

**Synopsis of:
Tipton County Drainage Board:
Monday November 17, 2025, at 12:00 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tracey Powell, Dennis Henderson, Nancy Cline, Jason Henderson, Kristi Hinkle

OTHERS PRESENT: Joella Grant, Carl Colbert, Carla Good Dean Slate, Robert L., Donald Treadway, Kent Boyer, Tana Crampton, Stephen L. Smith, Robert J. Burkert, Steven Swinford, Janice Brown, Jason Noble, Dan Noble, Tammy Noble

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Dennis Henderson called the meeting to order.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: QUORUM ESTABLISHED

MODIFICATIONS TO AGNEDA: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to approve October 20, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

SURVEYOR REPORT: Surveyor Henderson stated that there are six public hearings scheduled today and a reconstruction in which they cannot start any earlier than the advertised time. Surveyor Henderson had asked Secretary Hinkle if she had mailed out all mailings according to code, has her notarized affidavit, and proof of advertisement. Secretary Hinkle replied yes.

CLAIMS: Secretary Hinkle presented the claims in the amount of \$118,438.38. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to approve the claims as presented. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2nd the motion. The motion was approved.

BOARD BUSINESS/COMMENTS (OLD or NEW):

- A. Irwin Creek Regulated Drain hearing:** President Denny Henderson opened the public hearing for the Irwin Creek Regulated drain. Surveyor Henderson presented an overview and history of the Irwin Creek drain.

Surveyor Henderson stated: The Tipton County Drainage Board, having recognized the need for the increase in maintenance assessments for the *Irwin Creek Regulated Drain*, has referred the request to me for preparation of the report. I submit the following:

Historical data for the Drain:

1. Petition for construction of the Drain was created in 1921 according to our records.
2. The last Maintenance hearing was in 1994 (approved).
3. There has never been a Reconstruction hearing.
4. Current assessment is \$1.00 an acre with a \$5.00 minimum, which creates a yearly assessment of \$5,408.97
5. The drain currently has a negative balance of -\$2,423.36

The annual maintenance fund is proposed to be increased for the continued maintenance of *IRWIN CREEK REGULATED DRAIN*.

The proposed increase in maintenance assessment is to be \$3.00 per acre benefited for agricultural / residential, with a \$ 25.00 minimum; \$15.00 per acre benefited for Non-Agricultural and Non-residential with a \$150.00 minimum; \$10.00 per acre rate benefited for exempt tracts with a \$75.00 minimum. If raised to proposed assessment, the yearly assessment would total \$18,646.11. Collection to start in the calendar year 2026 and each year thereafter, with a maximum of 4 years of annual assessment to accrue before collection is halted. These funds are to be used for the continued maintenance of *IRWIN CREEK REGULATED DRAIN*. President Dennis Henderson opened public comment. There was none. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2nd the motion. Public comment closed. Surveyor Henderson stated that clearing had been done on Irwin Creek, but needs maintained with spraying, and then dipping would need to take place. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to approve the Irwin Creek regulated drain increase as proposed. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

B. Mott NF Regulated Drain hearing: President Denny Henderson opened public hearing for the Mott NF regulated drain. Surveyor Henderson stated: The Tipton County Drainage Board, having recognized the need for the increase in maintenance assessments for the *MOTT NF REGULATED DRAIN*, has referred the request to me for preparation of the report. I submit the following:

Historical data for the Drain:

- 1. Petition for construction of the Drain was created in 1922 according to our records.**
- 2. The last Maintenance hearing was in 1981 (approved).**
- 3. The last Reconstruction hearing was in 1981 (approved).**
- 4. Current assessment is \$0.50 an acre with a \$5.00 minimum, which creates a yearly assessment of \$3,422.97**

The drain currently has a NEGATIVE balance of -\$20,886.78

The annual maintenance fund is proposed to be increased for the continued maintenance of *MOTT NF REGULATED DRAIN*.

