

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
MOHLER DITCH HEARING
AUGUST 17, 2015

The Pulaski County Drainage Board held a hearing on the Mohler Ditch on August 17, 2015. The hearing was called to order at 2:35 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, Terry Ruff and Susan Thomas. Also present was Scott Wuethrich, Joseph, Krulik, Betty Kruger, Craig Kasten, Fred Kasten, James Rossi, Josh and Carl Federer, Chris and Steve Kasten, Darrel Erb, Adam Nielsen, Bob Myers and William Beaver of Beaver Excavating.

Jenny: What prompted our projected raise of assessment is we have a few people come and asked, that the Mohler be cleaned plus it's 3 branches. It includes the Mohler Branch, the Daniel Mohler Branch and the Beaver Branch. Located in Beaver and Jefferson Township and it's always been assessed at \$.71 an acre. Right now we are \$2000.00 in the red. At \$4.25 it would bring in \$7335.03 a year. Right now we only have \$1262.01 coming in. We did receive 3 letters. Two were objections. One was in favor of the project but just not the price. My recommendation is to clean the main and all the branches. Just take off the brush. Take it back down to the original bottom then continue maintenance and spraying.

Jenny: At \$4.25 it would stay that rate until it reached 4 times its annual assessment and then we would take it off collection.

Carl Federer: I firmly believe it needs cleaned. I'm for a rate increase but I don't know if it needs to go that high.

Craig Kasten: You said there was 1700 acres in the watershed?

Jenny: In this whole watershed there's 1700.546 acres benefitted.

Craig Kasten: Do the landowners have any input if it is let out for bid as far as who digs it out and cleans it?

Jenny: You can recommend a contractor. There are times where we will work with the landowners if there is a certain someone you want or don't want. We can definitely take that into account. That would be a Board call but you can definitely express your opinion.

Craig Kasten: If we dip out any of the ditches is the landowner is still going to get charged the same amount?

Jenny: Correct.

Carl Federer: If you collect this over four years, you get four times the amount, what does it drop back to then?

Jenny: If it goes through at the \$4.25, it will stay at the \$4.25. It doesn't drop back down.

Larry: We could lower what we are asking.

Terry: I've got another comparison Bud. At \$3.50 we would bring in \$6000.00.

Bud: I will make a motion at \$3.50.

Terry: Second.

Larry: We have a motion and a second. \$3.50 ladies and gentlemen. I thank you for your comments.

Bud: Motion to adjourn.

Terry: Second

Larry: All in favor say aye. The Mohler Hearing adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

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CRAIG KASTEN

Larry: Tile washout beside the Monon Bridge footing on 100 W and 150 N. and also a washout on 200 W and 150 S on the Pifer outlet.

Jenny: I think this is a Monon issue. It's more of a private matter.

Terry Ruff: I went out there this morning and I saw the hole there by the bridge. On down the road, we saw the washout there along the blacktop.

Craig Kasten: There's another one on back farther that's smaller.

Terry Ruff: We need to get that fixed.

Craig Kasten: I talked to Ron White the other day and told him I would take care of that one in our field.

Terry Ruff: We still got to fill the hole along the blacktop. That could be hazardous.

Craig Kasten: It's a big hole.

Jenny: You say it's affecting the bridge there at the Monon?

Larry: I would have Terry and his crew, go and do the necessary....

Terry Ruff: Exploratory surgery there at the bridge?

Larry: Yes. Your responsibility is the bridge, the easement within that bridge.

Larry: Terry, do you have your direction there on the bridge?

Terry Ruff: Yes. We will address the bridge and take care of the hole along the road.

Craig Kasten: Let me know when you are going to send guys. We'll work together with you on that.

Jenny: You guys reported on 200 W 150 S, south of the Pifer, that there was a washout. Dan looked at this, it's actually on the Agnew. It's a private tile. That would be your responsibility to fix.

WUETHRICH/LOWRY

Scott Wuethrich: I am just curious if the bills been collected. Richards claims? Wondering when the ditch will be dug out again.

Tim Murray: That's the counties business. We are in the process of getting this taken care of.

HARPSTER

Jenny: Chuck Scheffer reported a tile blow out. Weaver/Fox was to repair it. Mr. Scheffer came back in regarding a tile that was private so he will take care of that.

H FIELDS DITCH

Jenny: Mark Cervenka reported a washout. We will go ahead and get that fixed.

ERNEST ANLIKER DITCH

Jenny: Dale Gudeman came in and wants the Ernest Anliker Ditch cleaned. That is on the list to survey.

WILSON GUNDRUM DITCH

Jenny: Milo Bonnell came in and was asking how to get it put on maintenance. That is right now private.

FOX RADERSTORF/GILSINGER BRANCH

Jenny: Paul Fox reported that it needs dipped. I told Paul to go ahead and contact Fran Fox and for Fran call me with an estimate.

LINCOLN/LEACH

Jenny: Mark Kolish was in and wants the ditch cleaned. It has already been surveyed. It's just a matter of seeing how much money we have to let it out for bids. Probably this fall.

EP THOMPSON

Jenny: Mike Ezra did go back out and he cleaned a little bit. What he did clean did help out a lot.

