

October 9th, 2019 Re-Assessment Hearings

The Hendricks County Drainage Board met in Conference Rooms Four and Five on the first floor of the Hendricks County Government Center for the Hidden Valley Estates, Gilbert Woods, and Springtown Heights Regulated Drains Re-Assessment Hearings. Those present were President Phyllis A. Palmer, Members Bob Gentry, Jack Maloney and Stan Ryland, Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston, Gary Sowers, James & Elaine Dotson, Scott Winegardner, Don & Donna Angone, Rafael & Kimberly Gomez, Clete and Sharon Meiergerd, Estelle Graham, Elvin Newby, James and Deana Neidlinger and Joe Miller.

President Phyllis A. Palmer determined there was a quorum and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Member Stan Ryland led a prayer for those who wished to participate. President Palmer then called for the first order of business.

RE: HENDRICKS COUNTY SURVEYOR DAVID GASTON:

Hidden Valley Regulated Drain (647) Re-Assessment Hearing

President Palmer opened the public hearing for the Hidden Valley Regulated Drain Re-Assessment Hearing. She stated one letter had been received in remonstrance to the re-assessment from Rosita D. Sease. President Palmer then called on Joe Miller of Banning Engineer as the contract engineer overseeing the re-assessment. Mr. Miller gave a synopsis of the Hidden Valley Regulated Drain and debt load it was carrying. President Palmer then asked if there was anyone who wished to speak, she recognized Mrs. Estell Graham. Mrs. Graham through her narrative indicated she was still concerned with the erosion issues within the subdivision. Discussion followed. Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston informed Mrs. Graham that he had discussed this issue with the Hendricks County Engineer John Ayers. Mr. Gaston stated that John will be working with the Commissioners on this issue. President Palmer asked if anyone else wished to speak seeing none she closed the public meeting. Member Bob Gentry moved to follow the Surveyor's recommendation and raise the assessment to \$100.00 per lot for the Hidden Valley Estates Regulated Drain starting with the 2020 tax year and going forward. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was passed on a 3-0-1 vote with Member Jack Maloney abstaining due to arriving after the public hearing was closed. President Palmer closed the Hidden Valley Regulated Drain Re-Assessment Hearing.

Gilbert Woods Regulated Drain (632) Re-Assessment Hearing

President Palmer opened the public hearing for the Gilbert Woods Regulated Drain Re-Assessment Hearing. She stated one letter was received in remonstrance to the re-assessment from Elvin A. Newby. President Palmer then called on Joe Miller of Banning Engineer as the contract engineer overseeing the re-assessment. Mr. Miller gave a synopsis of the Gilbert Woods Regulated Drain and debt load it was carrying. President Palmer then asked if there was anyone who wished to speak, she recognized Mr. Elvin A. Newby. Mr. Newby said his questions had been answered by Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston prior to the meeting and thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. President Palmer asked if anyone else wished to speak seeing none she closed the public meeting. Member Stan Ryland moved to follow the Surveyor's recommendation and raise the assessment to \$100.00 per lot for the Gilbert Woods Regulated Drain starting with the 2020 tax year and going forward. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. President Palmer closed the Gilbert Woods Regulated Drain Re-Assessment Hearing.

Springtown Heights Regulated Drain (715) Re-Assessment Hearing

President Palmer opened the public hearing for the Springtown Heights Regulated Drain Re-Assessment Hearing. She stated no letters were received in remonstrance to the re-assessment. President Palmer then

called on Joe Miller of Banning Engineer as the contract engineer overseeing the re-assessment. Mr. Miller gave a synopsis of the Springtown Heights Regulated Drain and debt load it was carrying. President Palmer then asked if there was anyone who wished to speak, she recognized Mr. James Neidlinger. Mr. Neidlinger said through his narrative that he was not against the re-assessment but was rather concerned with the amount of drainage water and silt that was coming from the Hendricks County Highway ditch and the farm field to the north of his property. He stated even in moderate rains the farm field to the north adjoining his lot was dumping silt halfway up his driveway and flooding his yard to the south. Mr. Gaston said he would send Chief Deputy Tiffany Dalton out to inspect the area and try come up with a solution. President Palmer asked if anyone else wished to speak seeing none she closed the public meeting. Member Bob Gentry moved to follow the Surveyor's recommendation and raise the assessment to \$100.00 per lot for the Springtown Heights Regulated Drain starting with the 2020 tax year and going forward. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. President Palmer closed the Springtown Heights Regulated Drain Re-Assessment Hearing.


Annsdale & Hamptons Drainage Board Projects

President Palmer asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. Mr. Gaston stated he had spoken with the Town of Brownsburg about the Annsdale & Hamptons Drainage Board projects as requested and would inform the entire Board on his findings at the next meeting but wanted them to know that Brownsburg would work with them on the two projects.

ADJOURN:

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


HENDRICKS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:


Phyllis A. Palmer, President

Not Present


Matthew D. Whetstone, Vice-President


Bob Gentry, Member


Jack P. Maloney, Member

E. Stanley Ryland, Member

ATTEST:


Gary W. Sowers II, Secretary