October 22nd, 2019

The Hendricks County Drainage Board met in the Commissioners’ Room on the first floor of the Hendricks County Government Center. Those present were President Phyllis A. Palmer, Members Bob Gentry, Jack Maloney and Stan Ryland, Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald, Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston, Hendricks County Engineer John Ayers, Director of Facilities Kevin Kavanagh, Chief Deputy Surveyor Tiffany Dalton, Dirk Leonard, Blake Stephenson, Gary Sowers, Martin Weaver, Matt Oman, 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: IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

President Palmer requested a motion with regards to the minutes of the October 8th, 2019 Drainage Board meeting. Member Jack Maloney moved to approve the October 8th, 2019 Drainage Board meeting minutes as amended. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

President Palmer requested a motion with regards to the minutes of the October 9th, 2019 Drainage Board Hearings. Member Stan Ryland moved to approve the October 9th, 2019 Drainage Board Hearing’s minutes as presented. Member Bob Gentry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

**REVIEW FEES**

Christopher Burke

$ 4,290.00

*Total Review Fees Paid out of General Fund:*

$ 4,290.00

Member Stan Ryland moved to approve the Review Fees in the amount of $4,290.00. Member Bob Gentry seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

**DRAIN MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**

Alexander Surveying

Drain 413 Swain (Earl Arnold)
Acct: Balance $16,085.32

Drain 415 Roseboom (Money Jordan)
Acct: Balance $-48,544.36

Arthur’s Excavating

Drain 477 William Batz
Acct: Balance $-166,043.00

Beechwood Construction

Drain 599 Countryside Estates
Acct: Balance $-105,073.42

Taylor Cooper Excavating

Drain 400 Garvey Neal Pollard Todd
Acct: Balance $410,776.93

Drain 415 Roseboom (Thompson Shultz)
Acct: Balance $-48,544.36

Drain 459 Alfred Cox
Acct: Balance $109,906.31

$ 3,300.00

$ 3,600.00

$ 62,390.00

$ 25,493.00

$ 3,000.00

$ 400.00

$ 9,890.00
Taylor Cooper Excavating
Drain 696 Pine Creek Estates $1,000.00
Acct: Balance $6,101.56

Williams Creek Management
Drain 483 Nash Trucksees $1,500.00
Acct: Balance $108,135.94

Total Maintenance Fund Due: $110,573.00

Member Stan Ryland moved to approve the Maintenance Fund bills in the amount of $110,573.00. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

GENERAL DRAIN IMPROVEMENT FUND

Loan Payback
Drain 413 Swain $20,000.00
Loan Payback
Drain 503 French – Jegar $30,131.08
Loan Payback
Drain 531 Stout – Richardson $1,872.00
Loan Payback
Drain 542 Carter – Holtsclaw $3,367.84
Loan Payback
Drain 567 Avon Estates $30,000.00
Loan Payback
Drain 626 Forest Lake Estates $4,755.79

Total General Drain Improvement Fund: $90,126.71

Member Jack Maloney moved to approve the transfer of $90,126.71 from the Drain Maintenance Funds listed above to the GDIF. Member Bob Gentry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

AUDITOR’S REPORT

October 22nd, 2019 Auditor’s Report

Member Bob Gentry moved to approve the October 22nd, 2019 Auditor’s Report as presented. Member Jack Maloney 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:

Project Continuance Policy

Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald stated he had reviewed the Drainage Board Project Continuance Policy and found no concerns. The Board thanked Mr. Steuerwald for his review.
RE: HENDRICKS COUNTY SURVEYOR DAVID GASTON:

Drain Maintenance and GDIF – Investments

Hendricks County Surveyor David Gaston informed the Board that the Indiana Code allows the investment of money from the General Drain Improvement fund and the Drain Maintenance funds. He had been investigating how to invest some of the money in the General Drainage Improvement Fund with the assistance of Hendricks County Treasurer Shawn Shelly and Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald. Discussion followed. Member Bob Gentry asked how liquid the funds would be. He was informed the funds would not be deposited in a CD or any long-term account but would rather be placed in a fund now earning two (2) percent interest that could be quickly and easily liquidated. Discussion followed. Member Bob Gentry moved to invest one million dollars ($1,000,000.00) of the two million, six hundred thirty-six thousand, six hundred and fifty-two dollars, and fifty-eight cents ($2,636,652.58) in the GDIF. Member Jack Maloney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Gaston stated he had also investigated investing part of the Drain Maintenance Fund. While working through the details he found there may be some issues with where the interest needs to go. He said he was working on this with Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald, Treasurer Shawn Shelly and Auditor Nancy Marsh. Mr. Steuerwald stated while there didn’t seem to be any issue with investing the money the interest born from the investment may have some restrictions that have to be met. Discussion followed. Member Bob Gentry moved to invest three million dollars of the Drain Maintenance Fund containing six million, seven hundred seventy-eight thousand, eight hundred eighteen dollars, and sixty-one cents ($6,778,818.61) once the logistics had been worked out. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Minnie Tucker Regulated Drain

Mr. Gaston said the Drainage Board had received a letter from Keith & Shannon Miller asking the Board to guarantee them an outlet in the future. Mr. Gaston stated this stems from a request by the Tri-West Schools to cross Mr. Millers’ property with a drain to outlet to the Minnie Tucker Regulated Drain. The Millers’ just want to make sure if they need an outlet in the future it will be there for them to use. Mr. Gaston said as long as they all follow the policies and procedures of the Hendricks County Storm Water Handbook there should be no issues. Discussion followed. Member Jack Maloney moved to approve the request. Member Bob Gentry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Drainage Board Fee Schedule – Proposal

Mr. Gaston presented the Board with an updated Drainage Board Fee Schedule. Discussion followed. Member Bob Gentry was concerned about raising the outlet fee for an individual from one hundred ($100.00) to one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00). Discussion followed. Member Gentry withdrew his objection. Member Jack Maloney was concerned with the penalties for working on or destroying a Regulated Drain. Discussion followed. Mr. Gaston said he was still a little concerned with raising the Minor Residential Plat from two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00) to five hundred dollars ($500.00). Discussion followed. Member Stan Ryland asked if the words “up to” could be added in front of all the penalties/fines. Discussion followed. Hendricks County Attorney Greg Steuerwald asked if the fines and penalties could be moved to their own section. Discussion followed. Mr. Gaston stated the all agreed upon changes would be made. Member Jack Maloney moved to accept and approve the fee schedule with the amendments. Member Stan Ryland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
RE: IN THE MATTER OF WISHES TO BE HEARD:

William Batz Regulated Drain

President Palmer recognized Joe Miller of Banning Engineering. Mr. Miller said he had recently inspected the William Batz Regulated Drain and found it in good shape with grass starting to grow. He recommended paying the retainage to the contractor. The Board thanked him for the update.

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

Charles Martin Regulated Drain

Member Jack Maloney stated Mike Hession had approached him about vacating the Charles Martin Regulated Drain. He informed Mr. Hession he would need to speak to the Surveyor’s Office staff.

ADJOURN:

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

HENDRICKS COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD:

Phyllis A. Palmer, President

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Bob Gentry, Member

Jack P. Maloney, Member

E. Stanley Ryland, Member

ATTEST: Gary W. Sowers II, Secretary