

**ALLEN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR HEARING**

March 13, 2008

9:00 a.m.

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PRESENT: DB: LINDA BLOOM, WM E. BROWN, ROGER MOLL, ALLAN FRISINGER; DB ATTY: CATHY SORRANO; ACSO: LARRY WEBER; DB SEC:  
SHARMAN BULTEMEIER; SEE SIGN-IN SHEET FOR OTHERS PRESENT

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**Call to Order:** Chairwoman, Linda K. Bloom

**Approval of Minutes:** February 28, 2008 minutes  
Roger made a motion to approve the minutes, second  
by Bill Brown. Motion carried.

**Approval of Petitions:**

1. **Doc. #08-027, Honeysuckle Drain located in Cedar Creek Twp. Sec. 11.**  
Certification of assessment for Periodic Maintenance. Maintenance set at  
\$35.00 per unit. Total assessment \$2,100.00

*ADF recommended approval. Bill Brown made a motion to approve assessment  
as submitted, seconded by Roger Moll. Motion carried.*

2. **Doc. # 08-028, Lima Shoaff Drain located in Perry Twp. Sec. 7 and 18.**  
Petitioner is Jeffrey Thomas. Petition for establishment of a new regulated drain.  
Motion to proceed and set a hearing date for Public Hearing.

*Correction to agenda Petitioner should be Susan Hoot (H & C Insulation) and not  
Jeffrey Thomas – typing error.*

*Summary of discussion regarding motion to proceed.*

*ADF explained the timeline to the Board explaining that they are trying to come  
up with a satisfactory look at how they are going to proceed through the  
development of a drain plan.*

*There is a development on the north side of Shoaff Road that needs an outfall, a  
development expansion by Boyd Investment and Asphalt Drum Mixers Inc. north  
of Almon St. in Hometown and the adjacent properties along Shoaff Road and  
Lima Road would all benefit from the installation of a main storm drain line that  
would service the area. He showed the Board the propose pipe installation (map  
attached).*

*Roger Moll asked how would the existing businesses capture and retain the  
water draining it into the new pipe draining into Willow Creek.*

*ADF explained that if the existing businesses expand their site it would be a  
requirement for them to come up with a plan for stormwater management.  
The property owners within the watershed would be assessed for the cost of the  
construction. The assessment that is levy to the properties would be payable  
over a five year period at ten percent per annual. He also told the Board that  
there is virtually no agriculture land in this water shed.*

*Roger expressed his concerns regarding how this project and others affect the  
ditches. A short discussion followed on how to protect our waterways.*

*Linda Bloom expressed concerns that the construction of this drain is being  
placed ahead of other drains that are waiting on reconstruction.*

*ADF explained that this particular one came to us through development plans  
submitted by Mr. Slayback and gave us a plan profile from the ADM site out also  
H & C Insulation is looking at development of a commercial building north of  
Shoaff Road and we have their engineering data supply. It is a good look at  
benefiting a large number of commercial, industrial properties and public rights-  
right of way that floods.*

*Bill Brown questioned how a reconstruction is financed and a short discussion followed on how the fund is financed.*

*CEDIT could finance the project they could have a drain reimbursement at a lower percentage rate over a longer or shorter period of time and have that come right back to CEDIT*

*Roger asked what is being done to minimize environmental impact by the encouragement use of swales instead of curves, gutters and storm sewers.*

*ADF told him that as the people make connections, they will be given a standard to live by for water quality and water quantity.*

*Linda asked for a motion. ADF recommended a motion to proceed. Roger Moll made a motion to proceed, seconded by Bill Brown. Motion carried.*

3. **Doc. #08-029, Valencia Drain Section II Drain located in St. Joseph Twp. Sec. 15.** Petitioner is Jeffrey Thomas. Petition for establishment of a new regulated drain. Motion to proceed.

*ADF recommended approval as submitted. Bill Brown made a motion to approve motion to proceed, seconded by Roger Moll. Motion carried.*

4. **Doc. #08-030, Valencia Section II Drain.** Petition to allow building encroachments on the Urban Drain Easements to the limits of the easements established on the Valencia Section II Plat.

*ADF recommended approval. Bill made a motion to approve petition, seconded by Roger. Motion carried.*

5. **Doc. #08-031.** Request from Civil Engineering Services for approval of the Stormwater Management Plan for Valencia Section II.

*ADF recommended approval as submitted. Roger Moll made a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Brown. Motion carried.*

6. **Doc. #08-032, Bridgewater, Section XI Drain located in Aboite Twp. Sec. 7.** Petitioner is Jeffrey Thomas. Petition for establishment of a new regulated drain. Motion to proceed.

