

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
ANTRIM HEARING (reconvened)

DECEMBER 21, 2015

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met on December 21, 2015. The meeting 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, Bud Krohn Jr., Terry Young, Attorney Tim Murray, Jenny Keller and Susan Thomas. Also present was William McNabney, Howard and Judy Cords, Ray and Joan Schultz, Dan Foster of Eastern Pulaski Schools, Dave Harper, Doug Bathke, Arden Bathke, Trevor Bathke, Karen Brockett, Wayne Westphal and Don Housinger.

ANTRIM DITCH (open quotes and reconvene hearing from November 16, 2015)

Larry: First up is the opening of the quotes for the Antrim Ditch. Loehmer Ag Products is the quote I'm opening up at this time, \$218,375.00. This is from the Gutwein Bulldozing and Excavating. We have a bid of \$98,000.00. I'll entertain a motion to accept the bid of Gutwein Bulldozing of \$98,000.00. Terry: I'm going to move to accept the assessment at \$2.00 an acre and accept the bid from Gutwein Bulldozing and Excavating.

Bud: About two months ago I made a motion of \$3.00 an acre. I want to go back to \$2.00 an acre with Terry's motion.

Larry: We have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye. Motion carried.

ED FRAIN TILE

Larry: Mr. Westphal and Mr. Foster of the Eastern Pulaski Community Schools and Karen Brockett, thank you for coming today.

Jenny: Well there might be two separate projects. Wayne, you came to us before and I presented it to the Board. (referring to map) Where Wayne's ground is, he wanted to run a new tile from here and go across 100S and then run into that catch basin right there at the school. The Board had approved that. Well, you know how Caseys flood? It has been ongoing forever so we want to get this string fixed from 100S to 35. That is what we would like to do. So currently for the Ed Frain we have \$4881.00 in our fund.

Larry: We don't have enough money in the account to cover.

Jenny: Correct so I don't know how you want to prioritize that.

Dan Foster: Is there an estimated cost on that yet?

Jenny: As of right now no. I don't have an estimate on that yet.

Wayne Westphal: You've got to get people to quit planting trees over it. Where it comes off 100 and heads south. Hopkins has got trees. Right behind him is trees behind Galbreaths. The school planted pine trees along the road again. You can't have a tile and you can't have trees on top of it. Where the rain comes off the trees, 1 1/2 times further than the roots would go.

Jenny: You wanted to upgrade from an 8 to 10 or something like that?

Wayne Westphal: 6 to an 8.

Jenny: 6 to an 8 and you would cover that cost.

Wayne Westphal: You could get somebody with those little R.C. cars and a camera to run down through there and see where the problem starts.

Larry: We can employ the town to come with the camera. We want to do something for your project here. We will go ahead and get an estimate. One, access what the route costs and maybe routes and if it means going in and jetting it out or rotor rooting it out as one of the fix actions and the tiling is still good, not knowing if that will be true or not, that would be one option. The other option would be to get an estimate of what it will cost to do from 100 down and for yours sir. Is the question also whether we want to make this two projects or one project?

Wayne Westphal: What's the average home charge that tile?

Larry: \$4.00 is what we're seeing as a lot.

Dan Foster: Is there a projected timeline?

Larry: Wayne I know you would like to have this done by summertime. If we do yours and not the other one, we're not gaining anything. Let's go ahead and entertain a motion to have, seek out assistance from the Town of Winamac and get the cameras in there and get us an estimate of what the whole project would be. Break it apart from section to section or whatever. I think Dan will need to be with them to do some plotting. If the town doesn't want to do it then Jenny will get back with us and we'll possibly pay someone to come in and take a look at it so we have a better idea. You want to make a motion there Terry?

Terry: Yes I will move to proceed with this.

Bud: I'll second it.

