from Christopher Burke presented a short review of the trouble areas on the Little River Drain in Huntington County. The actual modeling won't be completed until around February of 2008.

Mr. Brubaker asked about the removal of dead, dying and leaning trees. Mr. Frisinger suggested that Mr. Poe's Office could work on removing them. Mr. Brubaker thought that Burke should be working on this issue as well.

It was determined that logjams located around bridges and railroad should be removed. Peggy Shepherd said that Christopher Burke would take care of DNR's permits for areas that are located in a floodplain. Where possible, Huntington will work from the bridges instead of the banks and wetland areas.

4. Set Date of Next Meeting.

Mr. Brubaker said that the Board didn't have to meet quarterly, he personally thought that the Board should meet at least once a year so that they are updated all the time. As long as they are doing business; working on contracts, that there need to be meetings.

It was decided to meet again sometime in February 2008. Mr. Frisinger will look at several dates and e-mail everybody with those dates. Wednesdays and the last week of the month are bad for some.

5. Discussion – Transfer of Interest Amount to Little River Fund.

Mr. Frisinger told the Board that he is working with the Treasurer's Office regarding reclaiming the interest. He also will be submitting a new Ordinance for the Little River Drain Maintenance Fund. This will assure that the interest will stay with the drain.

6. Old Business.

None

7. **New Business.**

Jay Poe explained to the Board that Huntington County will be flying new aerials in the cities that are not just the normal vertical photos. These are going to be oblique. Instead of just one camera, they will also have four other cameras shooting at forty-fives. If the Little River Drainage Board would like to have the drain done, the cost would be \$362.25 per square mile. The cost for the drain would be \$8,694.00. The software would be free to anyone wanting it.

Mr. Frisinger agreed with Mr. Poe that this would be a good idea. It will give a historical prospect.

Paul Norr made a motion to go ahead with the proposal so that they would have some record and reference point, seconded by Bill Brown. Motion carried.

Bill Brown asked Peggy Shepherd her opinion and she told him that it was good for historical benefits.

8. **Adjournment.**

There being no other business Mr. Brubaker asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Norr made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Bill Brown. Motion carried.