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Conservancy District Roles in Drainage

Control Your Destiny in Solving Your drainage Issues

Indiana Farm Bureau's Drainage School

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Choices

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    Choices[Choices] --> Individuals[Individuals]
    Choices --> Conservancy[Conservancy District]
    Choices --> County[County Drainage Board]
    Conservancy --- Text1[14-33-1 et seq.]
    County --- Text2[36-9-27-1]
  
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Individuals

- Formation
 - Nothing
 - Multi-party Agreements
- Ownership
 - Sole Owner of Land
 - Sole Decision Maker/Multi-party Agreement
- Liability
 - Unlimited
- Financing
 - Unlimited personal liability
- Limited to Controlled Land

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County Drainage Board

- Drainage Board – IC 36-9-27-1
 - Established by Statute
- Governance
 - Members
 - (1) County Executive, Board of County Commissioners, City Manager, President of Town Council, Township Trustee; or
 - (2) Three (3) or five (5) persons one of whom must be a member of the executive appointed by the executive.
 - Appointed members must be resident freeholders
 - County Surveyor serves ex officio and is non-voting – has a lot of individual power
 - County Drainage Board (decision makers)
- Jurisdiction
 - All Regulated Drains in County
 - No jurisdiction over private and mutual drains
 - Political
- Financing
 - County Dependent
 - Assessments Approved by Drainage Board

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Conservancy Districts

- What is a Conservancy District?
- Establishment (Formation) 14-33-2
 - Boundaries
 - Areas to be Served
 - Petition for Establishment Jurisdiction (14-33-2-1; 14-33-2-9)
 - Number of Signatures (14-33-2-2)
 - Freeholders
 - Contents of Petitions

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- Process and Timing After Filing Petition
 - Initial Hearing on Petition
 - Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Hearing
 - Hearing on Commission Report

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- Board of Directors
 - Initial Board
 - Subsequent Boards
- Operation
 - Board of Directors
 - Prepared District Plan
 - General Board Powers

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- Financing
 - Short-Term Loans (I.C. 14-33-7-14)
 - Long-Term Bonds (I.C. 14-33-11)
- Payment of Expenses
 - Special Benefit Taxes (Annual Expenses)
 - Exceptional Benefit Taxes (Long-Term Capital Projects)
- Questions

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