

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARDJUNE 15, 2015

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met on June 15, 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, Terry Young, Bud Krohn Jr., Attorney Tim Murray, Jenny Keller and Susan Thomas. Also present was Jeff Healy from Banning Engineering, Edwin Buswell and Emily Albaugh from KIRPC, John Simmermaker, Alan Newman, Scott Wuethrich, Wilbur and Erlinda Martindale and Richard Lowry.

AGNEW

Jenny: Todd Schmicker called in and wanted to know if the ditch would pay for cutting down those cottonwood trees along the Agnew. He says there's between 9 and 12 cottonwood trees.

Larry: These trees are within the ditch itself? We're not cutting anything within 15 feet of the ditch?

Jenny: Right. Todd thinks if we're going to sell the trees, the money should come back to the ditch. It's never been set up that way. We got like \$7734 in the fund.

Bud: I just think we should hire a contractor and let him come and dispose of them.

Jenny: I will get an estimate.

Larry: So let's go ahead and advertise for bids and then present it to us next month.

Bud: I'll second that.

FATSINGER

Jenny: Darrell Skillen called in and reported water standing in swamp area and pasture. He had relation Ryan Baker, they had a backhoe already out there. He only charged \$278.38 to fix two tile repairs so I told him to do it.

OTHER BUSINESSCOLLECTIONS

Jenny: Our spring collections, there was an issue at the very beginning where in the Auditor's office, the one who takes care of the ditches, turned every single ditch on for collection. Then it was caught and they were all supposed to be taken off. But these three here were still collected on.

Larry: I'll submit that as a motion to give credit back to the Eastwood Park, Wilson/Wisely and the Marion Drain.

Bud: I make the motion to pay the credits back.

Larry: I'll second that. Motion carried.

EP THOMPSON

Jenny: County Line had sent in a bill for cleaning the ditch but I haven't submitted it yet. There were a few things that he was supposed to come back and do. Mike was supposed to call Dan and meet out there at the ditch and go through, he has been told several times on the phone what he needs to come back and do. He hasn't called yet.

Larry: We need to hold our guns here and get the flow of communication going.

Bud: I'd like Tim to send him a letter, certified. If they don't want to make it right, we are going to hold the payment and withdraw them from any other county work.

TOMMY MURRAY

Jenny: Right there by Tommy's drive on the Agnew, there is a washout. It's in that little triangle piece right next to the highway. Dan went out and looked and it's a washout that our ditch should take care of. Tommy called, he wants to put in a couple surface drains. Well normally our policy has been for several years that the ditches do not pay for surface drains. He has a couple of pipes that he wants to donate but he wants the ditch to pay for the labor. Another thing I was going to talk with DeSabatine to see what their opinion is. Maybe slope the bank a little bit so when the natural water comes it takes that direction and doesn't wash out again.

Larry: Jenny, go ahead and get estimates for both. Surface drain and versus just for repairing it.

Bud: Could we look at possibly having the County Highway rip rap this instead of an outsider? It keeps the spending down. They work a lot cheaper. I would like to see it tabled and I will check with the county and see if they have the equipment and material to do it and the time.

Larry: And the cost.

Jenny: You talking about just the pipe he wants for the surface drain or you talking the washout also.

Bud: The washout also.

Larry: I'm uncomfortable with volunteering, say voluntelling them that they will do this when we have other entities out there that would be glad to. Terry? Want it tabled?

Terry: Yes and look at the labor cost and see where we're at. Next time we will make a decision.

Larry: We have a motion to table this.

Terry: Move to table this.

Bud: Second

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

MUD CREEK/SMALL TILE

Jenny: We have Edwin here to discuss the grants. We haven't done any actual investigation yet out there. The last couple times we looked, it looks like it's going down pretty good.

Wilbur Martindale: We got 4" of rain in one day followed up with an inch the next day and it was gone in 2 days. My question is on the pathway. Can anything be done with that?

Jenny: Well we know that it's bad underneath the path.

Wilbur Martindale: Your report showed that it's in bad shape there.

Jenny: It's a matter of that we are over \$5000.00 in the red in the maintenance and \$11,000.00 in red in GDI. If we do replace that existing tile, we could do that under maintenance..

Wilbur Martindale: The roots are still in that tile.

Jenny: So could a project be to cut down those trees and try to get rid of the root problem?.

Larry: Edwin can you explain a little bit about what could be future projects.

Edwin Buswell: The State is having the last round of disaster recovery funding for storm water projects. Applications are due in September. You can get up to one million dollars as a 10% local match required. The first storm water project, they have to assist low to moderate income households so we would have to do an income survey out there to qualify. You do have to get \$5000.00 per beneficiary. For each dollar of federal money per \$5000.00, you have to benefit at least one person so for 100 people you could get 500.

