

**MONROE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Autio, Scott Dompke, Kevin Enright (*ex officio*), James Faber, Bill Riggert

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bill Williams

**STAFF PRESENT:** Todd Stevenson (Drainage Engineer), Donna Barbrick (Secretary),

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Riggert at 9:05 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There was a motion to approve the September 3 minutes with the correction of a typographical error of the word “little” in the first paragraph under “FEMA MAPS.” The motion was seconded. The motion to approve the minutes as corrected passed unanimously. There was no meeting of Drainage Board in October.

**DRAINAGE ENGINEER’S REPORT**

**FEMA MAPS**

Enright had asked that this item be added to the agenda. Stevenson said he was disappointed in the new maps. In some areas the old maps were just superimposed on the 2005 aerial photography. There has been new modeling around streams in some of the urban areas such as Jack’s Defeat Creek in Ellettsville. Enright displayed one of the new panels on the projection screen. He said that LOMA(s) were rescinded on the new FEMA maps. He said that this has affected homeowners in the Winding Brook subdivision. It was reported to him by homeowners that during last June’s record rain events there was no flooding in Winding Brook. The subdivision is near where Rogers Street comes out on old State Road 37. It was built in the early 1990s, Stevenson said. It was a Smith Neubecker design and all the houses were built above the 100-year flood plain. Enright said the homeowners were wondering why the new maps did not reflect the LOMAs. He brought this to the attention of the Drainage Board first before taking it to the DNR. Stevenson said that if it shows houses in the flood plain there, then that is wrong. Enright said that the new panels were somewhat more scientific with elevations compared to the

1995 panels. Dompke asked how the contouring matches up. Enright said this brought up an issue that he has with the new panels. The old panels showed the benchmarks that were referenced. Enright said that benchmarks were not seen on these panels. He said there were discrepancies in the maps. He has three main concerns about the new FEMA panels: 1) LOMAS were rescinded 2) Regarding benchmark information – where to start 3) The new maps do not make sense.

Dompke asked about a profile. Stevenson said out in the county, they superimposed where they should have re-modeled. Stevenson asked if Enright had looked at other areas. Enright said that the Surveyor Office has not received hard copies of the new maps to look at. Enright then brought up the metadata issue. The Surveyor Office does not have a shapefile or the metadata. He would like to get this information from the Department of Natural Resources. Dompke said, maybe you could get TIFF files. Enright mentioned a lack of vertical control in Ellettsville, where INDOT ripped out benchmarks. Riggert said that a benchmark was re-set in front of the Police Station in Ellettsville. He asked whether the State did something similar.

Stevenson brought up Cave Creek Estates in regard to the new FEMA maps.

Enright asked what the comment period is on the new maps. Stevenson said he did not know but he could ask Dave Kniep. Dompke said now is the time to make comments. He said that he had the USGS report on central Indiana flooding and he would bring it to the next meeting of Drainage Board. Riggert noted a date on the map panel of June 30, 2008.

## **OBSTRUCTION IN DRAINAGE WAY**

Enright brought up an obstruction in Brummetts Creek. Dompke noted that right now no permit is necessary, since permits have been waived for a period of time after the record floods in June of 2008. Stevenson said he would talk to Bill Williams at the Highway Department about the obstruction.

## **AMENDMENTS TO LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE**

There was a discussion about proposed changes to the landscaping ordinance that would affect drainage and storm water quality issues.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was decided to postpone election of new officers until 2009. It was noted that there have been seven meetings of the Drainage Board in 2008, counting today's meeting.

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**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.**

Approved:

Signed: Attest:

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Bill Riggert, President

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Donna Barbrick, Secretary