

**Guide to the
Little River Drainage District Records
Group I: Board of Supervisors Files
1900-2002 [1930-1960]**

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Abstract

Consists of correspondence, board meeting minutes, and other records produced by the Board of Supervisors. Subjects include financial issues of the district, land acquisition and ownership, legal matters, and reports on construction work, such as dredging and levee building.

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Descriptive Overview

Provenance: Donated to the Southeast Missouri State University Special Collections and Archives in 2005 by the Little River Drainage District Corporation.

Citation: Little River Drainage District Records, [Group], [Series], Special Collections and Archives, Southeast Missouri State University.

Other Relevant Series:

B.F. Burns;
Oliver and Oliver Law Firm;
Secretary/Treasurer Correspondence;
Chief Engineer Correspondence.

Organizational Note

The Board of Supervisors is the five-member elected body that oversees the work of the district. A Board of Supervisors has served since the formation of the district in 1907. The board consists of: a president, a vice-president, and three supervisors. All members of the board must be landowners in the LRDD boundaries. Supervisors are elected by the district's landowners at the annual meeting in October, as vacancies arise. Supervisors may serve consecutive terms and there is no limit to the number of terms a member may serve.

The original Board of Supervisors was made up of: John H. Himmelberger, President (1907-1930); Alfred L. Harty (1907-1931); A. J. Matthews (1907-1941); C. W. Henderson (1907-1923); and Sterling Price Reynolds (1907-1964).

Scope and Content Note

Materials are sorted into four series by document type and then into subseries when necessary. The largest series pertain to meeting minutes and correspondence. A small amount of committee information and other relevant records also exists. Materials are mostly arranged chronologically, though some have been sorted alphabetically.

Archivist Note: Collection was processed at different times by multiple people.

Rules or Conventions: Finding Aid prepared using DACS.

Series Descriptions

Series I: Meeting Minutes

Includes meeting attendance, resolutions, reports on claims, warrants, court cases, and finances, along with other information relating to the LRDD. The original copies of the meeting minutes were bound as ledgers; the ledgers listed first in the container list. Copies of the meeting minutes are loose pages sorted chronologically and are listed in the container listed after the ledgers. Dates of the ledgers and the copies range from 1919 to 1995. An index to the minutes from 1972 to 1995 is available, and is listed at the end of the series.

Series II: Committees

Includes lists, resolutions, and correspondence from various committees commissioned by the Board of Supervisors. Committees were made up of engineers and other employees of the District.

Series III: Correspondence

Correspondence with the board from landowners, companies, contractors and others. Also contains appended reports, newspaper clippings, and photographs. Correspondence is organized by individual or entity communicating with the board.

Subseries 1: B.F. Burns

Includes correspondence to and from Burns, who served as secretary/treasurer for the LRDD from 1920-1953. Subjects include finances, land, board meetings, and taxes. Dates range from 1919 to 1950.

Subseries 2: Oliver and Oliver

Includes correspondence to and from the Oliver and Oliver Law Firm. The Oliver and Oliver Law firm represented the LRDD in the early days of the district. Subjects primarily revolve around court cases and other judicial matters. Dates range from 1908 to 1989.

Subseries 3: Earl Schultz

Includes correspondence to and from Earl Schultz, who served as chief engineer from 1932 to 1975 and as secretary from 1957-1975. Subjects include ditch and levee construction, finances, land, taxes, reports, and board meetings. Dates range from 1936 to 1985.

Subseries 4: U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

Includes correspondence to and from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers concerning topics like ditch construction, flood control, and construction contracts. Dates range from 1964-1994.

Subseries 5: Alphabetical

Includes correspondence to and from the board, arranged alphabetically by last name, concerning topics like ditch construction, maintenance, and finances. Dates range from 1945-1989.

Subseries 6: Chronological

Includes correspondence to and from the board. Subjects include ditch construction, landowners, dredging, progress reports, finances, and board meetings. Dates range from 1900-2002. Missing dates may be represented in other subseries.

Series IV: Other Records

Includes miscellaneous Board records, including resolutions, annual reports, petitions, and other records. Folders are arranged alphabetically by title and dates range from 1909-1987.

