

**DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

March 6, 2025

**Drainage Commissioners Present:**

Bruce Bell, II, Chair  
 Kellen Dooley, Member  
 James A. Miller, Vice-Chair  
 William L. Hartman, Member  
 Steve Kelham, Member

**Others Present:**

Glenn Crawford, County Surveyor  
 Troy Bungard, Survey Tech  
 Shannon Kruse, Attorney  
 Katie Rutan, Office Clerk  
 Rebecca Wright, Drainage Board Secretary

**Guests:**

Angie Wallace, Townsend Acres  
 Bob Gaffer, Service Steel Framing

**Absent:**

Tyler Lanning, Lead Survey Tech

Chairman, Bruce Bell, called the Drainage Board Meeting for March 6, 2025, to order at 8:26 a.m. He asked the assembly to rise and observe a moment of silence for the passing of former DeKalb County Commissioner and Drainage Board Member, Mike Watson. Mr. Bell made a statement reflecting his deep respect for Mr. Watson's leadership and described him as "a caring gentleman who reflected what it means to be a servant." He considered it a privilege to work alongside Mr. Watson and intended to keep his memory close. Commissioner Jim Miller echoed Bruce Bell's statement and added Mr. Watson was a personal friend whose mentorship was a great help.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The first item of business was the approval of minutes from the February 20, 2025, meeting. Mr. Bell asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Jim Miller motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Steve Kelham seconded the motion. Mr. Bell asked if there was any discussion about the minutes. Mr. Bill Hartman revised the minutes noting a more accurate assessment of the J & C Acres minor subdivision from the Plan Commission Meeting. Members of the Surveyor's Office noted the revision. Bruce Bell asked if there was further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH ATTORNEY CLAIM**

Mr. Bell asked for a motion to approve the March Attorney claim of \$1295.00 for Shannon Kruse. Mr. Kellen Dooley made the motion, Bill Hartman seconded it, and the motion carried.

**MINOR SUBDIVISION**

Bruce Bell transitioned the meeting to the Minor Subdivision on the agenda, Townsend Acres.

Mrs. Angie Wallace, with Compass Land Surveying, was present to discuss the project. She stepped to the podium and began the discussion saying Townsend Acres was a 2 ½ acre parcel and the owners wanted to build a single-family home. Surveyor Glenn Crawford added that the parcel was in a small watershed on County Road 38. He did not see any issues for a single-family residence on the parcel.

Hearing no more discussion and having a favorable recommendation from the Surveyor's Office, Bruce Bell asked for a motion regarding Townsend Acres, Parcel #05-06-15-400-010 in Auburn, IN,

in the Southeast corner of ¼ Section 15 of Grant Township at T35N and R13E on the Walter Smith Drain No 20-00-0, the William H Myers Drain No. 64-00-0, and the Cedar Creek Drain No. 470-00-0. Mr. Steve Kelham motioned to approve the minor subdivision. Mr. Jim Miller seconded the motion. Chairman Bell asked if there was any discussion about the subdivision, but hearing none he called for a vote, and the motion carried.

### DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Moving to the Service Steel Framing Development Plan, Mr. Bob Gaffer with MLS Engineering and the engineer of record on the design plans for the project, greeted the drainage board. He expressed his condolences on the passing of Mike Watson. He explained Service Steel Framing was outgrowing its facility which necessitated the move to State Road 8 in Garrett. He clarified a dry pond on the drawing had mistakenly been filled in with blue. He did not intend to mislead anyone and wanted to note that the pond would not have water in it. He also explained that a stone lot on the property was factored into the drainage report.

Glenn Crawford added he had worked with Mr. Gaffer and refined the project. It was rated for a 100-year flood, and he felt it was good with no stormwater concerns. He felt there was an appropriate amount of green space.

Mr. Bell asked if anyone would like to make a motion about the Service Steel Framing Development Plan in the Northwest Corner of County Road 15 and State Road 8 in Garrett, IN, in Section 27 of Keyser Township on the John Diehl Regulated Drain Number 45-00-0 with the favorable recommendation of the Surveyor. Mr. Kellen Dooley motioned to approve the development plan, and Mr. Steve Kelham seconded the motion. Mr. Bill Hartman complimented Mr. Gaffer as he had a question about the retention pond, but Mr. Gaffer answered it during his explanation of the project. Hearing no further discussion, Bruce Bell called for a vote, and the motion carried.

### SURVEYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bell asked for the Surveyor's Report, and Mr. Glenn Crawford reported that The Office had obtained the necessary signature from the landowner to the west of CR 17 where the Erwin Selke Drain outletted. He hoped to finish the plans for the reconstruction so The Board could schedule the hearing soon.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Bruce Bell adjourned the meeting at 8:40 AM.

  
Bruce Bell, II, Chairman

  
Rebecca Wright, Secretary



