

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

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 Attorney Greg Steuerwald, Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston, Chief Deputy Surveyor Tiffany Dalton, Dirk Leonard, Blake Stephenson, Nathaniel Shaffer, Gary Sowers, Mitchell Alexander, Chris Pope, and Dick Robertson.

President Bob Gentry determined there was a quorum and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Member Dennis Dawes led 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 regards to the minutes of the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Drainage Board meeting. Member Dennis Dawes moved to approve the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022; Drainage Board meeting minutes as presented. Vice President Phyllis Palmer seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**RE: IN THE MATTER OF BILLS TO BE PAID:**

**DRAIN MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

Alexander Contractors	567 Avon Estates	\$	16,000.00
	Acct Balance - \$10,788.00		
<b>Total Maintenance Fund Due:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>16,000.00</b>

Member Dennis Dawes moved to approve the Maintenance Fund bills in the amount of \$16,000.00. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 Auditor's Report

Vice President Palmer moved to approve the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022; Auditor's Report as presented in the amount of \$16,000.00. 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 ATTORNEY GREG STEUERWALD:**

None cited.

**RE: HENDRICKS COUNTY SURVEYOR DAVID GASTON:**

**S-6-22 (Trescott) – County**

382 lots on 167.3 acres in Guilford Township, S10-T14N-R1E, located on the southside of County Road 600 South, approximately 826 feet west of County Road 675 East. **(Banning Engineering) No Regulated Drain.**

Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston stated that Banning Engineering had requested a Continuance for S-6-22 (Trescott) to the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting of the Drainage Board. Member Jack Maloney moved to

Continue the project until the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting of the Drainage Board. Member Dennis Dawes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Mary A. Gibbs Regulated Drain**

Mr. Gaston said that the Mary A. Gibbs – CSX agreement was ready to be signed. President Gentry said he would sign it when the meeting concluded.

### **RE: IN THE MATTER OF WISHES TO BE HEARD:**

None cited.

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

### **ADJOURN:**

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

### **February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Drainage Board Business Meeting:**

President Gentry opened the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Drainage Board Business Meeting.

### **Re-Assessment Hearings**

Vice President Palmer inquired to when the Re-Assessment Hearings could be restarted. Mr. Gaston stated that Banning Engineering was currently working on the Auditor's Office assessment project and would be able to restart the hearing schedule once that was concluded.

### **Vacation Hearings**

Mr. Gaston stated Vacation Hearings could restart once the Auditor's Office assessment project was concluded as well.

### **Wheel machine usage**

President Gentry stated he would like for the Surveyor's Office to review the information sent over by Montgomery County for the use of the wheel machine for installing county tiles. Mr. Gaston stated he had reviewed the information but was concerned that the wheel machine would not be adequate for all soil types. He had recently spoken to a professor in engineering at Purdue University and while there have been no studies performed on a wheel machine, she was also concerned about certain soil types and how they would affect the way the wheel machine installed the tile. Mr. Gaston stated that he reminded the Board that they had already decided to try out a wheel machine when the right project became available, but the Board has not had any projects come up yet. Member Jack Maloney agreed that certain soil types may prove unsuitable especially those soil types found east of State Road 39. Mr. Gaston agreed and stated the sandy soils in some southern parts of the county could prove problematic as well. Mr. Gaston also stated that in his opinion, old tiles would



still need to be dug up and removed when using a wheel machine or the Board would then be responsible for the maintenance of two tiles, the old one and the new one.

### **Obstruction on Non-Regulated Drains**

Member Stan Ryland stated he would like to know what authority the Drainage Board had to remove obstructions on non-regulated drains such as the tributaries leading into Mill Creek. Mr. Gaston said that Mill Creek itself falls under DNR, IDEM and the Army Corp. of Engineering. However, anyone could file a removal of obstruction petition with the Surveyor's Office and that would give the Drainage Board the ability to research and deal with the obstruction.

### **Lingerman Regulated Drain**

President Gentry asked what preparation had been made to work on the downstream area of the Lingerman Regulated Drain once the up-stream project was completed. Mr. Gaston stated his office would inspect the area and watch for any flooding, and if necessary, file a removal of obstruction to alleviate any flooding.

### **Boone County – Whitestown Park Way**

Member Jack Maloney stated he felt a Joint Board meeting with Boone County needed to be called to deal with the runoff from all the warehouses being built along the Whitestown Park Way in Boone County. The amount of water that was coming off the warehouse and entering Hendricks County was concerning. It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Gaston reach out to the Boone County Surveyor and establish a Board meeting.

### **Storm Water Ordinance and Technical Standards**

Mr. Gaston informed the Board that he would be starting to work on revising the Storm Water Ordinance and Technical standards this year. This revision was needed for several reasons including the fact that IDEM had changed some of their policies. He also wanted to make review fees a flat rate that would be paid at the time of application so everyone would know how much they're paying for the engineering review and decrease the time the project developer had to wait to receive their approval letter. He would also be reviewing the wheel machine data and may need to include policies for its use with regulated drains.

### **Drainage Board Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Gaston asked the Board if they would consider moving the Drainage Board meeting from 8:00 am to after the Commissioner's Meeting. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board to keep the current schedule at this time.

### **Drainage Tile Camera and Van.**

Member Stan Ryland asked for an update on how the new drainage tile camera and van were working out. Mr. Gaston informed the Board that the camera and van were in regular use and that Inspector Dirk Leonard had begun training Inspectors Blake Stephenson and Nathaniel Shaffer. The video equipment had also been used to help the Highway Department. Member Jack Maloney asked how small of tile could be televised. Inspector Leonard stated the push camera could be used on a 4-inch tile up to 250 feet if the opening for the tile would accommodate the camera base. The tractor camera could be used on larger tiles up to 2,800 feet again if the opening would accommodate its insertion. He stated that he believed the revised ordinance should include the need for structures on all new tiles so televising would be possible.

**ADJOURN:**

Seeing nothing further before the Board, Member Dennis Dawes moved to adjourn the public meeting. Member Stan Ryland. seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**HENDRICKS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:**


  
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Bob Gentry, President

  
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Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President

  
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Dennis W. Dawes, Member

  
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Jack P. Maloney, Member

**Not Present**  
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E. Stanley Ryland, Member

ATTEST:   
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Gary W. Sowers II, Secretary