

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

APRIL 18, 2016

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met on Monday April 18, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Terry Young at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room, third floor of the Pulaski County Courthouse. Present was Larry Brady, Terry Young, Jennifer Keller, Susan Thomas and Attorney Tim Murray. Also present was Craig Kasten, Fred Kasten, Steve Kasten and Darrel Erb.

OPENING OF BIDS FOR THE REINHOLT DITCH PROJECT – ESTIMATE \$5,337.90

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid \$\$</u>
Gudas Excavating	\$ 6,875.00
Widner & Sons Excavating	\$ 4,940.00

Terry: Our estimate on that job was \$5,337.90.

Larry: Move to approve the Widner & Sons Excavating for \$4,940.00 for the Reinholt Ditch Project.

Terry: Second. Motion carried.

Jenny: Since they are in such a hurry to get that done, will you guys go ahead and sign the contract?

SIGNING OF CONTRACTS

Larry: Move to approve and sign the contract for the Reinholt Ditch.

Terry: I'll second. Motion carried. I'll entertain a motion to sign this contract for the Dilts/Anstis.

Larry: So moved.

Terry: Second. Motion carried.

WM HENRY LONG

After much discussion:

Larry: It would be my motion to request Jeff Healy to come up and get with Chris Loehmer and come up with a plan of action to resolve the areas that need to be addressed in regards to this project.

Jenny: Chris said he would be able to go out there in about ten days and is willing to seal the riser with expand a foam and run the box blade down the tile line.

Terry: I'll second Larry's motion. Motion carried.

KOPKA DITCH

Jenny: That is on our list to survey and clean. We should be able to have a fall project for that.

SMITH/WALBURN

Craig Kasten questioned a charge against the Smith Walburn ditch fixing a washout on Todd Schmicker. Another one that Steve Hintz reported regarding a surface drain that washed in.

Jenny: He's paying for the surface drain himself. We are paying for a washout.

Larry: If we billed someone in error, or we paid something in error, we can get our money back. We need to re-evaluate the stuff that went on.

Tim Murray: We've got to confirm what you're saying.

POSTING OF AGENDA

A brief discussion was held on posting the agenda on the website. No decision was made on the subject.

HARPSTER

Jenny: We have two projects on the table. We've got the tile project and the actual ditch cleaning project. That's the one Bob Meyer came in, you guys said yes let's move forward. In the meantime we also have a project for the ditch to get cleaned. There's only about \$9000.00 in the fund.

Larry: It would be my recommendation to clean the ditch first. I move to move forward on that.

Terry: I'll second that.

Jenny: Ok that will be a fall project.

In regards to the tile project, it was decided to call Bob Meyer back in to re-discuss since there was confusion about the watershed and where the money was coming from.

ANTRIM

Jenny: Last month Ron Christianson was here asking to be reimbursed for the reseeding of his filter strip. The Indiana Code 36-9-27-33 says, "Crops grown on a right-a-way are at the risk of the owner and if necessary the reconstruction or maintenance of the drain may be damaged without liability on the part of the Surveyor, the Board or the Representatives."

Terry: Move to deny.

Larry: Second.

Terry: Motion carried.

LIGARD BRANCH OF THE MOON DITCH

Jenny: The only update I have is that they've put in a new pump. Supposedly it pumps 1000 gallon a minute.

ROYER TILE/DITCH

Jenny: It was a reconstructed, a new ditch in 1979. There were two big tiles that came into the ditch. The pipes are rusted out. They are regular field tile drains. On May 18, 1999, the Drainage Board at the time voted to replace the pipes. Ron Bucks wants to know if the County's going to replace the pipes again because the County paid for them the first time.

Tim Murray: You need to go back and find out why the reason was if the County put them in. You can verify if the County paid to put those in and I think you need to find out why.

Jenny: I'll find out more information.

MOHLER DITCH

Jenny: When Weaver/Fox was out there digging the Mohler, there at 200 S there's a 6' pipe and on up are 2 – 4' pipes and on 300 S a 5' pipe. Just something that was brought to my attention in case there's a problem in the future.

STOUT/HODGE

Jenny: The Stout/Hodge last time, Chris Loehmer cleaned that one. We could only go so far, ran out of money. There was a section that was actually skipped. We're just going have to see, fund wise if we can get into that stretch and get it cleaned

GRAFFIS

Jenny: Sherman Gumz said he has tile underwater and wants this cleaned thru Mitchells. We will see what we can do with that one.

WUETHRICH/LOWRY

Jenny: The Wuethrich and Lowry situation. Last month the County Highway went out there and kind of feathered that out again on the natural surface water course. Richard was in and he's not happy. He says the County took out too much dirt. Also too on the two twelve that we replaced, he's still not happy with them. I told him I would forward that information on to you guys.

Larry: So noted.