The proposed increase in maintenance assessment is to be \$4.00 per acre benefited for agricultural / residential, with a \$ 25.00 minimum; \$15.00 per acre benefited for Non-Agricultural and Non-residential with a \$150.00 minimum; \$10.00 per acre rate benefited for exempt tracts with a \$75.00 minimum. If raised to proposed assessment, the yearly assessment would total \$27,490.04. Collection to start in the calendar year 2026 and each year thereafter, with a maximum of 4 years of annual assessment to accrue before collection is halted. These funds are to be used for the continued maintenance of *MOTT NF REGULATED DRAIN*. Surveyor Henderson stated that clearing was done on the west end with multiple beaver dams and obstructions. Surveyor Henderson presented an ariel video of Mott NF drain. Surveyor Henderson reminded that drainage assessments from the Mott NF can only be used on the Mott NF. Surveyor Henderson stated that there was one letter received. President Denny Henderson opened public comment. Christine Adkins, 203 W Walnut Street Kempton Indiana, had questioned the size and length of the drain. Christine Adkins made a comment that her address was wrong. Surveyor Henderson advised Christine that the Auditor's office could correct the address for her. David Boden, 102 Railroad Street; 105 Main Street; and 105 Colonial, stated that he had no idea that his

properties were separate. David Boden stated that he combined his properties, but it will not take effect until two years and expressed that that is not fair. Commissioner Tracey Powell brought attention to the fact that Mr. Boden has been paying for these parcels in previous years. David Boden expressed his concern that his assessments are not fair. Surveyor Henderson replied with helping Mr. Boden with his assessments. Christine Adkins had asked if this money goes to the sewage. Surveyor Henderson responded no. Christine Adkins expressed that the assessments are unfair. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2nd the motion. Public comment closed. Surveyor Henderson stated that there were no official remonstrances and recommended approval of the proposed increase. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to approve the proposed increase on the Mott NF regulated drain. President Denny Henderson 2nd the motion. Denny Henderson informed the board that Nancy Cline owns property which she abstains from voting. Motion was approved.

C. Neiman Ellis Powell Regulated Drain hearing: President Denny Henderson opened public hearing for the Suburban Southfield regulated drain. Surveyor Henderson stated: The Tipton County Drainage Board, having recognized the need for the increase in maintenance assessments for the *NEIMAN ELLIS POWELL REGULATED DRAIN*, has referred the request to me for preparation of the report. I submit the following:

Historical data for the Drain:

1. Petition for construction of the Drain was created in 1928 according to our records.
2. The last Maintenance hearing was in 1976 (approved).
3. The last Reconstruction hearing was in 2000 (denied).
4. Current assessment is \$1.00 an acre with a \$6.00 minimum, which creates a yearly assessment of \$653.18
5. The drain currently has a negative balance of -\$2,643.26

The annual maintenance fund is proposed to be increased for the continued maintenance of *NEIMAN ELLIS POWELL REGULATED DRAIN*.

The proposed increase in maintenance assessment is to be \$4.00 per acre benefited for agricultural / residential, with a \$ 40.00 minimum; \$15.00 per acre benefited for Non-Agricultural and Non-residential with a \$150.00 minimum; \$10.00 per acre rate benefited for exempt tracts with a \$75.00 minimum. If raised to proposed assessment, the yearly assessment would total \$1,926.72. Collection to start in the calendar year 2026 and each year thereafter, with a maximum of 4 years of annual assessment to accrue before collection is halted. These funds are to be used for the continued maintenance of *NIEMAN ELLIS POWELL REGULATED DRAIN*. Surveyor Henderson stated that there were no remonstrances. President Denny Henderson opened public comment. None. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2nd the motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to approve the Neiman Ellis Powell regulated drain increase as proposed. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

D. Riley and Porter Regulated Drain hearing: President Denny Henderson opened public hearing for Joshua Cottingham regulated drain. Surveyor Henderson stated: The Tipton County Drainage Board, having recognized the need for the increase in maintenance assessments for the *RILEY & PORTER REGULATED DRAIN*, has referred the request to me for preparation of the report. I submit the following:

Historical data for the Drain:

1. Petition for construction of the Drain was created in 1898 according to our records.
2. The last Maintenance hearing was in 1977 (approved).
3. There has never been a Reconstruction hearing.
4. Current assessment is \$1.00 an acre with a \$5.00 minimum, which creates a yearly assessment of \$110.00
5. The drain currently has a negative balance of -\$574.02

The annual maintenance fund is proposed to be increased for the continued maintenance of *RILEY & PORTER REGULATED DRAIN*.

