

April 23rd, 2024

The Hendricks County Drainage Board met in the Commissioners’ Room on the first floor of the Hendricks County Government Center. Those present were President Bob Gentry, Vice President Phyllis A. Palmer, Members Dennis W. Dawes, Jack Maloney, and Stan Ryland, Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston (Via Conference call), Chief Deputy Surveyor Tiffany Dalton, Emily Cox, Gary Sowers, Nick Stroud, Joe Miller, and Jeff Healy.

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

RE: IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Gentry requested a motion with regard to the minutes of the April 9th, 2024, Drainage Board meeting. Member Jack Maloney moved to approve the amended April 9th, 2024, Drainage Board meeting minutes. President Gentry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF BILLS TO BE PAID:

DRAIN MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Fluid Waste Services	749 Westridge Estates	\$	1,750.00
	Acct. Balance - \$90,369.88		
Morgan County Lake Ditch	546 Richard Mynatt	\$	2,924.00
	Acct. Balance - \$5,153.64		
Natures Choice	400 Garvey Neal Pollard Todd	\$	195.00
	Acct. Balance - \$306,321.97		
Natures Choice	415 Roseboom (Enos Keeney)	\$	285.00
	Acct. Balance - \$244,892.88		
Natures Choice	626 Forest Lake Estates	\$	50.00
	Acct. Balance - \$3,961.64		
Natures Choice	647 Hidden Valley Estates	\$	168.80
	Acct. Balance - \$19,276.68		
Natures Choice	707 Rolling Hills	\$	164.32
	Acct. Balance - \$13,751.69		
Williams Creek Mgmt.	483 Nash Trucksess	\$	2,420.00
	Acct. Balance - \$134,170.00		
Total Maintenance Fund Due		\$	7,957.12

Member Dennis Dawes moved to approve the Maintenance Fund bills for \$7,957.12. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

AUDITOR’S REPORT

April 23rd, 2024 Auditor’s Report

Member Jack Maloney moved to accept the April 23rd, 2024, Auditor’s Report as presented in the amount of \$7,957.12. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

RE: INTRODUCTION OF OTHER BUSINESS OR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION BY COUNSEL, STAFF OR PUBLIC:

RE: HENDRICKS COUNTY SURVEYOR DAVID GASTON:

None cited.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF WISHES TO BE HEARD:

Joseph Jones Regulated Drain - Mr. Nick Stroud

President Gentry recognized Mr. Nick Stroud. Mr. Stroud stated that after the County cleaned the ditch behind his property, he planted some Arborvitae trees along the top edge of the ditch to give his children some barrier to stay away from so they would not go into the ditch area. He said numerous stumps had been left, and he didn't want his children to fall on one of them. He told the Board that he had been informed that the trees were within the ditch's easement and would have to be removed. He asked for some variance to leave the trees until they needed to be moved to do more work on the ditch. Discussion followed. Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston informed him that the clean-up work would begin as soon as the weather allowed. Mr. Stroud said he would temporarily remove the trees during the clean-up timeline. Discussion followed. Member Jack Maloney stated that the ditch would need to be dipped out within the next three years, and trees would have to be removed. Mr. Gaston reiterated that the final ditch clean-up had not been performed yet and recommended that we go above and beyond our normal clean-up process by cutting the tree stumps down to the ground, adding riprap where needed, and placing seed and straw down on all bare areas. He stated we needed to be a good neighbor to the Town of Lizton. Vice President Phyllis Palmer stated that we always do our very best with all our work. Member Dennis Dawes said we do, but in this case and probably with all urban areas, we need to be more conscious of the needs of the citizens. Mr. Gaston stated that he had already informed the contractors of what needed to be done, and it would probably involve a Change Order since this work would go above and beyond the original estimate for the project scope. He said this will also affect the available funding for the rest of the project. Member Dennis Dawes indicated that additional ARPA money may be available to cover the costs. Member Jack Maloney moved to have Mr. Stroud fill out an Encroachment Request and Hold Harmless form, which would need to be recorded in the recorder's office, allowing him to keep the trees, removing them within a day of being notified that the contractor would be back out to do the cleanup and to remove the trees permanently after three years from the permit date and waiving any permit fees. President Bob Gentry seconded the motion. The motion was passed on a 4-1 vote, with Vice President Palmer voting against the measure because it was not consistent with previous actions of the Board.

Mr. Gaston stated that in the future, he recommended that the scope of work in urban areas include cleaning and seeding that goes above and beyond our standard agricultural drain clean practices. Member Stan Ryland agreed and said we should leave those areas as nice as possible. Member Dennis Dawes stated that we should also have informational meetings with the homeowners affected before starting any work on larger projects.

Vice President Palmer moved to hold off on phase 4 and its financing until after the informational meeting on June 20th. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**RE: INTRODUCTION OF OTHER BUSINESS OR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION BY
BOARD MEMBERS:**

ADJOURN:

Seeing nothing further before the Board, Vice President Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

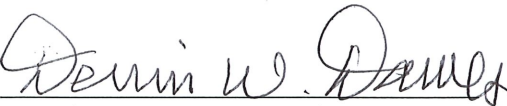
HENDRICKS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:



Bob Gentry, President



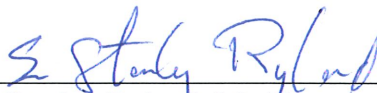
Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President




Dennis W. Dawes, Member



Jack P. Maloney, Member



E. Stanley Ryland, Member

ATTEST: 

Gary W. Sowers II, Secretary

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