INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
We make Indiana a cleaner, healthier place to live

Frank O'Bannon
Governor

John M. Hamilton
Commissioner

100 North Senate Avenue
P.O. Box 6015
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6015
(317) 232-8603
(800) 451-6027
www.ai.org/idem

Notice

You are hereby notified that the Harrison and Crawford County Commissioners have petitioned the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental management for an order establishing a Regional Water District to be known as the "Blue River Regional Water District".

A public hearing will be held on April 13, 1999, at 7:00pm (fast time), in the Marengo Elementary School, 177 South 2nd Street, Marengo, Indiana, to receive public comments on said Petition. Written comments will also be accepted for a period commencing immediately and ending on April 30, 1999, at the following address:

Ms. Lynne Newlon
Office of Water Management
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Ave., P. O. Box 6015
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6015

If you wish to receive notice of IDEM's decision on this matter, please submit a request in writing to Ms. Newlon at the above address.

For more information regarding the formation of regional water and sewer districts, see Indiana Code 13-26 (formerly 13-3-2). Additionally, a copy of the Petition to Form the Blue River Regional Water District is on file at the Crawford County Library in English, and the Corydon Public Library in Corydon, for public viewing.

Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations for participation in this event should contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at:

Sandie Meanor, ADA Coordinator
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Ave., P. O. Box 6015
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6015

Please provide a minimum of five (5) days notification.

STATE OF INDIANA :
:ss:
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD : ANNUAL TERM

HEARING REGARDING FORMATION OF THE BLUE RIVER REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT

Tuesday, April 13, 1999
7:00 p.m.
Marengo Elementary School

HELD BEFORE: LYNNE NEWLON, Regional District Coordinator

OFFICE OF WATER MANAGEMENT IDEM
APR 26 12 17 PM '99

Newlon: My name is Lynne Newlon and I am the senior environmental manager in the Office of Water Management in the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. I am the hearing officer for this evening. The hearing this evening, Tuesday, April 13, 1999, is before the Department of Environmental Management, henceforth referred to as either the Department or IDEM, in the matter of the proposed formation of the Blue River Regional Water District. I must now swear in the Court Reporter. Do you solemnly swear that you will keep complete and true notes of all that transpires in this hearing, and will prepare a complete transcript thereof from your notes and faithfully perform all the duties imposed upon you as the official reporter under the laws of the State of Indiana?

Crecelius: I will.

Newlon: Thank you. Oral statements will be heard this evening, however written statements can be submitted to me and my cards are up here with the address as well as my phone number and e-mail. I will ask that your comments be sent no later than April 30th, postmarked April 30th, 1999. For the record, notice of time and place of this hearing was given as provided by Indiana Code 13-26-2-6 by publication in the Corydon Democrat and Clarion News during the weeks of March 29 through

April 2nd and April 5th through the 9th. Sign-in sheets have been provided. If you haven't signed in, please do so now. If anyone wishes to represent, oh O.K., it says check here before the notice of decision and that means once it is decided and everything is written up and the commissioners signs off and the district is formed, we send out a notice of decision and your name is on there and you have checked that, then we will also notify you when the district becomes a district. Now, Indiana Code 13-26-2-3, which here are, this is just kind of some fact sheets and information that I do hand out and also has the statute in here. You are welcome to take one, if I run out, leave me your name and I will make sure you, one is mailed to you. O.K. Indiana Code 13-26-2-3 sets out the requirements for the formation of the district. I am not going to read the statute entirely to you, but I will highlight these requirements. We strongly recommend that comments be limited to these requirements, as these comments will be useful to IDEM in the decision. The statute requires the following: The petition be filed by an eligible entity and the proposed district name and location of principal office be stated. That the petition state the need for the district and the purpose the district will accomplish

and how the district will be conducive to public health, safety, convenience or welfare. That the petition state how the water supply is currently being provided and how the current situation creates or adds to pollution or health hazards, or impedes development in the area. The petition must state that whether there is any outstanding indebtedness for the purpose proposed. The petition accurately describe the territory to be included in the district and that the territory be so situated as to promote public health, safety, convenience, or welfare by organization as a single district. And that the petition provide recommendations regarding the make-up of the board of trustees and the manner of selection. The district is ran by a board, 3, 5, 7 or 9 members elected and were appointed. The petition must state a plan for financing the cost of the operations of the district until it receives revenues from operation or proceeds from bond sales. The petition state an estimated cost of accomplishing the purpose of the district, an estimated cost of operating and maintaining the works, and the sources of funding of these costs, including estimates of rates and charges to be required. Again, the Department is interested in any information you can provide regarding these requirements. All comments, both oral

and written, will be reviewed by IDEM and carefully considered in making a decision on this matter. And I thank you for your cooperation. This is a short version. And actually, no one has signed up to speak, but I will open it up and if anyone now would like to get up and give any testimony or comments regarding the district formation of Blue River.....You guys are making it really easy. Last time?.....O.K. In closing, I would like to remind everyone that written comments be submitted to the Department by April 30, 1999. And once again, the address where comments should be sent is: myself, Lynne Newlon, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, 100 North Senate Avenue, P.O. Box 6015, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46206-6015. I do have cards up front with my address on it. These proceedings are now concluded. This cause is, therefore, adjourned until further notice from the Hearing Officer. (inaudible) or you can just get up and mingle, and I think everybody pretty much knows everybody. We do have attorneys and engineers here.....

STATE OF INDIANA :
:SS:
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD : 1999 TERM

HEARING REGARDING FORMATION
OF THE BLUE RIVER REGIONAL
WATER DISTRICT

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Kay Lea Crecelius, Report of the Circuit Court, Crawford County, State of Indiana, do hereby certify that I am the Official Court Reporter of said Court, duly appointed and sworn to report the evidence of causes tried therein.

That upon the hearings of this cause, beginning on the 13th day of April, 1999, I took down by machine recording, all of the statements and arguments presented during said hearing.

I further certify that the foregoing transcript, as prepared, is full, true and correct and complete.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, this 19th day of April, 1999.

Kay Lea Crecelius

KAY LEA CRECELIUS
Crawford Circuit Court
Crawford County, Indiana