MALCHOW DITCH

Jenny: The Malchow Ditch that drains into the Monon. Glen Abbott reported that a flapper was missing off a culvert and he said that the bottom was rusting out along the Monon on 300 S. Dan has to go back and re-evaluate that. I talked to Jeff Healy and he said if the Malchow didn't pay for it, maybe they could do like a cost share between the Monon and Malchow.

AGNEW

Jenny: We will be cleaning starting at 400 W and stopping where the Agnew Branch enters into the main through P.J. Brucker's.

KOPKA DITCH

Jenny: This is the one that we are going to survey and clean. Alvin Stout has cows fenced inside the ditch bank so that's a problem. They're just tracking all over the place in that particular area.

Larry: Can we tell him to keep the cows out?

Tim Murray: Someone needs to take pictures.

Larry: We need to see that cows are in there. Motion to go ahead and send a letter stating the code. Follow-up could be at your own cost.

Terry: I'll second. Motion carried.

ED FRAIN TILE

Jenny: John Schmicker reported water standing on his property and Bob Sheppard's property north of 150S and east of SR 119. Then Mark Kolish where Kevin Kolish is operating his business out of now, I had DeSabatine jet it. We talked about reconstruction. Rudy's thought was, at this catch basin at the school, if we come along here at 100S, cut through this alley way, angle through IMI and then come up here and catch into Casey's. Instead of doing the existing one, because there's a piece that's underneath a house. I think this is a good idea. At least for the main.

Larry: My motion is to continue moving forward on this project. Get all the data we can.

Terry: Larry your motion was to proceed the possible re-route of the Ed Frain Tile?

Larry: Yes

Terry: I'll second that. Motion carried.

JAMES WILSON TILE

Jenny: Dave DeSabatine reported that this needed jetted out. I told him to go ahead and jet that so he did.

BENNETT TILE

Jenny: There's a crossing underneath the road here that when they jetted, all they were bringing out was dirt. We had the State, Joe Morris go out there and look. Him and Dan met out there and look. I'm waiting for an answer to see if the State will fix that problem.

HOFFMAN/SKILLEN

Jenny: This Hoffman/Skillen/Miller Ditch, Ron Link had called me and he wanted to know if he could proceed from where they left off and then wind around and go back this way and stop here at base road. He also reported Doug Malchow's crossing was an issue. I told him, we're just going to clean the ditch right now. We're not going to worry about the crossing until after we clean it. He said you need a quote from Ingram? I said yes, I need an exact quote. Ingram cleaned the ditch and he did not have my approval.

Tim Murray: Has Ingram turned in a claim?

Jenny: Not yet.

Jenny: Do I need a motion on that.

Terry: Denied.

Larry: Deny.

Terry: I'll second the motion. Motion carried.

FALVEY

Jenny: The Falvey Ditch with Eric Hulmes. He took it upon himself to go out and clean that.

Terry: He said he had approval of all the other people?

Jenny: That's what he told me. I told him it's down below the original grade. I said, these banks start sliding, who's going to pay for this? He said I'll take care of it. I wrote this letter. I just put "On Wednesday, April 13, 2016, my assistant and I went out and viewed the Falvey Ditch. At that time, Eric Hulmes, who is a landowner in the Falvey watershed was in an excavator digging the ditch. It appeared that he was taking two to three foot out of the ditch which would be below the original bottom. He stated he needed to go that deep so his basement would not flood. He thought once he got around that curve that he could pick back up on grade. I explained to him my concerns which were, did he have permission from the landowners? If the banks slide in due to over digging, who would pay for that? His response was that he had talked to all landowners involved and they were all in favor and if anything happened to the ditch, he would pay for it. I feel strongly that if any repairs are needed that the maintenance fund should not pay for it." I'm just going to put this in the file.

Tim Murray: Send him a copy and say, Eric, I'm documenting the conversation we had and putting this letter in my file and here's one for yours too.

SIGN CERTIFICATE OF MAINTAINANCE CORRECTION

Jenny: We have the Certificate of Maintenance Collection for Jeff Lowry.

Larry: Move to sign the Certificate of Maintenance Correction.

Terry: I'll second. Motion carried.

LUNDSFORD

Jenny: Maurice Loehmer, he wants some of this cleaned. Chris could do it for like \$1000.00

CLAIMS and MINUTES

Larry: I move that we approve the minutes and claims as presented.

Terry: Second. Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS

Larry: Update. I've been working with the flooding issues we've had on the north west side of Francesville and I have reached out to Gary Dick of INDOT out of the Rensselaer office. His group has come in with a camera, assessed the drain tiling under and along 421. They did give us a field report, rough draft of what they found. And he is waiting on word from LaPorte district on what their plan of action is.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry: I'll move to adjourn the meeting.

Terry: I'll second. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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