*ADF recommended approval as submitted. Bill Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Roger Moll. Motion carried.*

7. **Doc. #08-033, Mossman Drain located in Aboite Twp. Sec. 7.** Petition to allow building encroachments on the Urban Drain easements to the limits of the easements established on the Bridgewater Section XI Plat.

*ADF recommended approval as submitted. Roger Moll made a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Brown. Motion carried.*

8. **Doc. #08-034, Bridgewater Section XI Drain located in Aboite Twp. Sec. 7.** Petition to allow building encroachments on the Urban Drain easements to the limits of the easements established on the Bridgewater, Section XI Plat.

*ADF recommended approval as submitted. Bill Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Roger Moll. Motion carried.*

9. **Doc. #08-035,** Request from Civil Engineering Services for approval of the Stormwater Management Plan for Bridgewater Section XI.

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*ADF recommended approval as submitted. Roger Moll made a motion to approve, seconded by Bill Brown. Motion carried.*

10. **Doc. #08-036, Cedar Creek Section 3 Drain located in Cedar Creek Twp. Section 10.** Certification of assessment for Periodic Maintenance. Maintenance set at \$16.00 per unit. Total assessment \$256.00.

*ADF recommended approval of assessment. Bill Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Roger Moll. Motion carried.*

**Other Business:**

Discussion regarding the Martin #1 Drain.

*Summary of discussion:*

*Larry Weber explained that the issue is can Parkview for the benefit of trying to clear up this portion of the ditch (per map) do work through the wetland area to minimize what they perceive are lost of values. Their existing facilities aren't working the way they were planned ten years ago. Scott Loughheed is their general engineer.*

*ADF recommended working with Parkview establishing management of this watershed and drain. He recommended with the Board approval sitting down with the engineer, coming up with some sort of a long term plan on this drain and then seeing if we can get the money and where we want to go with that. He told the Board he would move this ahead in discussion with Parkview.*

Petitions added after posting of agenda:

**Doc. #08-037** Request for motion to proceed on the establishment of a new regulated drain for the Preserves of Carroll Creek Section II.

*ADF recommended approval. Bill Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Roger Moll. Motion carried.*

**Doc. #08-038** Petition to encroach within the drainage easement for the newly created Preserves of Carroll Creek Section II drain located in Eel River Twp. Sec. 25.

*ADF recommended as submitted. Bill Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Roger Moll. Motion carried.*

**Doc. #08-039** Request from Todd Ramsey to approve his Stormwater Management Plan for Preserves of Carroll Creek Section II.

*ADF recommended approval as submitted. Bill Brown made a motion to approve, seconded by Roger Moll. Motion carried.*

*A discussion followed in regard to problems in Eagle Lakes Section I.*

*In 1989 plans were submitted to the Surveyor's Office to vacate the drain and reconstruct it. The only petition on file is one to make this a regulated drain. The engineer at the time proposed to permanently plug tile a minimum of fifty feet from the top of bank of the pond. Field tile to new manhole, place manhole cover over beehive with grate. This created the situation where you have seven lots and two streets with old tile under them. We have the situation today where the City of Fort Wayne went out on lot 12 open up this old tile, video tape and found out that there is a pipe connection on it and that the tile was not filled or crushed. They want us to give them forty-eight hundred dollars to grout this line shut with general drain funds or with drain funds from Eagle Lake.*

*ADF had the following issues concerning the city's handling of the situation:*

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*That the city choose to go out and work on a county regulated drain and now the county is in the position with a private contractor, the City of Fort Wayne in the middle and an expenditure of funds that they are asking him to make a decision on because they got a hole opened up and this guy got water. We don't have a definitive look at the Drainage Board level in 1989 that said, "Well what are we going to do with that line, except that they petition to make the others a regulated drain." We don't have a plan approval. We have a plan approval through the office at that level. There isn't a petition moving the Roy #2 drain*

*The City of Fort Wayne is also working on the Fairfield Drain doing some work that ADF didn't know about. These are issues that should be coming through the Drainage Board.*

*ADF expressed concerns regarding a City's employee making disparaging remarks made about him personally as County Surveyor to the public about this issue and about five other issues. He is going to take this to the next level with the city.*

*Meeting adjourned*

**ALLEN COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

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Linda K. Bloom, Chairperson

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Wm. E. Brown, Vice-Chairperson

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Roger Moll, Secretary

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Allan D. Frisinger, County Surveyor

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Date

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