

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
ANTRIM HEARING

NOVEMBER 16, 2015

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The Pulaski County Drainage Board held a hearing on the Antrim Ditch on November 16, 2105. The hearing was called to order by President Larry Brady at 2:30 p.m., in the Commissioner's Room, third floor of the Pulaski County Courthouse. Present was Larry Brady, President, Terry Young, Tim Murray, Attorney, Jennifer Keller and Susan Thomas. Also present was Bob and Kathy Meyer, Brian Cords, Howard and Judy Cords, Raymond and Joan Schultz, Betty and Richard Conley, Neil and Deb Owens, Linda Kroft, Doyles Bathke, Trevor Bathke, Larry Wappel, Norman Bathke, Arden Bathke, Barb Drone, Bruce Wuethrich, Philip Gutwein, Bob Wuethrich and Scott Wuethrich.

Jenny: This will not be a special assessment. Whatever rate the Board decides today is going to be the rate that will be fixed until the fund reaches four times its annual assessment. Whatever is collected on this ditch, will stay in this ditch fund. There was some notices that were returned through our mail. Frinkle, Timmons, Zeiters, Warrick, McDillon, Wireman, Hendershot, Archer, D & J Farms, Shepperd, Wireman, Leman Family Trust and Messer. The purpose of the hearing is we're going to raise the rate on the Antrim Ditch so we can get it cleaned. Currently you are being assessed \$.31 an acre which you have been since 1984, when it went on maintenance. We are proposing today \$3.00 an acre. We will clean the Antrim starting at County Road 100 N going north following it through Medaryville and going west ending in Jasper County. The project is just going to consist of digging down to the original bottom, not below, brushing both slopes and the side the contractor will be working on. There are also nine laterals that will be cleaned up 300 feet. There is one lateral that will be 150 feet. There is approximately 7.41 acres of brush to be removed. Currently, we bring in \$10, 245.43 a year. We have \$21,000.00 in our fund right now and with our estimate we approximately need \$98,000.00 more to finish. That's just our estimate. It's not, a contractor could come in cheaper but we won't know that until we let it out for bids.

Raymond Schultz: How then did we come up with the figure of 1000% increase?

Jenny: We just decided on a raise. If we charge \$3.00 an acre, we still not going to get our proposed \$98,000.00 more.

Larry: We picked the \$3.00 to have a starting point.

Raymond Schultz: How come you went 1000% on the crop acreage or farmland and you only doubled it on the lots?

Larry: There's no rhyme or reason for that amount separating it from agricultural land versus a lot land.

Raymond Schultz: So why don't we drop the maintenance and take it over a longer period of years?

Jenny: The policy of the Drainage Board has always been not to let the ditch run in the red for over two years. We have to start high. In a hearing we have to propose it high because we cannot increase in a hearing but we can decrease. So that's kind of the point too.

Raymond Schultz: Couldn't we have a contractor come out and take a look at this ditch and give us an idea of what it's going to cost to clean it?

Barbara Drone: But we don't have any figures to choose from.

Larry: Are we able to table the hearing all together till we have a bid?

Jenny: If that's what they want to do. I cannot send anymore letters out to anybody to reschedule a new hearing, which would be December. We announce it and then you guys will get no more notification. At whatever rate, you're still going to have to get up to the four times annual assessment no matter what.

Raymond Schultz: Is that a state law Jenny?

Jenny: It's in the Drainage Code book, yes.

Barbara Drone: If this goes up to \$3.00 an acres, how many years will that be \$3.00 an acre?

Jenny: That's where it comes back to the four times the annual assessment.

Raymond Schultz: The other thing, why the lots aren't more equitable with the farm land.

Larry: I don't have a good answer for you. On this project, we can't go any higher than what it has already been advertised for the hearing. In the future for other projects we can go in and re-evaluate the new norm.

Larry: I'll entertain a motion to table our decision.

Jenny: I have the specs all ready to go, we have the profile already so any contractor that wants to come in and give us an estimate. It's just a matter of mailing it out to them.

Bruce Wuethrich: I think the Board needs to be commended on trying to come up with something.

Larry: I will entertain my motion to table this until December.

Terry: Anybody else want to speak? I'll move to table until December.