The proposed increase in maintenance assessment is to be \$4.00 per acre benefited for agricultural / residential, with a \$40.00 minimum; \$15.00 per acre benefited for Non-Agricultural and Non-residential with a \$150.00 minimum; \$10.00 per acre rate benefited for exempt tracts with a \$75.00 minimum. If raised to proposed assessment, the yearly assessment would total \$936.64. Collection to start in the calendar year 2026 and each year thereafter, with a maximum of 4 years of annual assessment to accrue before collection is halted. These funds are to be used for the continued maintenance of *RILEY & PORTER REGULATED DRAIN*. Surveyor Henderson stated that there were no official remonstrances. President Denny Henderson opened public comment. None. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2nd the motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to approve the increase on the Riley & Porter drain as presented. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2nd the motion. Motion was approved

- E. Rogers Houser Hobbs Regulated Drain hearing: President Denny Henderson opened public hearing for Roger Houser Hobbs regulated drain. Surveyor Henderson stated: The Tipton County Drainage Board, having recognized the need for the increase in maintenance assessments for the *ROGERS HOUSER HOBBS REGULATED DRAIN*, has referred the request to me for preparation of the report. I submit the following:**

Historical data for the Drain:

1. Petition for construction of the Drain was created in 1882 according to our records.
2. The last Maintenance hearing was held in 1974 (approved).
3. There has never been a Reconstruction hearing.
4. Current assessment is \$1.00 an acre with a \$6.00 minimum, which creates a yearly assessment of \$178.99
5. The drain currently has a negative balance of -\$808.26

The annual maintenance fund is proposed to be increased for the continued maintenance of *ROGERS HOUSER HOBBS REGULATED DRAIN*.

The proposed increase in maintenance assessment is to be \$5.00 per acre benefited for agricultural / residential, with a \$40.00 minimum; \$15.00 per acre benefited for Non-Agricultural and Non-residential with a \$150.00 minimum; \$10.00 per acre rate benefited for exempt tracts with a \$75.00 minimum. If raised to proposed assessment, the yearly assessment would total \$903.70. Collection to start in the calendar year 2026 and each year thereafter, with a maximum of 4 years of annual assessment to accrue before collection is halted. These funds are to be used for the continued maintenance of *ROGERS HOUSER*

HOBBS REGULATED DRAIN. Surveyor Henderson stated that there were no official remonstrances. President Denny Henderson opened public comment. None. Tracey Powell motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2nd the motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to approve the Houser Hobbs regulated drain increase as proposed. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

F. Round Prairie Schlater Regulated Drain: President Denny Henderson opened public hearing for the Round Prairie Schlater Regulated drain. Surveyor Henderson stated: The Tipton County Drainage Board, having recognized the need for the increase in maintenance assessments for the *ROUND PRAIRIE SCHLATER REGULATED DRAIN*, has referred the request to me for preparation of the report. I submit the following:

Historical data for the Drain:

1. Petition for construction of the Drain was created in 1904 according to our records.
2. The last Maintenance hearing was in 1993 (approved).
3. The last Reconstruction hearing was in 1993 (approved).
4. Current assessment is \$1.00 an acre with a \$5.00 minimum, which creates a yearly assessment of \$6,461.41
5. The drain currently has a positive balance of \$4,361.99

The annual maintenance fund is proposed to be increased for the continued maintenance of *ROUND PRAIRIE SCHLATER REGULATED DRAIN*.

The proposed increase in maintenance assessment is to be \$3.00 per acre benefited for agricultural / residential, with a \$ 25.00 minimum; \$15.00 per acre benefited for Non-Agricultural and Non-residential with a \$150.00 minimum; \$10.00 per acre rate benefited for exempt tracts with a \$75.00 minimum. If raised to proposed assessment, the yearly assessment would total \$25,488.73. Collection to start in the calendar year 2026 and each year thereafter, with a maximum of 4 years of annual assessment to accrue before collection is halted. These funds are to be used for the continued maintenance of *ROUND PRAIRIE SCHLATER REGULATED DRAIN*. Surveyor Henderson stated that there were no official remonstrances. Surveyor Henderson stated that there will be future maintenance and spraying. President Denny Henderson opened public comment. Donald Treadway, 204 Nutter Street Windfall, informed the board that maintenance was taken care of then stopped at his property. Mr. Treadway requested that maintenance be taken care of for the rest of the drain because he pays an assessment. Mr. Treadway asked how fallen trees are taken care of. Mr. surveyor Henderson replied that a work order is issued to a contractor and that contractor will take care of that issue. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2nd the motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to approve maintenance increase on the Round Prairie Schlater as presented. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

