

EMERGENCY MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 1, 2019

An Emergency meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 10:30 a.m. (EST) on May 1, 2019. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Elmer Brames, and Nick Hostetter. Also present were County Auditor Sandra L. Morton, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt, and County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr. Representatives from the City of Jasper, City of Huntingburg, and the Upper Patoka Conservancy were present. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Blessinger. Adam Cownley, Jamie Blanton and Tom DeKemper of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers joined the meeting via teleconference.

RE: PATOKA LAKE LEVELS

County Engineer Brent Wendholt and Adam Cownley led the discussion. The Patoka Lake levels are extremely high. Previously, Dubois County communities and the Upper Patoka River Conservancy District had requested a deviation to the discharge levels. A target of 14-foot threshold at Jasper gauge was approved on February 15, 2019. The deviation expired on May 1, 2019. A request was made for a two-week extension of the deviation level from the original operating level. Discussion was held. All entities represented were in favor of releasing water more aggressively.

A motion was made to approve written confirmation be prepared by the City of Jasper and be sent approving the deviation. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RE: BRIDGE 79 ELECTRONIC GAUGE REQUEST

The Upper Patoka River Conservancy District is requesting an electronic gauge be installed at Bridge 79 and is requesting support from the County. Currently, this is manually read each day and reported to the Corps of Engineers.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.