Larry: I'll second that. We have a motion and second. Motion carried. The Antrim portion of the hearing is ended at this time. Hearing adjourned at 3:17 p.m. The next meeting for the hearing will be December 21, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met on November 16, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Brady at 3:32 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room, third floor of the Pulaski County Courthouse. Present was Larry Brady, Terry

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MP HILL (open quotes) estimate \$35,525.16

Jenny: This consists of 24,288 feet with approximately 21,373 yards to be removed. We are starting in White County on 1000 N and going west stopping at SR 114. Loehmer Ag Products \$63,433.60. Gutwein Bulldozing & Excavating, \$18,500.00. *

Larry: I'll entertain a motion to award the bid.

Terry: Move to award it to Gutwein Excavating at \$18,500.00.

Larry: Second. We have a motion and second. Motion carried

SCOTT WUETHRICH

Scott: I was just curious where we are at here on the dirt road.

Larry: Instead of wrapping up our man hours at the County Highway, what would a vendor need to go and improve that natural water way?

Jenny: I understand the County Highway, they're busy. I'm thinking of the contractor. I call somebody up and I'm throwing him into a fire. That's just my opinion on an outside contractor.

Larry: Let us do some talking with the Highway Department. We can notify Terry just to go out and clean it up. I don't have a date for you. We'll notify Terry Ruff and have him go clean out the natural surface course and have the bill submitted to him (Mr. Lowry) for payment.

WM. HENRY LONG TILE

Jenny: Darrel had reported a gully about a foot deep by the road on Bills property. I had talked to him and he said that after crops are out, crops are out but he still wants to meet with us out there and look at it.

Larry: Send us an e-mail. If we're available we'll try to meet you out there with you.

SWINGLE AND RINGEN MOSS

Jenny: Harold Johnson was in just checking on status. They are both on the list to survey and clean.

Glen Thompson also, he reported a washout on the Swingle in section 23. Dan has to look at that one yet but obviously it will get fixed.

JOHN ORR

Jenny: Glen Thompson came in, it's a private crossing. The pipe rusted out. I'll have Dan go out and look but the same scenario, we don't pay for private crossings.

LINCOLN LEACH

Jenny: Devin Field reported that water is backed up on the east side of 800W. We do plan to clean the ditch, 800 W to 150 S. We are going to get an estimate on that and can get that part cleaned.

SMITH WALBURN

Jenny: Todd Schmicker has two washouts on the Smith. DeSabatines, I got them to fix those. Steve Hintz reported a washout about 200 yards east of 400 W. I'm not so sure that that might not been one of the ones that Todd had reported. We will double check on that.

FALVEY DITCH

Jenny: Eric Hulmes was in and he wants the ditch cleaned. My thought is, there's \$2400.00 in the fund, it's right by DeSabatines, can I call them up and say hey, will you give me an estimate on what it's going to cost to clean this ditch? I am going to ask DeSabatine if they actually would run a profile to compare our profiles.

Larry: I'm okay with that.

FOX-RADERSTORF

Jenny: Richard Foerg was in and reported his tile are under water in the muck. He thinks the problem is on downstream, (west of 119). So basically we'll put that on our list to survey and see what we can do with that.

WILDERMUTH DITCH

Jenny: Ed Sayers wants the Wildermuth Ditch cleaned. He has tile underwater. Yes it does need cleaned, it's very deep so we need the long reach of whatever contractor. We will probably survey that one too.

TULLY, SWINGLE, HARPSTER

Jenny: Mr. Meyer was in on the Tully, Swingle and the Harpster. He reported some issues with them. Those are all on the list to be surveyed. Alan Newman was in on the Harpster. Tim Alexander called in and checked on the Harpster too. They are all on the list to survey and get cleaned.

ORTMAN DITCH

Jenny: Doug Cotner wants the Ortman Ditch cleaned. It has been surveyed. He also had questions on digging a private ditch on 550 W. Referred him to the county highway.

JOHN BROWN/LYDETTTE

Jenny: John Miller reported a tile hole. He is going to have DeSabatine out there anyway. I told him just have DeSabatine look at it, call me with an estimate and more than likely they'll fix it.

ANLIKER DITCH

Jenny: We have had several complaints. Especially in town where there is lots of rip-rap in the ditch and stuff. There is also the question of the culvert being replaced there. I think it's right by the park.

Larry: Yes it's at the north edge of the Francesville Town Park.

Jenny: I talked to the County Highway about that. They say there's a dip in the road. Now's the time to do it and it has been surveyed so we can let it out possibly next month for bids. If the County Highways in agreement and it needs replaced, now's the time to do it.

Larry: And are they looking up beyond that, behind Todd's, the Patio and all that?

