# August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 – Business Meeting

The Hendricks County Drainage Board met in the Commissioners' Room on the first floor of the Hendricks County Government Center. Those present were President Matthew D. Whetstone, Vice President Phyllis Palmer, Members Bob Gentry, Jack Maloney, and Stan Ryland, Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston, Hendricks County Auditor Nancy Marsh, Deputy Surveyor Cory Gehring, Secretary Gary Sowers, and Joe Miller.

President Matthew D. Whetstone determined there was a quorum and led the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer for those who wished to participate. President Whetstone called for the first order of business.

# <u>RE: INTRODUCTION OF OTHER BUSINESS OR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION BY COUNSEL,</u> OR STAFF:

#### HENDRICKS COUNTY SURVEYOR DAVID GASTON:

### General Drain Improvement Fund Review (GDIF)

Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston gave a presentation on the General Drain Improvement Fund's current standing and how much was owed to the fund in loans from the Drain Maintenance Fund accounts. Discussion followed. Member Bob Gentry moved to allow the Drain Maintenance accounts that could fully pay back their loans do so. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Gaston stated there were other drains that could pay back some of what they had borrowed from the GDIF. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board to address the partial paybacks after the first of next year.

#### Roseboom Consolidation of Drains.

Mr. Gaston informed the Board that during the Roseboom Re-Assessment Hearing, it was decided to separate the arms of the drains into their own accounts. This, however, has left the main account without resources to pay off its loans and debt. He recommended that the drain be treated like the Ross Watershed and have the main Roseboom account (415) serve as the funds holder while keeping ledger accounts for each arm of the watershed. Discussion followed. Member Bob Gentry moved to follow the Surveyor's recommendation. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

#### Possible Regulated Drain Transfers to the Towns of Avon, Brownsburg, and Coatesville

Mr. Gaston gave a presentation showing the regulated drains that had been requested transferred to the Towns of Avon, Brownsburg, and Coatesville. Discussion followed. Mr. Gaston indicated that the Town of Avon's requested amount to be transferred and the amount the County could transfer were not the same. The Town had not included how much the drains owe in loans to the GDIF fund and how much they owe the County General Fund for inspector time spent on each drain. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board that all County funds should be settled before any transfer would be made.

## Surveyor's Office New Forms

Mr. Gaston presented the Board with the Surveyor's Office new forms consisting of the following:

The Contractors and Vendors Annual Agreement
Contractors/Supplier/Vendor Handbook
Contractor's Guide to Insurance Requirements
Contractors and Suppliers Ethics Guide
Vendors Performance Evaluation Requirements
Annual Pre-Qualification of Contractors Guide for their review.

Mr. Gaston explained that they had been reviewed by Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald and Insurance Planner John Parmley of HBG Insurance and they both endorsed the documents. Discussion followed.

## William Batz Arm 2 Regulated Drain

Joe Miller of Banning Engineering stated he had completed, at the request of the Drainage Board, the William Batz Arm 2 Regulated Drain Study. His projects estimates were \$57,000.00 for the tile portion and \$40,000.00 for the open drain section. He recommended using one contractor for the entire project. He stated since a significant portion would fall on the Hendricks County Highway department, the project should be brought before the Hendricks County Commissioners. Discussion followed. Member Bob Gentry moved to follow the recommendation. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

# <u>RE: INTRODUCTION OF OTHER BUSINESS OR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION BY BOARD MEMBERS:</u>

## **Re-Assessment Hearings**

Vice President Phyllis Palmer requested an update on re-assessment hearings. Mr. Gaston stated that he had spoken with Joe Miller and they would be moving forward with some hearings in the fall, specifically the Stevenson Regulated drain. He said that the reconstruction projects had taken a lot of time to supervise and had delayed the re-assessments.

#### Mary A. Gibbs Regulated Drain

Member Jack Maloney asked how the Mary A. Gibbs project was progressing. Mr. Gaston stated it looked like it could possibly be a reconstruction project. Discussion followed.

# ADJOURN:

Seeing nothing further before the Board, Member Bob Gentry moved to adjourn the meeting. Members Jack Maloney and Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

HENDRICKS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

Matthew D. Whetstone, President

Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice-President

Bob Gentry, Member

ATTEST:

Gary Sowers, Secretary