ED FRAIN TILE

Jenny: Wayne Westphal came in and I had DeSabatine out there to jet but he's saying that what DeSabatine did, didn't do any good. He has a proposed idea. He wants, starting here, go across the road into Kocher's. I'm not sure if there is a closer catch basin. I know there is one right along 100 S. He wants to run a new strain of tile right there. He thinks the Ed Frain Tile should pay for it.

Larry: So if we went this proposed way, by the way of Kocher and Westphal and the school, that would be put onto the Ed Frain maintenance?

Jenny: They already are paying maintenance on it. It's a new strand, how to do go about paying for that?

Larry: So do you add on a permanent fix to correct a problem that has been existing? Do you fix the problem that's there now with the old tile and see if it fixes it.

Jenny: It would be nice to have a good opinion. Is it going to be beneficial? Well if I talk to a couple people, contractors, and try to get a couple estimates on

Larry: This add on will be a quicker fix but it won't be a permanent fix. This could fix part of your problem but not the whole issue.

Terry: I move for the surveyor to get some estimates to see if we could help out at least that side of the addition over there.

Bud: Second

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Jenny: Tim Alexander wants some private spraying done. We will get that done. Michael David from FHP (Farm and Home Publishers) stopped in about plat books. It use to be years ago, everybody came to office asking for a plat book.

Bud: I think we should have them Jenny.

Terry: I think we ought to have a few of them.

Larry: Get some pricing.

Jenny: That letter for Rugged Adventures. We went out and looked at that.

Jenny: Dan said that huge tower thing is at least 50 feet away from the ditch but still in our 75 foot right-a-way. And they have the electric right on the ditch. What else are they going to put in there?

Tim Murray: Utility easement in town or an easement like that, you can't put a structure there, it's subject to that easement. And that means if the county has to come through there and dip out that ditch, they are not going to have to go around all that. You build or put something on there, subject to its removing or moving when the county has to come through and use the easement.

Jenny: She's never come before the Drainage Board. I don't know where step one was but she should have been directed to come.

Tim Murray: I guess the purpose of this is, this is their notice. They can leave it there. They can build a house there, but it's subject to that easement and the county coming through to do what they need to do. At their expense if it has to be moved.

Terry: I'll move to sign that letter to Rugged Adventures pertaining to the 75 foot easement.

Bud: I'll second.

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

CLAIMS / DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING AUGUST 17, 2015					
	AMOUNT	PAYEE	DITCH/TILE	APPROP #	APPROP NAME
A.	600.00	DESABATINE BROS	BENNETT TILE	5000-01	GDM
B.	13.69	DYE LUMBER ROYAL CENTER		006-2000- 21 43	SURVEYOR STAKES
C.	252.79	GOBLE GMC		006-3000-61	EQUIPMENT REPAIR
D.	93.99	HOWARDS MARATHON LLC		006-2000-21	GAS, OIL ETC.
E.	600.00	DESABATINE BROS	EASTWOOD PARK TILE	5000-01	GDM
F.	300.00	DESABATINE BROS	ED FRAIN TILE	5000-01	GDM
G.	1,467.96	DESABATINE BROS	PRATHER DITCH	5000-01	GDM
H.	123.64	HOWARDS MARABHON LLC		006-2000-21	GAS, OIL ETC.

CLAIMS

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

Terry: So moved

Bud: Second.

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

MISC. BUSINESS

Bud: Did you get Bathke's sprayed along the highway?

Jenny: Dan talked to him and they sprayed some. They decided not to do that. There were crops there.

Bud: Have we done anything with this ditch at Bathke's over there at Medaryville?

Jenny: The Antrim. That's the one I am working on now. We are going to have to have a hearing

Bud: Has Dan done anything on the Lake Bruce Outlet?

Jenny: They will survey that after they get all the spraying done and get all the crops off. As soon as we get specs and all that and when we have enough money to go ahead and do a project, yes.

MINUTES

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

Terry: Move to approve and sign minutes as presented.

Bud: I will second it.

Larry: We have a motion and a second. Motion approved. Anything else Jenny?

Jenny: That letter that you have in front of you. All those points on there are after the fact.

Darrel Erb: I've got a few things to say. (Darrel had some concerns about change order dates for completion, hook ups and the invoice. He would have liked to see Loehmers penalized for late completion. He was also asking about if Loehmers work was warranted.)

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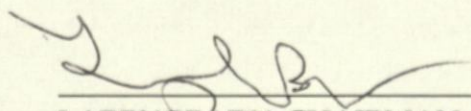
Larry: I'll entertain a motion.

Terry: Motion to adjourn.

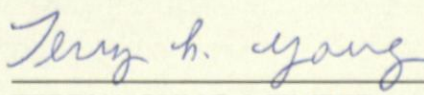
Bud: Second

Larry: We have a motion and a second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

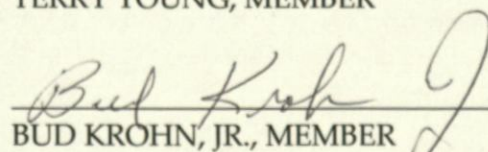
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