Jenny: Yes. What we are going to let out would take care of that there by the Patio.

Larry: Mr. Gudeman was already putting in drain tiling out in his field, on the west side of his field. From the Apostolic Christian Church, there were reports of tiling that had caved in.

Jenny: Is that along 800?

Larry: No that would be, we're at 421 and 550 S.

NEW BUSINESS

Jenny: Dan for his chemical license, he needs to get some more points. There is a category six class on December 15th in Lafayette. The class does not cost anything. His materials for his studies would cost \$38.35. Holly Hoover said, that if you guys give me permission, we can request a check.

Terry: Move to approve attendance at the class and also for the early check.

Larry: We have a motion. I'll second that. We have a motion and second. Motion carried.

Jenny: Would he be allowed to take the county vehicle, the suburban?

Larry and Terry: Yes

Jenny: The night before he can take it?

Larry and Terry: Yes.

Jenny: We discussed about extending the two years in the red to possibly five for these projects.

Tim Murray: We've got to find out on that.

Larry: And the other thing, MVP.

Jenny: Yes, with this MVP, we do not have access to it which is our Manatron. I would like to be able to get a readable, printable screen where I can get in there. I don't want to change anything. I just want to be able to look at it and be able to print it off.

Larry: Read only access.

Jenny: And this LOW system. It's going to affect the ditches somehow. I would like to have access to that to see all the transactions going on. I would like your permission to be able to have that access.

Larry: I'll entertain a motion to give the Surveyor's Office read only access to the MVP program.

Terry: Absolutely so moved.

Larry: We have a motion and second. Motion carried.

BOB MEYER PRESENTATION - HARPSTER

Bob Meyer: This is concerning a 15" tile near Pulaski. This is the Pulaski-Star City blacktop. This is Pudge Scheffer's ditch that a 15" tile dumps into it. It drains 400-500 acres. It's way overloaded. In 2010, 11 and 15 it was repaired and it was about \$7000.00. Total. There are two spots right here where it's broke again. Tim Alexander farms this. Chuck Scheffer farms this and this is mine. I'd say between the three of us, we had between 100-150 acres gone. We probably lost \$75,000.00 last year. There is so much water that goes through it you can't fix it until July or August. My proposal is, to start at the ditch and run a tile right straight east and intercept this tile. And you're going to have to some kind of a sewer and throat thing on the end of it, but a 10" tile across here is about \$17,000.00 and to put a 12" tile across here it would be about \$22,000.00.

Larry: What is Bob's next step if we said we agree, go forward? What's the next step?

Jenny: Well we have to have some type of specs before we go to the contractor. We could have just basically a contractor go out there and look at it. Give us an estimate what it would cost. Come back with those.

Terry: I would move to proceed.

Larry: We have a motion to proceed. I will second that motion. Motion carried.

Bob Meyer: Then you will have to decide whether you're going to put a 10 or a 12.
 Jenny: I would say 12, I wouldn't want to go 10 if it carries a lot of water you might as well put a 12 .
 Larry: We need to get everyone aware that we are looking into this and let them know that Dan may be out there.
 Jenny: You said Tim Alexander, you and who else?
 Bob Meyer: Chuck Scheffer, Seepy Sands. And Danny Ringen.

CLAIMS

Larry: Entertain a motion to approve claims as presented.
 Terry: So moved.
 Larry: I'll second that. We have a motion and second. Motion carried.

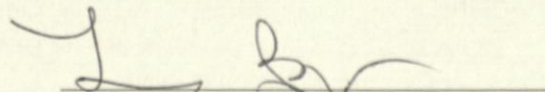
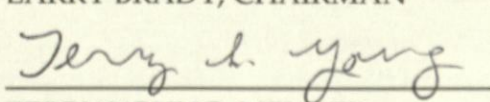
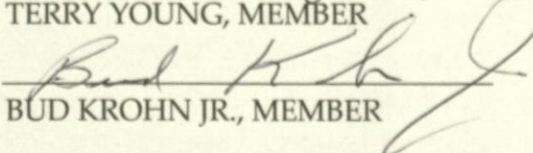
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6.78	Standard Auto Parts		006-2000-23	Other garage supplies
375.00	DeSabatine Bros.	Swingle Ditch	5000-01	GDM

MINUTES

Terry: Move to approve and sign minutes as presented.
 Larry: I'll second. We have a motion and second. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry: I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.
 Terry: So moved.
 Larry: We have a motion and second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.


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