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January 5, 2005

To: Hamilton County Drainage Board

Re: William Lehr Drain, J.S. McCarty Arm

Upon review of the drainage sheds, I believe that the J.S. McCarty Drain should be made an arm to the William Lehr Drain.

I recommend that the J.S. McCarty Drain be extended from Sta. 78+80 per my Surveyors report dated January 7, 1994 which is the south right of way for State Road 38 to where it intersects with the Booth-Zeis Ditch. This would extend the J.S. McCarty Drain by 181 feet. This would also add additional drainage easement upon parcel #12-11-03-00-006.000 owned by Whitecroft Farms, Inc. Upon this extension the drainage should then be combined and I believe that this can be done since the J.S. McCarty Drain would then empty into the Booth-Zeis Ditch which in turn terminates in the William Lehr Drain and thus meets the requirements as set out in IC 36-9-27-41.

The William Lehr Drain in Wayne, Noblesville and Fall Creek Townships was placed on a maintenance program in 1967. The drain consists of the William Lehr, L. H. Joseph & Eli Brooks, Booth-Zeis and Booth-White Drains. Its current rate is \$2.00 per acre, \$10.00 minimum and \$35.00 per platted lot. There are 2,748.45 acres and 977 lots assessed and brings in \$41,123.90 per year. The current maintenance balance is \$81,415.84.

The J.S. McCarty Drain in Wayne Township was placed on maintenance in 1968. The maintenance assessment was increased in 2002 to its current rate of \$2.00 per acre with a \$10.00 minimum. For unplatted residential and agricultural, \$5.00 per acre, \$35.00 minimum for unregulated subdivision, \$10.00 per acre, \$65.00 minimum for regulated subdivision, \$10.00 per acre, \$50.00 minimum for commercial and \$10.00 per acre for roads. The drain has 569.20 acres assessed with 41 lots. The annual assessment is \$2,091.54 and the current balance is (\$11,442.40).

I recommend that the Board combine these drains for maintenance purposes. The current negative balance in the J.S. McCarty Drain be addressed by:

- 1. Reducing this balance due GDIF by increasing the 2005 and 2006 collections to\$4.00 per acre, \$20.00 minimum for unplatted residential and agricultural tracts, \$10.00 per acre, \$70.00 minimum for unregulated subdivisions, \$20.00 per acre, \$130.00 minimum for regulated subdivisions, \$20.00 per acre, \$100.00 minimum for commercial and \$20.00 per acre for roads and assessing the current assessment in 2007.
- 2. Any future maintenance work on the J.S. McCarty Drain, including the outstanding work orders, should be paid from the William Lehr Drain fund.
- 3. After 2007 collections the remainder of the balance be paid from the William Lehr Drain fund. This will be approximately \$784.70. Contingent upon the 2007 collections.
- 4. Any collection of delinquent assessments, penalties or interest after the 2007 collection shall be placed in the William Lehr fund. I recommend the rate be the same as the current rate for the William Lehr Drain.

I recommend that a hearing be held for this matter on February 28, 2005.

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## FINDINGS AND ORDER

## CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE

## William Lehr Drain, J.S. McCarty Arm

On this 28th day of February 2005, the Hamilton County Drainage Board has held a hearing on the Maintenance Report and Schedule of Assessments of the William Lehr Drain, J.S. McCarty Arm

Evidence has been heard. Objections were presented and considered. The Board then adopted the original/amended Schedule of Assessments. The Board now finds that the annual maintenance assessment will be less than the benefits to the landowners and issues this order declaring that this Maintenance Fund be established.

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