

**April 8, 2025**  
**Minutes of the Elkhart County Drainage Board**  
**County Public Services Building**  
**4230 Elkhart Road, Room "A"**  
**Goshen, IN 46526**  
**At 10:30 AM**

**I. Call to Order**

The Elkhart County Drainage Board held its April 8, 2025, Emergency Meeting in Room "A" of the Public Service Building, located at 4230 Elkhart Road, Goshen, Indiana 46526. Board Chairman Lynn Loucks called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. The following Drainage Board Members were in attendance: Chairman Lynn Loucks, Matt Morehouse, Commissioner Bob Barnes and Barry Kauffman. Others attending were Steve Olsen County Attorney, Philip Barker County Surveyor, Steve Schweisberger Deputy Surveyor, Carl Gilbert Drainage Supervisor/Drone Program Coordinator, Tadd Troxell Drainage Technician and Ian Henderson Survey Party Chief.

**II. Berkey Lateral "F" of Horn – Emergency Obstruction Removal Project #25-013**

There is an emergency on Berkey Lateral "F" Tile of Horn. Emergency meeting procedures were followed. Notice of the meeting was posted, today's date and identified at the door following the normal protocols. Being the circumstances of this meeting arose as a result of a situation that needs to be addressed on an emergency basis. This allows for 3 quotes to be asked for from 3 different vendors. Staff identified 3 vendors that were requested to give the 3 quotes. Two vendors have provided quotes.

Carl Gilbert reported that Tom Stroup, landowner, called the office last Thursday, stating that the Berkey Lateral "F" Tile was plugged, and the water was bubbling to the surface. Staff went out to the site that afternoon to investigate where the water was bubbling to the surface and document. Due to all the water, staff could not see where the water was going back in, they were not sure if it was at the railroad tracks. It was decided to start at the railroad tracks and dig back until the obstruction is found and removed to get the water going down. Staff called SAR Excavating, TNT Bobcat and Martin Farm Tiling to get quotes. Quotes received: SAR Excavating \$1,200.00, TNT Bobcat \$1,500.00 and Martin Farm Tiling did not get back with us. Pursuit to statute 3 bids have been requested, you do not have to receive 3 bids, the lowest bid is SAR Excavating for \$1,200.00.

**A motion was made and seconded by (Barnes/Kauffman) to engage SAR Excavating for \$1,200.00 for Berkey Lateral "F" of Horn Emergency Obstruction Removal Project #25-013. Mr. Loucks called for comments or discussion on the motion, hearing none, called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

### **III. Adjournment**

**A motion was made and seconded by (Barnes/Morehouse) to adjourn the April 8, 2025, Elkhart County Drainage Board Emergency meeting. Mr. Loucks called for comments or discussion on the motion, hearing none, he called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**