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Series I		Meeting Minutes	
Box #	Ledger #	Title	Date
Box 3736	B-16	Minutes	1907 Dec-1909 Nov
Box 3735	B-1	Minutes	1910 Jan 17- 1917 Dec 28
Box 3738	B-5	Minutes	1916 Apr 17- 1919 Feb 17
Box 3739	B-17	Minutes	1919 Mar 17- 1921 Sep 19
Box 3734	B-13	Minutes	1921 Oct 17- 1925 Jan 19
Box 3737	B-3	Minutes	1925 Feb 17- 1927 Sep 19
Box 3746	B-4	Minutes	1927 Oct 17- 1933 Apr 17
Box 3733	B-18	Minutes	1933 May 9- 1938 Jun 20
Box 3742	B-2	Minutes	1938 Jul 18- 1946 Apr 16,
Box 3741	B-8	Minutes	1946 May 20- 1956 Apr 17
Box 3740	B-6	Minutes	1956 Jun 18- 1961 Aug 21
Box 3750	B-7	Minutes	1961 Sep 18- 1966 Jun 20
Box 3751	B-10	Minutes	1966 Jun 20- 1970 Jul 20
Box 3745	B-9	Minutes	1970 Jul 20- 1973 May 14
Box 3759	B-11	Minutes	1973 May 14-1976 Apr 20
Box 3744	B-12	Minutes	1976 Apr 20-1981 Aug 18
Box 3752	B-15	Minutes	1981 Sep 15- 1989 Feb 27
Box 3754	B-14	Minutes	1989 Mar 21-1991 Dec 17
Box 3781	B-39	Minutes	1992 Jan 14-1993 Oct 21
Box 2326	Minutes		1919-1931
Box 2327	Minutes		1932-1946
Box 2328	Minutes		1947-1956
Box 2329	Minutes		1957-1962
Box 2330	Minutes		1963-1968
Box 2331	Minutes		1969-1971 Oct
Box 2332	Minutes		1971 Nov-1974 Oct
Box 2333	Minutes		1974 Oct-1981 Oct
Box 2334	Minutes		1981 Nov-1987 Aug
Box 2335	Minutes		1987 Sep-1993 Oct
Box 2336	Minutes		1993 Nov-1995 Oct
Folder 03	Index to Minutes		1972 Nov-1984 Dec
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Box 2337			
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Folder 02	Farm Committee Correspondence		1939-1944
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Subseries 1: B.F. Burns			
Box 2337	Correspondence		1919 Sep, 1936-1939
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	Subseries 2: Oliver and Oliver	
Box 2339	Correspondence	1908-1919; 1935-1957 Aug, 1970 Oct, 1989 Mar- Nov
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Box 2340	Correspondence	1936 Jan-1939 Dec
Box 2341	Correspondence	1940 Jan-1943 Jun
Box 2442	Correspondence	1943 Jul-1951 Dec
Box 2443	Correspondence	1952 Jul- 1954 Aug
Box 2344	Correspondence	1954 Sep-1956 Oct
Box 2345	Correspondence	1956 Nov-1958 Oct
Box 2346	Correspondence	1958 Nov-1960 Oct
Box 2347	Correspondence	1960 Nov-1973 Aug, 1985 Jan
	Subseries 4: U. S. Army Corps of Engineers	
Box 2348	Correspondence	1964 Jan-1971 Dec
Box 2349	Correspondence	1972 Jan-1979 Dec
Box 2376	Correspondence	1980 Jan-1994 Dec
	Subseries 5: Alphabetical	
Box 2377	Correspondence, A-Mi	1945 Jan-1989 Nov
Box 2378	Correspondence, Mi-V	1953 Feb-1989 Dec
	Subseries 6: Chronological	
Box 2379	Correspondence	1900 Jan-1921 Dec
Box 2380	Correspondence	1922 Jan-1924 Oct
Box 2424	Correspondence	1924 Nov-1926 Sep
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Box 2848	Correspondence	1945 Mar-1946 Sep
Box 2849	Correspondence	1946 Oct-1947 Dec
Box 2850	Correspondence	1948 Jan-1949 Dec
Box 2851	Correspondence	1950 Feb-1963 Jun
Box 2852	Correspondence	1963 Jul-1965 Feb
Box 2853	Correspondence	1965 Mar-1966 Jul
Box 2866	Correspondence	1966 Aug-1967 Oct
Box 2867	Correspondence	1967 Nov-1969 Dec
Box 2868	Correspondence	1970 Jan-1986 Dec
Box 2869	Correspondence	1987 Jan-1990 Jul
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Series IV	Other Records	
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Folder 05	Board Member Contact Information	1990, 1995

**Series IV
Box 3206**

Other Records

Folder 06	Board of Supervisors Annual Report	1945 Dec
Folder 07	Board of Supervisors Annual Report	1957 Dec
Folder 18	Board of Supervisors Annual Report	1976-1977
Folder 08	Board of Supervisors Petitions	No Date
Folder 09	Board of Supervisors Resolutions	1909 Nov
Folder 10	Board of Supervisors Resolutions	1945 Apr, Oct, 1946 Apr
Folder 11	Board of Supervisors Resolutions	1947 Jan, Jun, Nov
Folder 12	Board of Supervisors Resolutions	1952 Oct, 1966 Jun-Sep
Folder 13	Board of Supervisors Resolutions	1967-1969
Folder 14	Board of Supervisors Resolutions	1970 May, Sep, 1972 Mar- May, 1973
Folder 15	Certified Copies of Resolutions of Minutes	1947 Apr, 1962 Jun- 1979 Jun, 1987 Apr
Folder 16	Public Safety and Morals	No Date
Folder 17	Swearing In of Board Supervisors	1948 Jan, Oct