

Date March 22nd, 2016

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 Palmer, Members Matthew Whetstone and Stan Ryland, Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald, Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston, Secretary Gary Sowers, Carl Camacho, Kristina Alexander, Martin Weaver, and Joe Miller.

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

RE: IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Bob Gentry requested a motion with regard to the minutes of the March 8th, 2016 Drainage Board meeting. Member Stan Ryland moved to approve the March 8th, 2016 Drainage Board minutes as amended. Member Matthew Whetstone seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF BILLS TO BE PAID:

Auditor's Report

Member Matthew Whetstone moved to approve the Auditor's report as presented. President Gentry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

DRAIN MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Lincoln Park Stone	Drain 409 Mary A. Gibbs	\$	165.97
	(Acct Balance - \$ -62,564.26)		
Lincoln Park Stone	Drain 467 Elmore	\$	155.80
	(Acct Balance - \$ -155.80)		
Mink Excavating	Drain 409 Mary A. Gibbs	\$	1,364.00
	(Acct Balance - \$ -62,528.53)		
Mink Excavating	Drain 437 Arbuckle Beaman Phillips	\$	1,400.00
	(Acct Balance - \$ -13,185.00)		
Mink Excavating	Drain 467 Elmore	\$	4,772.00
	(Acct Balance - \$ -4,672.00)		
Mink Excavating	Drain 507 Collins	\$	3,200.00
	(Acct Balance - \$ 12,958.02)		
Mink Excavating	Drain 520 Milton Armstrong	\$	1,900.00
	(Acct Balance - \$ -1,900.00)		
Mink Excavating	Drain 700 Preston Est.	\$	3,800.00
	(Acct Balance - \$ -6,730.98)		
Total Maintenance Fund Due:		\$	16,757.77

Member Matthew Whetstone moved to approve the Maintenance Fund bills in the amount of \$16,757.77. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

GENERAL DRAIN IMPROVEMENT TRANSFERS TO MAINTENANCE FUNDS

Drain 409	Mary A. Gibbs	\$	1,529.97
Drain 437	Arbuckle Beaman Phillips	\$	1,400.00
Drain 467	Elmore	\$	4,827.80
Drain 520	Milton Armstrong	\$	1,900.00
Drain 700	Preston Est.	\$	3,800.00

Total Transferred out of General Drain Improvement Fund: \$ 13,457.77

Member Matthew Whetstone moved to approve the transfer of \$13,457.77 from the General Drain Improvement Fund to the Maintenance Funds. President Gentry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

None Cited

RE: HENDRICKS COUNTY SURVEYOR DAVID GASTON:

Cambridge Pond Dam

Mr. Gaston informed the Board that a crew would be out at the dam on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 to hopefully remove the obstruction and finish videoing the drainage pipe.

North Village Subdivision

Mr. Gaston informed the Board of the situation in the North Village subdivision, a resident has brought in several tons of dirt overtime and effectively built a dam across his property and built a cement structure on a neighbor's property without permission. The neighbors have tentatively agreed to allow the county to extend the nearby Pound Arm Regulated Drain (455) through their properties to alleviate the excess water. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board to wait until a formal petition was signed and brought before them.

Drains needing Maintenance/prioritization

Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston presented the Board with the 2016 Surveyor's Prioritization of Drains Needing Maintenance list. He gave a brief description of the work needed on the major drains and the spray program. Discussion followed. Member Stan Ryland requested that at each Drainage Board meeting the list be included under attachments with updates on the progress of the maintenance. Mr. Gaston replied it would be done. Discussion followed. Vice President Palmer asked how many of the drains listed would the County be able to complete this year. Mr. Gaston stated barring weather conditions and extenuating circumstances, he hoped to complete the entire list. Discussion followed. The Board agreed that this was a comprehensive list and to proceed with the maintenance of the drains.

Town of Coatesville

Mr. Gaston informed the Board he had a conversation with the Town of Coatesville about transferring the Regulated Drains within the town limits to them. He stated that once the Town made a formal request, he would bring it to the Board for their consideration.

Suspension/Reinstatement letters:

Mr. Gaston informed the Board that the Assessment Suspension and Reinstatement letters have gone out. His office had been receiving numerous phone calls asking for an explanation of the letter. He stressed to the Board that each year he tries to make the letter as uncomplicated as possible. Discussion followed.

Drain Maintenance and Drainage Board claims:

Mr. Gaston asked if the Board would like the Drainage Board President to sign the Drain Maintenance and Drainage Board claims going forward. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Gaston to continue signing the claims for now.

Regulated Drain Re-Assessments:

Mr. Gaston asked Joe Miller to bring the Board up to date on the Regulated Drain Re-Assessments. Mr. Miller presented the Board with a spreadsheet showing the Regulated Drains that have been re-assessed and those ready for re-assessment. Discussion followed. Mr. Gaston recommended the Board first hold the Regulated Drains for vacation hearings, and then the Regulated Drains re-assessment hearings. He stated this would give proper time for public notices and informational hearings. He recommended starting the re-assessment hearings after July 1st, 2016. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board to follow the Surveyor's recommendation and requested that Mr. Gaston and Mr. Miller come to the next Board meeting with an outline of dates for the hearings.

RE: IN THE MATTER OF WISHES TO BE HEARD:

None Cited

ADJOURN:

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

HENDRICKS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

Bob Gentry, President

Phyllis A. Palmer, Vice-President

Matthew D. Whetstone, Member

Jack P. Maloney, Member

E. Stanley Ryland, Member

ATTEST: _____
Gary Sowers, Secretary