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

MOHLER DITCH (open quotes)

Larry: We have the opening of quotes of the Mohler Ditch. Estimated quote at \$11,552.30. This is from the Weaver/Fox on the Mohler Ditch, \$10,000.00. This is from the Loehmer Ag Product, \$12,820.00, Gutwein Bulldozing, \$11,375.00, Johns Brothers, \$14,395.00 and Kirk Ingram, \$11,000.00. I'll entertain a motion to approve Weaver/Fox Brothers.

Bud: Make the motion to approve.

Terry: Second.

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

Jenny: On the Mohler, Todd Schmicker kind of wants to experiment. He says that the banks are high. His surface drain is at the same level as the ditch. He wants to know if the ditch will pay. He wants to go in and scrape that ditch bank all the way back down to the original. His thought process was with the banks being so heavy from all that extra dirt that could have possibly made them slide. Jeff Healy said it's possible but probably not the main thing as to what would make them slide. His question to you is, would you want to experiment with that through him and cost share. Cost share or the ditch pay for it.

Bud: If he wants to experiment, he can do it on his own money.

Larry: If he wants to experiment it needs to be out of his pocket.

Jenny: Ok. I will let him know.

DICKEY CREEK

Jenny: Donald Prettyman reported 3-4 beaver dams. I called John Miller to go ahead and trap them. I hired Weaver/Fox to go out there and remove the dams.

Also Tim McKinney reported a washout on the north side of Dickey Creek. He was already having Weaver/Fox to do some work for him so I told him to have Weaver/Fox give me an estimate on fixing that washout there.

LINCOLN LEACH

Jenny: Devon Field reported water backing up. I'm waiting for Dan to get me an estimate on what it would cost.

LUNSFORD DITCH

Jenny: Al Wentzel reported grass slides through the muck. Loehmer was in the area so I asked him to look at that and he will charge \$1200.00 to fix that.

SWINGLE DITCH - GLEN THOMPSON

Jenny: Glen Thompson reported a washout on the Swingle but Dan went out and we determined that it was caused because of the sides of the surface drain. I wrote him a letter and told him that we recommend a bigger surface drain and that the ditch would not repair it or repair the washout. He wants to know if we will pay for the fill. My thought is when we clean the ditch and we take the spoil out from the ditch, why can't we haul that down.

Larry: I'm ok with that. Then anything that's lacking of it, then he needs to be responsible for it.

Terry: I'll make that as a motion to use the spoil from the ditch cleaning to go as far as we can on filling the washout.

Bud: I'll second that.

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

JOHN ORR BRANCH OF LIGE HARP

Jenny: Glen Thompson was asking about a crossing. It's a private crossing and it's on the John Orr Branch of the Lige Harp which is maintained. I told him the ditch will not pay for that. It is his responsibility. It's a maintained ditch but private crossings are the responsibility of the landowner.

Larry: We can't get involved with that.

Larry: I entertain a motion to stay out of it.

Terry: Yes so moved.

Bud: Second

Larry: We have a motion and a second. Motion carried. We're staying out of it.

ISSAC WILLS TILE

Jenny: Carl Federer was in and reported two washouts. Called DeSabatine and they will take care of one. The first one was only just like a little dip. It really was nothing. The fund's in the red. So I just told him to take care of that one for now.

SMITH/WALBURN

Jenny: Steve Hintz reported a huge washout and it needed a new surface drain. I told him the ditch does not pay for surface drains. DeSabatine is going to fix the washout. If DeSabatine installs that for them, then Hintz will pay for that.

AGNEW BRANCH OF THE AGNEW

Jenny: Tim Reidelbach was in and would like the upper part of the Agnew Branch cleaned 300 N between 200 W and 300 W. Dan did look at this. It's not a very big stretch and whoever they get out there to tile I think if they have the equipment, could probably go in and dip it. They will just have to call and let me know a price.

SMALL TILE

Larry: The Small Tile in Star City. KIRPC did their sending out the surveys. They are short and they would like to know our plan of action to proceed forward with this.

