

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY
DRAINAGE BOARD
JANUARY 5, 2021**

The Vanderburgh County Drainage Board met in session this 5th day of January 5, 2021 at 3:38 p.m. in Exhibit Hall A of the Old National Events Plaza with President Cheryl Musgrave presiding.

Call to Order

President Musgrave: I want to call to order the January 5th meeting of the Vanderburgh County Drainage Board.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Musgrave: If you will all please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was given.)

Election of Drainage Board Officers for 2021

President Musgrave: Our first order of business is the election of officers for Drainage Board for 2021. We have a President and Vice President, and you can make the motions in tandem, or individually. Just have at it, gentlemen.

Commissioner Hatfield: I would like to make a motion for Cheryl Musgrave to be the Drainage Board President.

Commissioner Shoulders: I will second.

President Musgrave: We have a motion and a second. Please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Musgrave?

President Musgrave: Yes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Musgrave: Thank you very much for your confidence in me. I appreciate that.

Commissioner Shoulders: Thank you, very much. And—

President Musgrave: Is there a motion for Vice President?

Commissioner Shoulders: I will motion for Vice President, Commissioner Jeff Hatfield.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Musgrave: I second that.

Commissioner Hatfield: I don't think we need one. I think she's here every meeting, so I'll second that.

President Musgrave: That jinxed it right there. We have a motion and a second. Please call the roll, Madelyn.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Musgrave?

President Musgrave: Yes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

President Musgrave: Congratulations.

Linda Freeman: Congratulations.

Approval of the December 15, 2020 Drainage Board Meeting Minutes

President Musgrave: Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting?

Commissioner Shoulders: So moved.

Commissioner Hatfield: Second.

President Musgrave: We have a motion and a second. Please call the roll.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Shoulders?

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: Commissioner Hatfield?

Commissioner Hatfield: Yes.

Madelyn Grayson: President Musgrave?

President Musgrave: Yes.

(Motion approved 3-0)

Recognition of Newly Elected Surveyor, Linda Freeman

President Musgrave: As we get to other business, before we get to that, I would like to recognize newly elected Surveyor, Linda Freeman.

Commissioner Shoulders: Yes.

President Musgrave: Linda has been working in the Surveyor's Office since August of 1982, and yet you look so young. She is the first female elected as Vanderburgh County Surveyor. Indiana became a State in 1816, so the first female Surveyor since 1816. So, congratulations to you, Linda.

Commissioner Shoulders: That is pretty awesome. Congrats.

Commissioner Hatfield: Good job.

Commissioner Shoulders: I did not know that.

Linda Freeman: I think that's pretty cool.

Commissioner Hatfield: It is very cool.

Commissioner Shoulders: It is very cool and very historic.

Commissioner Hatfield: Good job.

Commissioner Shoulders: Congratulations.

Linda Freeman: Yeah.

Commissioner Hatfield: We figured it up, ironically, Commissioners, before the meeting started about, at the end of what I believe will be eight years of service as Surveyor, you will have been in that office for almost 50 years.

President Musgrave: Oh my gosh.

Linda Freeman: I know, right? It's like, wow! Yeah, it really didn't come to my mind until we—

Commissioner Hatfield: Yeah, that's an amazing career.

Linda Freeman: Yeah. It's been enjoyable. I started off as the Bridge Inspector, I was on the Survey Crew, Instrument Man, Party Chief, Assistant to the Surveyor and then Chief Deputy, and now currently the elected Vanderburgh County Surveyor.

Commissioner Shoulders: Wow!

Linda Freeman: So, yeah.

Commissioner Hatfield: You were certainly on a path up the whole time.

Linda Freeman: It's been an adventure on some occasions.

Other Business

President Musgrave: Well, is there any other business to come before the Board today?

Commissioner Shoulders: I don't have anything.

Linda Freeman: No, you guys are rearranged. That's what we needed.

President Musgrave: Okay.

Public Comment

President Musgrave: Is there any public comment?

Linda Freeman: I would like to state that it was very, like you were saying, that the Zoom meeting, or the Zoom inauguration was really nice. I wasn't sure I was going to be able to make it. I went to the office because the broadband, my internet is my cell phone, because it's just, it's cost prohibitive and it's not very reliable out in the county. So, I came down to the office and used the office computer, and our webcam, and then I let my sister in Colorado know, and my sister here in Indiana, and my sister was able to join us. She goes, I wish I would have worn a better shirt. Hey, it's all good. So, it was really nice, because she's in Manitou Springs, Colorado, and she got to watch.

President Musgrave: Yeah, I really, really hope that we can do that going forward.

Linda Freeman: Yeah.

President Musgrave: I think was really special.

Linda Freeman: And, kudos to Kristin again, yes.

President Musgrave: Yes.

Adjournment

President Musgrave: Well, if there's nothing else, then I will call for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Hatfield: So moved.

Commissioner Shoulders: Second.

President Musgrave: We are adjourned.

(The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.)

Those in Attendance:

Cheryl Musgrave
Linda Freeman
Others Unidentified

Jeff Hatfield
Craig Emig
Members of Media

Ben Shoulders
Madelyn Grayson

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