

**Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board**  
**August 27, 2025**  
**Tipton County Courthouse**

**Members Present:** President Brad Bagwell, Mark Heirbrandt, Donnie Lawson

**Surveyors Present:** Jason Henderson, Dan Sheets, Carol Cunningham, Gary Duncan

**Secretary:** Kristi Hinkle                      **Attorney:** Steve Holt

**Others Present:** Mike Cline, Vicky Boyd, Bob Edinger, Mark Chemlyiskjy

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** President, Brad Bagwell called the meeting to order.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:** President Brad Bagwell stated that there was a quorum.

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Member Mark Heirbrandt motioned to approve July 23, 2025, minutes. Member Donnie Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved.

**SURVEYOR'S REPORT:**

- A. **USGS:** Jeff Woods stated that the Big Cicero Creek has had the USGS gauge for eighteen years. Mr. Woods also stated that all the gauges are transmitted via satellite relay, which makes them available even when there are power outages. Mr. Woods informed the board that Cicero has the "Bubbler System" which is a pressurized gas sensor to measure the water level. Mr. Woods stated that their technicians are out on site six to eight times a year checking the gauge. Mr. Woods said that Cicero can find their gauge on the USGS National Water Dashboard. Mr. Woods presented images of the Water Dashboard. Mr. Woods explained other options offered that would cost an additional charge. President Brad Bagwell had asked for hard copies of the QR codes. Mr. Wood replied that the IT guy has hard copies and that he (Mr. Wood) would send Jason Henderson some web links that could be passed on to the board. President Bagwell thanked Jeff Woods for his presentation.
- B. **Update:** Surveyor Henderson stated that the mowing has been completed and went well. Surveyor Henderson also stated that the clearing on the south end of Cicero was going well, and landowners are happy with it except for one landowner. Surveyor Henderson informed the board that the contractors are handling the one that was not as happy. President Brad Bagwell brought to the boards attention that there were a couple of issues that came up. Surveyor Henderson replied that there were a couple of soft spots that were identified. President Bagwell stated that the Health Department has done some testing. Surveyor Henderson informed the board that investigation is being done. President Brad Bagwell stated that the testing was going on and just waiting on the results. President Bagwell also stated that Cicero Board did their due

diligence by having boring tests done prior to the shelving project. Member Mark Heirbrandt stated that he and Brad Bagwell were at the site on Sunday.

- C. Questions: Bob Edinger had asked who the lead was for the investigation. President Brad Bagwell replied that it is a joint effort with the county and the city. Mr. Edinger had asked if there was a former landfill there. President Brad Bagwell responded that there was one south of the investigated area. Vicky Boyd had a concern for children and animals being exposed to a possible septic issue. Vicky Boyd expressed the importance of knowing what is there in those wet areas. President Bagwell replied that they responded and expedited the testing. Member Mark Heirbrandt replied that they were notified at ten at night and were there the very next day. Vicky Boyd had requested to be included in the “loop” of the testing.

**BOARD ENGINEER REPORT:**

Update: Mark Chemlyiskjy reported that he looked at High Performance Alloys and that it looked good.

**BOARD BUSINESS/COMMENTS (OLD OR NEW):**

Retainage Release (McDonalds Area Project): Mark Chemlyiskjy stated that the McDonald’s bank stabilization is complete, and the contractor provided their final progress report for the retainage release in the amount of \$14,508.32. Member Mark Heirbrandt motioned to approve the retainage release for the McDonald’s bank stabilization. Member Donnie Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER CLAIMS:** Secretary Hinkle presented the financial report. Member Mark Heirbrandt motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Member Donnie Lawon 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Attorney Holt advised motioning on the approval of testing. Member Mark Heirbrandt motioned to approve the ratifying of the testing done (\$2,000). Member Donnie 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved. Member Mark Heirbrandt motioned to approve additional testing up to \$2,000. Member Donnie Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Next Meeting September 17, 2025, at 9:30 am.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Member Donnie Lawson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Mark Heirbrandt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjourned.

BIG CICERO CREEK BOARD:

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Brad Bagwell

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Mark Heirbrandt

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Donnie Lawson

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Jordan Brewer

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Austin Henderson

ATTEST:

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Kristi Hinkle, Secretary