Terry: People have to have a little responsibility in life. They want this done but then they're too lazy to mail a letter back, correspond.

Larry: Reach out to Mr. Martindale.

Terry: How much short on response? My thought is that the ones concerned and really want this and need it done would go around and try to persuade the neighbors.

Larry: That's what I was thinking about. Having the locals there go door to door. Get Mr. Martindale and Mr. Simmermaker. They need 60 more surveys. They will be willing to meet with whomever and explain to them how to do them and give them the forms to use. Get with Mr. Martindale and Mr. Simmermaker and see if they would be willing to take this project on in getting the last 60 surveys. Then get back to me.

MP HILL

Jenny: You guys just want to sign the contract with Gutwein for doing the MP Hill?

Larry: I'll entertain a motion to sign this. It's the Gutwein Bulldozing for \$18,500.00.

Terry: Move to sign.

Bud: Second

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

CLAIMS

Larry: I'll entertain a motion to approve the claims as presented.

Terry: Move to approve.

Bud: Second

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

32.91	Jenny Keller - Petty Cash		52000	Petty Cash
38.35	Purdue University	Book for Dan's class	32500	School, mtgs, seminars
1500.00	DeSabatine Bros	Shanley	5000-01	GDM
394.02	DeSabatine Bros	Brown/Lydette	5001-01	GDM
70.87	Howards Marathon		22100	Gas, Oil, etc.
294.00	US Postal Service	Stamps	32100	Postage
70.00	John Miller (trapping beaver)	Dickey Ditch	5000-01	GDM
89.54	Howards Marathon		22100	Gas, Oil, etc.

MINUTES

Larry: I'll entertain a motion to sign the minutes as presented.

Terry: So moved.

Bud: Second

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

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Murray: I did some research on the 2-5 year thing on being in the red. I don't think there are any restrictions to that.

Larry: Do you want it left at 2 years?

Jenny: Well can we just leave it at 2 years. Each situation is going to be different. Can we approach it at that time?

Larry: I'll entertain a motion to leave it as is and to allow the options to be there if need to be addressed.

Terry: So moved.

Bud: Second

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

Bud: Jenny, the Lake Bruce Outlet?

Jenny: It's on our list to survey. I did tell Dan, the next ditch you need to get to is the Bruce Lake.

Bud: Paul Kline and a few are on me about it.

Jenny: It being in the red, depending on what the estimate would be, are we going to have to have a hearing to raise the rate? It depends on what our estimate is.

Larry: We'll definitely have to have a hearing to raise it.

Bud: What I started out for was just to get that pipe crossing that's blocking everybody's water.

Jenny: Isn't that a private crossing

Bud: It's an obstruction though.

Larry: That's a private obstruction.

Bud: But it is put in wrong. It's just blocking everybody's water.

Jenny: I would say that would be up to Lewis then to fix it or take it out. That's a private crossing. That would be up to Lewis or whatever to whether he puts it in right or takes it out.

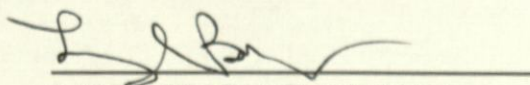
Larry: Write a letter saying that it has come to our attention that it is blocking the natural watercourse.

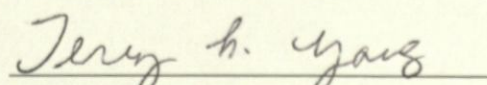
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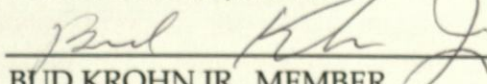
Larry: Terry I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Terry: I'll move to adjourn.

Larry: I'll second it. We have a motion and a second. Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.


LARRY BRADY, CHAIRMAN


TERRY YOUNG, MEMBER


BUD KROHN JR., MEMBER

SUSAN THOMAS
Drainage Board Secretary