Bud: Are the grants easy for us to get?

Edwin Buswell: They are competitive. I'm not sure exactly how much money there is so I'm not sure how competitive it will be. They also have their regular round every year. The only difference with that is that it is \$500,000.00 maximum instead of a million dollar maximum.

Larry: Ok. And is that the 20% then?

Edwin Buswell: No that's still 10% I believe.

Larry: The tiling on our original project that we had talked about, this would be a potential way of funding that project. So gentlemen on the Board here, what they're asking is, what's being informed is another option on how we can pay for this roughly \$80,000.00 project. 10%, one is the regular route, we are only allowed to go \$500,000.00 which we clearly don't need that and the other one is a, we have until September and that's coming under disaster relief program. Same paperwork?

Edwin Buswell: Yes pretty much. There's a little bit different take on the application about what the benefits are going to be but pretty much the same paperwork. We would do all the paperwork. We have to do the environmental review which takes \_\_\_\_\_ source two months so we need to get started on that pretty soon.

Larry: I'll entertain a motion to allow KIRPC to press forward on the paperwork. Would we have to get a person that does the income surveys. I'm trying to pull in what Nathan has done on another project. Does that still have to be done by an outside agency?

Edwin Buswell: We have to have someone certified an outside professor. We haven't found anybody that actually will do the survey. We can do the mailings but the follow-up knocking on doors would be somebody from the county.

Larry: How many surveys would we need in that community?

Edwin Buswell: It depends on the number of households. They give us a chart. The smaller number of households, the larger percentage of them we'd have to get. For 200 households, it would probably be around 50%.

Mr. Simmermaker: I would think that as long as you're going to do it, you would do something that would take care of all the people in Star City. Not just the ones on that, there east, east edge.

Edwin Buswell: I would say a larger project would be more competitive probably. They don't want to do a little, the State prefers to do larger more costly project.

Bud: I make a motion to allow Jenny and Mr. Murray to proceed on this project.

Larry: Proceed on the project as the Mud Creek/Small Tile or for the town?

Bud: With the grant for the town.

Larry: We'd have to bring in an engineer here to figure out a project for the whole town. That's what you're saying Bud?

Bud: Yes.

Edwin Buswell: There is an option to get a planning grant. \_\_\_\_\_ utilities you can get up to \$30,000.00 to hire an engineer who would come in and do preliminary plans.

Larry: I would entertain a motion to pursue this planning grant to get an engineer on board to come up with a composed project for the community of Star City with the follow on of applying for, probably one of the regular grants which need done by September.

Edwin Buswell: Not for the planning grant. That's for the million dollar.

Bud: I would like to withdraw my motion.

Larry: We withdrew that motion there. So we would apply for the planning grant to hire an engineering firm to give us a proposed project with the follow on of applying for a Storm Water Grant from OKRA.

I will entertain that as a motion.

Terry: So moved.

Bud: Second

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

Edwin Buswell: We will get the next steps.

Larry: Let's get a motion, if you need a signature, would you give me authorization from the Board for me to come down and sign it. Not to delay anything any longer.

Terry: I move to allow the Board President to sign the grant paperwork.

Bud: Second.

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

#### WUETHRICH/LOWRY

Mr. Lowry: I guess before I pay a bill, how did we arrive with going that deep and that far away?

Larry: That was all discussed at previous meetings sir. We set on the payment or the distribution of the payment plan several meetings ago. The project is done sir. The bills been set.

Larry: We also noticed that you pushed some dirt back into the ditch that we cleaned out. Someone used a backhoe to push dirt back into it sir, soon after they dug. Did you cover up the project we did sir?

Larry: Additional follow-up will be done by the County Highway and the Board here if see fit that we need to come out and clean up the road side ditch again Mr. Lowry, we will send additional billing to you sir. I prefer you don't do additional damage to the equipment that is in the ground.

Mr. Lowry: Yes. I'd rather not do it too but it wasted the County's money if we ain't going to do nothing.

#### WM H LONG TILE PROJECT

Jeff Healy: The tile is in. It's completed. They've had 8" of rain in the last 7 days there and it has damaged the outlet.

Larry: The washout needs to be fixed.

Jeff Healy: The washout needs to be fixed. That's the first issue. The second is, where does that money come from? I think it probably should be, determined to be if you will, an act of GOD. He did miss a tile. He's got to come back and do that. We also agreed to put in a riser/breather on both sides of that county road. That would be part of the ditch cost. Part of the reconstruction cost. I believe the repairs at the outlet probably should be part of the reconstruction cost. I'm kind of negotiating with Chris a little bit whether he'd donate the labor for putting that back in. I don't have a cost estimate yet. I would like to have authorization from you all to either report back to you what we think it's going to cost. I think that most of it should be the cost, should be born by the tile, by the regulated drain

Larry: I would approve of that action. I will put that in the motion give Mr. Healy to act on our behalf to come up with the estimates of cost, the cost of the project to fix.....