G. Tolle Gard Kelley Regulated Drain: President Denny Henderson opened the public hearing for the Tolle Gard Kelley Regulated Drain. Surveyor Henderson stated: The Tipton County Drainage Board, having recognized the need for the increase in maintenance assessments for the *TOLLE GARD KELLEY REGULATED DRAIN*, has referred the request to me for preparation of the report. I submit the following:

Historical data for the Drain:

1. Petition for construction of the Drain was created in 1907 according to our records.
2. The last Maintenance hearing was in 1969 (approved).
3. The last Reconstruction hearing was in 1986 (approved).
4. Current assessment is \$1.00 an acre with a \$5.00 minimum, which creates a yearly assessment of \$3,522.55
5. The drain currently has a negative balance of -\$30,464.70.

The annual maintenance fund is proposed to be increased for the continued maintenance of *TOLLE GARD KELLEY REGULATED DRAIN*.

The proposed increase in maintenance assessment is to be \$6.00 per acre benefited for agricultural / residential, with a \$40.00 minimum; \$15.00 per acre benefited for Non-Agricultural and Non-residential with a \$150.00 minimum; \$10.00 per acre rate benefited for exempt tracts with a \$75.00 minimum. If raised to proposed assessment, the yearly assessment would total \$27,073.33. Collection to start in the calendar year 2026 and each year thereafter, with a maximum of 4 years of annual assessment to accrue before collection is halted. These funds are to be used for the continued maintenance of *TOLLE GARD KELLEY REGULATED DRAIN*. Surveyor Henderson stated that dipping will be needed to be done in the future. Surveyor Henderson reported no official remonstrances. President Denny Henderson opened public comment. None. Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2nd the motion. Public comment closed. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to approve the maintenance increase on the Tolle Gard Kelley regulated drain as proposed. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2nd the motion. Motion approved.

H. Richman Doversberger Reconstruction: Denny Henderson opened the public hearing for the Richman Doversberger Reconstruction. Surveyor Henderson presented the proposed work for the Richman Doversberger Reconstruction. Surveyor Henderson stated that the estimated cost would be approximately \$302,000. Surveyor Henderson presented the reconstruction work on the map where part of the drain would be an open drain. Denny Henderson opened public comment. Bob Burkhart stated that he is not in the watershed. Surveyor Henderson replied that according to the watershed maps, Mr. Burkhart is located at the edge of the Watershed. Dan Noble voiced that he was against the reconstruction. Jason Noble requested that if the reconstruction were approved, that the exiting 36" tile on their property be maintained. Mr. Lawrance stated that his amount was a bit excessive, due to the fact he has only 1.37 acres in the watershed. Tana Crampton (representing Myers Trust) stated they had no drainage issues and did not see the benefit for them. Tammy Havens questioned if the property the commissioners owned in the watershed would have to pay. Kent Boyer expressed that this reconstruction is needed for better drainage. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to close public comment. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2nd the motion. Public comment closed. Surveyor Henderson reported about the numerous informal meetings that were held with the majority of the owners over the past two years leading up to this hearing (championed by Bob and Carla Good who attended the majority of the meeting, as they were the driving force for the request). Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to approve the Richman Doversberger Reconstruction. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

Surveyor Henderson read the written findings for the maintenance increases. Commissioner Nancy Cline motioned to approve the maintenance increase written findings. Commissioner Tracey Powell 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

REMINDER: Next Meeting is Monday, December 29, 2025, at 12:00 pm at the Tipton County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Tracey Powell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Nancy Cline 2nd the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

DENNIS HENDERSON

NANCY CLINE

TRACEY POWELL

ATTEST: KRISTI HINKLE

The above minutes were approved at a regular meeting of the Tipton County Drainage Board. The signatures were intentionally omitted to preserve privacy. Signed copies are available in the Tipton County Surveyor's Office, 1st floor of the Tipton County Courthouse.