Big Cicero Creek Joint Drainage Board
August 26th, 2026
Tipton County Courthouse

Members Present: President Brad Bagwell, Bob Zahn, Donnie Lawson

Surveyors' Present: Jason Henderson

Secretary: Kristi Hinkle Attorney: Steve Holt

Others Present: Mark Chmeliskjy, Tyler Boyd, Luke Verspille, Amelie Thouvenot

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 Donnie Lawson motioned to approve July 22, 2026, minutes as presented. Member Bob Zahn 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.**

SURVEYOR'S REPORT:

A. **General Report: Surveyor Henderson informed the board that there were many compliments on the Shelving project and the clearing on Cicero Creek which kept Tipton from being underwater with this last rain event. Surveyor Henderson presented some pictures of the recent work done on Cicero Creek. Surveyor Henderson thanked and complimented the contractors for their work on Cicero Creek.**

B. **HWC Spraying Report: Tyler Boyd, HWC, presented some pictures of the spray work that HWC completed. Tyler explained that about 23,000 linear feet were inaccessible in which about 73,000 linear feet were sprayed on the creek on both sides. Mr. Boyd highlighted some areas that needed attention with overgrown vegetation. Mr. Boyd presented some recent pictures after the flood event. Mr. Boyd stated that they will continually inspect the creek.**

BOARD ENGINEER REPORT:

Update: Mark Chmeliwskyj suggested checking cost of having drone re-flight on areas that may need attention (for example: the sandbar and result of the flood). Mr. Chmeliswskyj stated the design group for the Tipton Commerce Park (owned by Tipton County Government) looked for clarification on the type of posts that could be used in the guardrail type. Mr. Chmeliswskyj informed the board that there he would supply the group an answer but was checking with the board.

BOARD BUSINESS/COMMENTS (OLD OR NEW):

Tipton Battery Energy Storage: Surveyor Henderson informed the board that this project has been moving quickly in which an overall conceptional drainage plan was given indicating that there is enough space to meet the boards requirements. Surveyor Henderson stated that there will be more information needed as the Battery Storage progresses, but right now they are requesting a favorable recommendation for their meeting next week in front of the Tipton County Plan Commission. Amelie, Nextera Energy Resources, introduced the drainage plan and development experts. Amelie stated that they had the technical review meeting and will have the Planning Commission meeting next week. Amelie explained their company and what they do. Amelie presented the site plan to the board and asked if the board had any questions. Donnie Lawson had asked about the type of building that the batteries are being stored in. Amelie replied that the racks of batteries are in buildings like shipping containers. Donnie had also asked if there was stone or something else underneath these containers. Amelie responded that the buildings are on top of concrete with detailed setbacks between those containers in which they are all fenced in with a wall around them. President Bagwell had asked what type of batteries they are. Amelie replied that they are lithium-ion batteries like similar technology that are in cell phones. Donnie had asked if there were any overhead powerlines coming in or are they buried. Amelie noted with there being an adjacent substation, there will be an overhead line there to connect into. Brad Bagwell had asked about how they would contain any contamination. Amelie replied that they have safe technology, and it is designed so that any issues would be contained within that container. Amelie also replied that there will be an emergency response plan set up with the fire department and emergency responders. Mark Chmeliwskyj stated that they are expecting a full submittal again with all the drainage information. Mr. Chmeliwskyj suggested that putting a shut off at the detention basins to hold the runoff. Surveyor Henderson stated that Tipton Battery Energy Storage was requesting a favorable recommendation at this time. Brad Bagwell and the board agreed a favorable recommendation for the Tipton Battery Energy Storage.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Holt had nothing to report.

BOARD TO CONSIDER CLAIMS: Secretary Hinkle presented the financial report. Member Donnie Lawson motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Member Bob Zahn 2nd the motion. Motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Next Meeting September 30th, 2026, at 9:30 am.

ADJOURNMENT: Member Donnie Lawson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Bob Zahn 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned.

BIG CICERO CREEK BOARD:

Brad Bagwell	Mark Heirbrandt	Donnie Lawson
Jordan Brewer	Robert Zahn	

ATTEST: _____
Kristi Hinkle, Secretary