Jeff Healy: I will report to you what that cost will be when we get it from the contractor

Larry: Let's move to give you the authorization to work with the contractor in coming up with a best way forward of completing this project. Doing the repairs. Report back to the Board through Jenny.

Terry: So moved.

Bud: Did he have a time limit on when this should have been finished up?

Jeff Healy: He did and that's part of the drawing, there are a couple other steps to come to a conclusion on this contract. One is how many connections he made. That should be an addition, time and materials addition to the contract. And the second thing is he was a month or more beyond the completion time. Basically the damage was caused by the water from the ground surface running over and down through the tile trench into the ditch.

Larry: The surface didn't have an opportunity to set in and firm up.

Jeff Healy: You all still have to make a decision on performance time because it is beyond.

Bud: If he did it beyond, why should we be giving him more money to fix up something that just happened?

Jeff Healy: It may be that you give him money to fix it, then if you want money back for performance time, those are two separate issues. The fact that he didn't finish it on time is an issue.

Larry: I'll second the motion. Bud's not in favor. 2 to 1

Jenny: Chris submitted a partial payment for \$35,000.00.

Bud: Why should we pay him any of it, until he gets it done. I'll make the motion.

Larry: Bud's making a motion to hold payment, all payment, any payment until the project is done.

Terry: Considering everything I'll second that motion.

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

#### CLAIMS

Jeff Healy: Let's go back to this project about paying the bill, (WH Long Project), if word came you that the project is done, with the Surveyor approving everything, can the payment be done prior to that next meeting? It will be pretty close to your next meeting before I'm able to check on it.

Larry: Ok we'll hold off then. Going back to the claims.

Jenny: That Indian Creek one is out of GDI is what was set up with the Indian Creek Board. It's set up where it's being sent to Tony Key. He's a CPA there in Logansport. He's handling everything now so nothing is coming from Pulaski County,

Terry: I move to approve the claims.

Bud: I'll second.

Larry: We have a motion and a second to approve claims as presented. Motion carried.

CLAIMS JUNE 15, 2015				
	AMOUNT	PAYEE	APPROP #	APPROP NAME
A.	\$10,000.00	GUTWEIN BULLDOZING	5000-01	GDM
B.	400.00	GUTWEIN BULLDOZING	5000-01	GDM
C.	1,000.00	GUTWEIN BULLDOZING	5000-01	GDM
D.	1,855.03	PULASKI COUNTY HIGHWAY	5000-01	GDI
E.	1,150.00	GUTWEIN BULLDOZING	5000-01	GDM
F.	3,380.00	DESABATINE BROS	5000-01	GDM
G.	350.00	BANNING ENGINEERING	5000-01	GDI
H.	8,865.00	GUDAS EXCAVATING	5000-01	GDM
I.	5,200.00	DESABATINE BROS	5000-01	GDM
J.	2,900.00	DESABATINE BROS	5000-01	GDM
K.	500.00	DESABATINE BROS	5000-01	GDM
L.	655.80	WEAVER-FOX BROS EXCAVATING	5000-01	GDM
M.	2,700.00	GUDAS EXCAVATING	5000-01	GDM
N.	731.24	DESABATINE BROS	5000-01	GDM
O.	1,051.00	DESABATINE BROS	5000-01	GDM
P.	750.00	DESABATINE BROS	5000-01	GDM
Q.	450.00	LOEHMER AG PRODUCTS	5000-01	GDM
R.	9.48	WINAMAC PRESS	5000-01	GDM
S.	7,200.00	INDIAN CREEK JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD	5000-01	GDI
T.	11,233.38	ARBORCHEM PRODUCTS	5000-01	GDI
U.	450.00	BANNING ENGINEERING	5000-01	GDI
V.	1,360.00	BANNING ENGINEERING	5000-01	GDM

**MINUTES**

Bud: Motion to approve minutes as presented.

Terry: Second

Larry: We have a motion and a second. Motion carried to approve April 20, 2015 Mud Creek/Small Tile Hearing and Drainage Board Meeting and the May 11, 2015 Mud Creek/Small Tile Hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Larry: Any questions, comments, concerns before we entertain the motion to adjourn?

Terry: I'll move to adjourn.

Bud: Second.

Larry: We have a motion and a second. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

LARRY BRADY, CHAIRMAN

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TERRY YOUNG, MEMBER

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BUD KROHN JR., MEMBER

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