

## **DEKALB COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**

July 17, 2025

### **Drainage Commissioners Present:**

William L. Hartman, Member  
James A. Miller, Vice-Chairman

### **Others Present:**

Tyler Lanning, Lead Survey Tech  
Troy Bungard, Survey Tech  
Katie Rutan, Office Clerk  
Shannon Kruse, Attorney  
Rebecca Wright, Drainage Board Secretary

### **Appointed Members Serving**

**Jan 2025- Dec 2027**

Steve Kelham, Member  
Bruce Bell, II, Chairman

### **Absent:**

Kellen Dooley, Member  
Glenn Crawford, County Surveyor

### **Guests:**

Angela Wallace, Martin L. Schwartz & Country Cove Replats  
Josh Lash, Brooke's Crossing Replat  
Chris Gaumer, Special Project

Chairman Bruce Bell called the DeKalb County Drainage Board Meeting for July 17, 2025, to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The first item of business was the approval of minutes from the July 3, 2025, meeting. Mr. Bell asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Bill Hartman motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Mr. Steve Kelham seconded the motion. Having a motion and a second, Mr. Bell asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote, and the motion carried.

### **REPLATS**

Chairman Bell introduced the first replat of the morning, Brooke's Crossing, Lot 6, located at 5934 County Road 35 in Auburn. Mr. Josh Lash stepped forward to speak about the project. He said that he worked with Development Services, Chris Gaumer, and the Surveyor's Office on the replat.

Mr. Lash explained that the owners of the parcel wanted to divide it so a potential buyer could build on it. The buyer wanted to build west of the 75-foot drainage easement for the Ellen Reed Miller Lateral Regulated Drain No. 151-43-0, but that was still within an enlarged drainage easement. The parcel owners requested that the easement be reduced to 75 feet.

Lead Survey Technician Tyler Lanning stated that when the subdivision was created in the late 90s, the surveyor designed a large dry retention area, which controlled the release of water from rerouted county-regulated tile into the Ellen Reed Regulated Open Ditch No. 151-00-0. The drainage board approval included a wide drainage easement, which

extended an additional 75 feet beyond the regular 75-foot easement from the tile, creating an easement that was 150 feet wide. Mr. Lanning said the Office worked with Mr. Lash and Mr. Gaumer to reduce the easement to 75'. The plan had the approval of DeKalb County Surveyor Glenn Crawford. However, the project needed the approval of the current Drainage Board because the 1996 Drainage Board approved the previous drainage plan. He asked the Board if they had questions.

Mr. Lanning added that the dry retention area always seemed dry. Mr. Lash stated that there was brush, which created a habitat for wildlife.

Mr. Bell asked if anyone would make a motion to approve the Brooke's Crossing, Lot 6 Replat, located at 5934 County Road 35 in Auburn, IN, in Section 16 of Jackson Township, involving the Daniel Hursey Regulated Drain No. 48-00-0, the Daniel Hursey South Regulated Drain No. 48-80-0, and the Ellen Reed Regulated Ditch No. 151-00-0.

Commissioner Jim Miller motioned to approve the replat to Brooke's Crossing, Lot 6, with the change to the drainage easement per the recommendation of the Surveyor's Office, and Commissioner Bill Hartman seconded the motion.

Hearing no more discussion, Bruce Bell called for a vote, and the motion carried.

Next, Chairman Bell introduced the Martin L. Schwartz Replat located at 0659 State Road 9A in Hudson, IN. Ms. Angie Wallace stepped to the podium to present the project. She said that when the parcel was created and a piece was cut to the west, the parcel was divided incorrectly. The replat was meant to fix the error.

Tyler Lanning stated that the replat would not impact drainage in the area.

Chairman Bell called for a motion to approve the Martin L. Schwartz Replat located at 0659 State Road 327 in Hudson, IN, Section 10 of Fairfield Township, which involved the Richard Carter Regulated Drain No. 103-00-0 and the Adam Deetz Joint Regulated Drain No. 5178-00-0.

Commissioner Bill Hartman motioned to approve the replat as presented, and Mr. Steve Kelham seconded the motion. Having no more discussion, Bruce Bell called for a vote, and the motion carried.

Angie Wallace stated she also represented the Country Cove Section II, Lot 5 replat located at 3588 State Road 327. She explained that the replat was meant to correct an error that was made when 327 was rerouted through the parcel. The replat would create two buildable lots. The landowners wanted to sell one section of the lot, so they needed the parcel to be replatted.

Mr. Lanning added that the Office saw no issues with the replat and, since it would not impact drainage in the area, it approved the project.

Mr. Bruce Bell requested a motion to approve the Country Cove Section II Lot 5 replat at 3588 State Road 327 in Section 16 of Richland Township in the Cedar Creek Watershed.

Commissioner Jim Miller motioned to approve the replat with the favorable recommendation of the Surveyor's Office, and Mr. Steve Kelham seconded the motion.

Mr. Bell asked if there was discussion, but hearing none, he called for a vote, and the motion carried.

Chairman Bell thanked Ms. Wallace for her attendance.

#### **SURVEYOR'S REPORT**

Moving to the Surveyor's Report, Tyler Lanning stated that the Office was busy performing maintenance but trying to stay out of agricultural fields to keep local farmers happy. He added that he and a field inspector had kayaked last week to clear Cedar Creek of fallen limbs and branches. They walked more than they rowed.

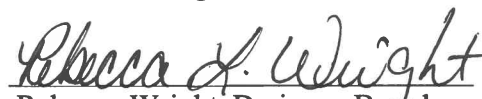
#### **DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Jim Miller asked about a variance for a landowner. Mr. Lanning replied that the Office had not brought it, but could have it ready for the August 7, 2025, meeting.

Chairman Bell asked for an update on the Erwin Selke drain, and Mr. Lanning responded that the hearing was scheduled for August 7, 2025. The Office had mailed Landowner Notices and had not received phone calls or questions about the hearing. However, several landowners had commented that they appreciated that the Drainage Board and Surveyor's Office were pursuing all possible options before engaging in an expensive reconstruction project.

There being no further discussion, Bruce Bell adjourned the meeting at 8:42 AM.

  
Bruce Bell, II, Chairman

  
Rebecca Wright, Drainage Board  
Secretary



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Name & Contact Information

Petition of Interest

Angie Wallace  
Chris Ganner

Courtney Meadow + M. Schwartz  
Brooke's Crossing

