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Mr. Phil Baxter
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Regarding: Pigeon Creek

Dear Phil,

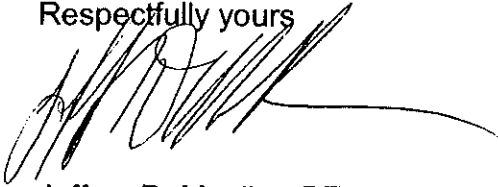
At the June 4, 2019 Drainage Board Meeting there was discussion on Pigeon Creek and the recent log jam that has developed on Pigeon Creek near the Warrick County line. Our discussion that night centered on the previous meetings of the joint Drainage Board. While, those meetings were informative and provided an opportunity for everyone to brainstorm ideas, the end result unfortunately was that we still have not solved any problems.

Commissioner Jeff Hatfield, who replaced former Commissioner Bruce Ungethiem on the Board, suggested that instead of continuing with the Joint Drainage Board as it is currently comprised that an informal group made up of the two local State Representatives (Bacon and Sullivan) that serve that general area, the County Surveyors representing Vanderburgh and Warrick and a Commissioner from both Warrick and Vanderburgh meet and work collectively to get some relief for this issue. The overall view is that state legislation similar to the recently passed House Bill 1270 or a change to the current State Law regarding the creation of legal drains is the only method that will permanently resolve this ongoing problem. In making this suggestion, Commissioner Hatfield, volunteered himself to be part of the group. The goal of the group would be to look at a legislative solution that would allow legal access to the creek in Vanderburgh County, provide funding for studying the creek, provide funding to clear obstructions and address how future logjams could be eliminated by better management of wooded areas along the creek. Though not addressed at the Vanderburgh County Drainage Board Meeting consideration may also be given that a Commissioner and the County Surveyor from Gibson County also be included as well as a legislative representative from that area.

I assume you will need to present this to the Warrick County Drainage Board. Should Warrick County wish to proceed with this proposal or have other suggestions, we are open to your ideas. If we are to move forward with this

proposal please let us know some potential dates and locations of where you would want to meet, what persons from your county will be involved and if you are able to secure any commitment from any of the local legislators. If you would prefer to meet in Vanderburgh County we can make necessary accommodations within the Civic Center.

Respectfully yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mueller', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Cc: Vanderburgh County Commissioners
Vanderburgh County Legal Department
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