

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

MAY 16, 2016

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met on Monday May 16, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President Bud Krohn Jr. at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room, third floor of the Pulaski County Courthouse. Present was President Bud Krohn Jr., Larry Brady, Terry Young, Jennifer Keller, Susan Thomas and Attorney Tim Murray. Also present was Sheila Garling, Cathy Elston, Bryan Boggs, Dennis Long, Darrel Erb, Richard Lowry, Adam Nielson and Fred Kasten.

BRYAN BOGGS (wetland in Franklin township)

Bryan Boggs: The Weyand Ditch, I'm wanting to build a wetland on the ditch. There's already multiple wetlands there. I'm wanting one further south and this will be backing up water north of the last privately owned land on this ditch. This control structure will allow water to flow from January to mid-September and at mid-September I'm wanting to put in a tongue groove board which will raise the water level up and then allow the water to flow over the top so it backs enough water in order for us to have a wetland there.

Larry: We're not interfering any on private lands?

Bryan Boggs: No.

Larry: I see no issue in holding this project back.

Terry: I have issues. My neighbor owns almost 300 acres to the west and it's going to affect her. Phyllis Dix.

Larry: Let's table this. Bring back some more documented proof of what you've got. What his concerns are. Communicate with Dix if you would please.

WM HENRY LONG

Darrel Erb: We had the contractor back out there. We did find another place down there that had a hole.

Larry: He knows about it because I saw the e-mail from Jeff to Chris.

Darrel Erb: If he can't get in, according to the contract we were looking at a one year warranty. Now that we're finding this stuff, how are we going to protect ourselves?

Larry: The performance bond says two years. The warranty work is one year, correct?

Darrel Erb: Right, so June 3rd comes and presumably the warranty is done and we find another hole out there.....

Tim Murray: Then I would say anything that happens after that date is outside the warranty. I think what the County's position is, the County's going to be on their own after June 3rd to deal with any other things that pop up

Larry: If the warranty work is brought up to specs and then it goes beyond that and it's now a maintained ditch, then that would come out of the maintenance fund to fix those things that may pop up

Dennis Long: So the other issue is billing out the final cost of the project.

Jenny: I re-did the assessment sheets. Comes out at \$205.95 an acre based on the final cost. And they'll just get billed out next year.

Larry: 2017 bill. I'll make a motion that we proceed with the 2017 start of repayment of the Wm. Henry Long Tile.

Terry: Second.

Bud: All in favor. Motion carried.

BANNING CLAIM

Jenny: Why are we paying \$21.73 for a Fed-Ex overnight charge that we did not receive anything?

Larry: Check with Banning on that.

Bud: I'll motion that we table this until you talk to Banning.

Larry: I'll second that motion.

Bud: Motion carried.

Jenny: The question would be whether you want to pay this claim out of GDI or GDM.

Larry: I make a motion to pay the further claim out of GDM.

Terry: Second.

Bud: Motion carried.

WILLS DITCH

Larry: I was contacted by some area farmers and there's a private crossing that had some blockage. Some equipment is out there just waiting for proper timing to get the new drain tile put in. Everything looks to be going to be resolved in the next week.

Bud: Is this a petitioned ditch?

Jenny: No.

Larry: No this is all private.

WUETHRICH LOWRY

Richard Lowry: On 1150, I'm asking for the north sewers be put in right. We thought 2 12's would be alright but see that natural water course, it changed a little bit on the west side of that road.

Larry: He is saying, what use to be the natural water course, has shifted. Richard, flag out there where you think each side needs to be and we will have Dan come out there.

Terry: Let's fix it.

Larry: My motion is to have the Highway Department go and fix it.

Terry: I'll second.

Bud: Motion carried.

MOSELY DITCH (Foley Ditch/Jasper Co)

Jenny: Mark Stevens would like this cleaned through Division road and 400 E in Jasper Co. Put this on the list to survey. There's also that brush project that we have on that one too so we'll probably try to get those both done at the same time.

ED FRAIN TILE

Jenny: I was talking to Rudy DeSabatine and he had a good idea. (Jenny explains Rudy's idea looking at the map) Catch the catch basin at the school, come along this way and we're going to go, it's on Schmicker's property, but stay on this side. It's an empty lot. In case anybody decides to build. Then you kind of zig-zag and go this way through IMI. Up there by Casey's there is a catch basin and we had talked about from here, hooking in here and going here or up to the highway. I thought if we had a proposed route, that Jay Sullivan, he's an engineer, that if we took this to him, he might be able to draw up some plans. If you want, I can get ahold of Jay and have him come to the office and we can just talk. And have Rudy come in with his thoughts.

Larry: That would be my motion to move forward on getting everyone at the table. If Jay can't do it, I would move to start getting an engineer in to start drawing some plans up.

Jenny: Rudy also referred Mike Pugh, an engineer at the Braun Corporation.

Terry: I'll second the motion to move forward with the project.

Bud: All in favor. Motion carried.

BONNELL DITCH #2

Jenny: Mick Perry wanted a culvert lowered on Base road and 950 S. They already got this lowered.

