

May 23rd, 2023

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, Hendricks County Engineer John Ayers, Chief Deputy Surveyor Tiffany Dalton, Dirk Leonard, Blake Stephenson, Nathaniel Shaffer, Gary Sowers, Jeff Healy, and Joe Miller.

President Bob Gentry determined there was a quorum, then 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 regards to the minutes of the May 9th, 2023, Drainage Board meeting. Member Jack Maloney moved to approve the May 9th, 2023; Drainage Board meeting minutes as presented. Member Dennis Dawes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF BILLS TO BE PAID:

DRAIN MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Murrain Excavating	Drain 608 Crystal Springs	\$ 2,000.00
	Acct. Balance - \$ 17,952.20	
Murrain Excavating	Drain 701 Prestwick (Carnoustie)	\$ 14,7500.00
	Acct. Balance - \$ 202,114.27	
Murrain Excavating	Drain 758 Windfield Estates.	\$ 31,650.00
	Acct. Balance - \$ -28,385.01	
Total Maintenance Fund Due:		\$ 48,400.00

Member Stan Ryland moved to approve the Maintenance Fund bills in the amount of \$48,400.00 Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

May 23rd, 2023 Auditor's Report

Member Dennis Dawes moved to accept the May 23rd, 2023; Auditor's Report as presented in the amount of \$48,400.00. President Gentry 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:

Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald informed the Board he was communicating with CSX Railroad to pay for their portion of the Mary A. Gibbs project. The Board thanked him for the update.

RE: HENDRICKS COUNTY SURVEYOR DAVID GASTON:

White Lick Creek Estates Regulated Drain

Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston requested that the White Lick Creek Estates Regulated Drain reassessment hearing be set for June 27th, 2023, during the regular Drainage Board meeting. Discussion followed. Member Stan Ryland moved to hold the White Lick Creek Estates Regulated Drain reassessment hearing during the regular Drainage Board meeting on June 27th, 2023. Member Dennis Dawes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trenching Machine – Standards & Guidelines.

Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston presented the Board with the proposed guidelines for using a curved bottom trench (no stone bedding) for installation of pipe on regulated drains in some cases in the rural part of Hendricks County. Mr. Gaston showed the Board two videos, one using a trencher machine and one using an excavator, in accordance with the existing technical standards used by the Surveyor's Office and Drainage Board. This video showed how the stone was used as a bedding and backfill in an open trench (not a curved bottom trench). Discussion followed. President Gentry recognized Jeff Healy and Joseph Miller of Banning Engineering. Both Jeff and Joe emphasized the importance of supporting the tile with a soil compacted curved bottom and using stone to backfill from the spring line to 6 inches above the tile. Discussion followed. It was stated that the soil type must be of substantial clay to allow a solid bedding for the curved bottom trench. Soft soil or sandy soil would not be allowed for this type of installation. Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald stated the scope of work/bid would need to be specific in what the result of placing the tile should be with either a curved bottom bucket or trench machine and the standards used today as he was concerned with the bid process being fair to all contractors. Discussion followed. Mr. Gaston stated that the guidelines would be written to reflect the ability to use either type of machine if the soil type and surroundings allowed. He hoped to have the new ordinance, stormwater technical standards and fee schedule ready this summer. President Gentry moved to add the curved bottom trench (no stone bedding) guidelines to the new technical standards. Member Dennis Dawes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF WISHES TO BE HEARD:

None cited.

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

John Rutledge Regulated Drain

Member Jack Maloney asked if the John Rutledge Regulated Drain project was complete. Hendricks County Inspector Blake Stephenson stated there was approximately 200 feet left to complete the project.

Installation of private tiles under the proposed Ronald Reagan Parkway

Member Maloney also brought up an issue that he was having on installing new pipe under the proposed Ronald Reagan Parkway. Hendricks County Engineer John Ayers joined in on the topic and discussion followed. Seeing that this was a commissioners issue the discussion ended without any action by the Board.

ADJOURN:

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

HENDRICKS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

Bob Gentry
Bob Gentry, President

Dennis W. Dawes
Dennis W. Dawes, Member

E. Stanley Ryland
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Phyllis A. Palmer
Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice President

Jack P. Maloney
Jack P. Maloney, Member

ATTEST: Gary W. Sowers II
Gary W. Sowers II, Secretary