WITTKOWSKI/KRULIK BRANCH

Jenny: Joe Krulik, he wants the Wittkowski/Krulik Branch cleaned but he also reported that the pipe on 30 needs lowered.

Larry: That would be INDOT.

Jenny: If it's on State Road 39.

Larry: Ok more information then.

PIFER

Jenny: Billy Kolish, he wanted part of the ditch cleaned. We'll survey it and we'll clean the whole thing in the fall.

KESTLE-WAGNER

Jenny: The Kestle-Wagner Ditch, in 2013 was petitioned to be put on maintenance. There was a landowner that disputed it. At that time they determined that it was not a legal drain. Dean Allen really wants this ditch cleaned. I wrote him a letter and told him the steps according to the code that you need to follow as to what he needed to do.

Tim Murray: He can either do it himself or he needs to hire an attorney to do it.

LIGE HARP

Jenny: David Hamilton called and said there are trees in the ditch and holding water back south of Ezra's in White County. It's a branch off of Lige Harp and that branch is not maintained. He will have to take care of it if he wants to pursue it.

BLASSER

Jenny: Darrell Gudeman wants part of this ditch cleaned. DeSabatine is going to do it.

WESTPHAL DITCH

Jenny: Scott Leman wants this cleaned from 525S going north to the end of ditch. We'll go out and survey. That was the one ditch where Jerry Gutwein had inquired about one of the landowners wanting to change the course, so we'll see how that goes.

FRANKS DITCH

Jenny: Chuck Mueller reported a couple of washouts west of 700 W and south of 100 S. Actually there were three. One of them we will fix. The other ones we will not. It was determined that their tiles caused them.

TYLER WEISJAHN

Jenny: I had gotten a report that Eric Hulmes had started cleaning this without approval from our office. He got to a point where he could not reach anymore so he contacted DeSabatine to finish the job. I told Rusty that regardless of what you decide to do, if you decide to finish the ditch, it's Eric's responsibility to pay you. If there's any tile breakage out there, if there's any washouts, slide in, same thing. It's all up to Eric.

BRECKENRIDGE DITCH

Jenny: Jim Johnston would like this ditch cleaned. His tile is underwater. There is only \$1129.34 in the fund. Told him if he wanted to request a hearing, we'll raise the rate. He has never come back in.

WM. TRAPP BRANCH & TILE

Jenny: The Wm. Trapp Branch and Tile, Scott Fritz reported a sink hole across from the County Highway. Dan got ahold of DeSabatine to fix that.

HERNIGLE TILE

Jenny: Bill McNabney stopped in and he wanted to know what the next step was and I told him that that would be reconstruction. He's supposed to talk to a couple landowners and get back with me if he wants to pursue that.

ROYER TILE

Jenny: Last month I brought it up where Ron Bucks said that back in 1999 where at that time, the Drainage Board agreed to pay for those pipes. They are just regular field tiles.

Bud: Are they County tiles?

Jenny: No they are all private field tile. Back in 1999 the ditch paid for it. I don't know for whatever reason. The only thing I can assume is maybe during reconstruction.

Terry: Motion denied for replacement.

Larry: Second.

Bud: Motion carried.

BRUCE LAKE OUTLET

Jenny: From 625 E to the Conservancy line we have an estimate of \$17,594.00. That would bring us to \$2.88 an acre. There are 38 lots and they are at \$5.00 and we only bring \$190.00 just on the lots. There's 6100.826 acres benefitted so right now annually, we're only bringing in \$4033.00. It's sixty three cents an acre right now. Do you want to go the \$2.88 which would be right around your \$17,000.00 or do you want to raise it to \$3.00 and boost up your lot rate?

Larry: My motion is for \$3.00.

Terry: I'll second that.

Bud: Motion carried.

Jenny: Ok what about the lots?

Terry: I move to raise the lots to \$10.00.

Larry: I second that.

Bud: Motion carried.

Jenny: When do you want to have the hearing?

Larry: I will make the motion for August to be the hearing date.

Terry: Second.

Bud: Motion carried.

Jenny: Do you want us to stay at the Conservancy line or do you want us to go down further on the property lines?

Larry: My motion is to extend it to the property lines.

Terry: Second.

Bud: Motion carried.

Jenny: Obviously our estimate is going to go up, do we propose more than \$3.00

Larry: I'm going to settle for \$3.00.

Bud: And the Lewis crossing?

Jenny: That would be you guys' call if you really want it lowered. Does that mean the ditch will pay for it or do you want to make him pay for it?

Bud: Take it out.

Larry: Give him a thirty day notice or sixty days and if it's not removed then we will go in and we'll remove it. The County will come in and remove it and bill him.

Jenny: Are we going to remove it before we have the hearing or after? If we're going to remove it, that would be the time while we're cleaning, so do we want to hold off on that letter? We'll still address it at the hearing.

CLAIMS AND MINUTES

Larry: I will make the motion that we approve the claims as presented.

Terry: I'll second that.

Bud: So moved.

Larry: I move to approve the minutes as presented.

Terry: I'll second that.

Bud: So moved.

AJOURNMENT

Larry: I'll make a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Bud: Second. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

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