

**PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

**JUNE 20, 2016**

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met on June 20, 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 Bud Krohn Jr., Terry Young, Larry Brady, Attorney Tim Murray, Jenny Keller and Susan Thomas. Also present was Terry Ruff, Luke Anspach, Scott Wuethrich, Kevin Neilson and Adam Neilson.

**WUETHRICH LOWRY**

Scott Wuethrich: Jennifer called me and said they were going to do them 2-12" pipes. I said that's fine. While they had the equipment, why didn't they check out the elevation where they cleaned out this spring on the dirt road, issue #2? They took a hand shovel and then just took a swab.

Terry Ruff: Why we didn't do more? Is that what you're saying?

Scott Wuethrich: Yes. They done a nice job but there probably should have been more feathered out.

Luke Anspach: The beans were planted so we just went enough for a shovel length. That's all it takes for water to get flowing. The water keeps pushing. It will keep eroding that out farther if need be.

Terry Ruff: If we would have pushed dirt back, it might not have reappeared as quick.

Scott Wuethrich: Yes, normal cultivation it wouldn't....

Terry Ruff: Every time somebody goes by with a disk or field cultivator, it poses another issue. It's never going to end.

Scott Wuethrich: If Jerry would spread the dirt out like it should be done, you would have to physically bring a disk down there if he wants to take the disk across the ditch which he's going to. It's been through court, the whole scenario, he fills the ditch back up and he pays for it. When he gets tired of paying for it, he'll stop acting.

Larry: My recommendation is to hire that outside agency to come in.

Jenny: Are we still going to keep hiring that third party to come in, come in and come in?

Scott Wuethrich: You're going to have to.

Jenny: Well someone should talk to Richard. We're just going to go out there?

Terry Ruff: He'll see the works been done. He will blame the County Highway and he's liable to shove the dirt back in there that night.

Bud: He will dig himself a big enough hole. Can you take him back to court for it for damages?

Larry: My motion to state is to seek out a vendor to go out and make the necessary changes to said location and then send Richard Lowry the bill.

Terry: I'll second.

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

**BENNETT TILE**

Jenny: Rusty DeSabatine kept saying that the pipe is rusted out. The County Highway said it was the State Highways issue. It is out on Highway 14 east. The State has looked at it. I talked to Joe Morrison. He didn't think it would be a problem but now he's talked to his head supervisor. The State's now saying that it is not their pipe even though it might be in their right-a-way. I don't know if this falls back on you guys as the County Highway. I know our tile goes through your pipe. I think it's the actual pipe under the roads that is rusting out.

Terry Ruff: It's right there at the intersection, correct?

Jenny: Yes 15 and 150E.

Terry Ruff: Ron White went out and looked at it. He said it was the States culvert. Anything on the State is from the stop sign to the highway, is state.

Jenny: Joe talked to Sue and he said that he will bring in a letter stating that the State is not responsible for it. Matt Deitchley is the Communications Director.

Terry Ruff: So is the tile bad and the culver or is just the culvert bad?

Jenny: From what I've been told, I believe it's just the culvert.

Larry: Both of you guys go out there. (Joe Morrison and Terry Ruff) If you find you are still in dispute, contact me and I will contact the Deputy Director of INDOT of the LaPorte District.

**ANTRIM**

Kevin Neilson: Mr. Gutwein cut the trees on the Antrim. They let a big log float down and it's stuck underneath the highway bridge at 14.

Jenny: We will go and look at it and just call Jerry to go take care of it.

**AGENDA POSTING**

Discussion was held as to why the agenda has to be posted on website. We receive a lot of phone calls, people upset, etc. It was decided to put on the agenda "For information only, do not call; if concerned, come to meeting.

**LIZENBY DITCH**

Jenny: Dale Pelsey wants this sprayed 1175 S of highway 14. That's it. We're not doing any work on it besides just spray.

**SLICK AND JORDAN**

Jenny: Rudy DeSabatine reported that those both need cleaned. We're just going to put them on the list to survey for this fall.

**DARREL GUEDEMAN**

Jenny: Darrell stopped in the office to tell us thank you on lowering the pipe on 300 W.

**MICK PERRY**

Jenny: Mick Perry stopped in to let us know he was going to be putting in a 30" culvert in a private ditch.

**FRANKS DITCH**

Jenny: Rusty DeSabatine called and reported a washout on the Franks Ditch (700 W/100 S) That is the responsibility of the owner which is Mueller.

**ED FRAIN TILE**

Jenny: I will get in touch with Jay Sullivan and Rudy DeSabatine. We'll try to get together and we will look over the map and stuff and the reroute and try to get something together.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Larry: I had a response e-mail from Andrew Brock. He is the Road Master for the CSX Railroad over there at the Anliker Ditch in Francesville. His response was that it seems to be flowing free and clear of obstructions. I do not think it is way undersized, not large enough. I did not ask the direct question as whether the height is an issue under the railroad. Would that be a question I want to impose back? Now back up one more step. INDOT has identified the twenty foot section of twenty-four inch of the State Highway tiling that has issues. That is to be a project but I don't have a date or time. My thinking is if the CSX is okay with our new tiling under 1450 W and then to the west of the CSX we have Highway 421 and that northern part of that is a State Ditch, could that be the blockage right there? I'm thinking that is the missing link to be fixed first before CSX does anything. And between the highways and the CSX railroad, there are two private crossing in the fields. My question is that are those private crossings large enough to get to the CSX railroad?

**BRUCE LAKE OUTLET**

Jenny: The Bruce Lake Outlet, we scheduled a hearing in August. Letters are done, ready, stuffed. They will be mailed out in July for the August meeting.

**BUDGET**

Larry: Your budget that you're submitting next week. Did you increase the amount of postage requested? My recommendation is to double or triple your postage recommendation

**WM HENRY LONG**

Jenny: We've settled the Wm Long Tile issue when Chris Loehmer was in here so that's done except for monitoring those two things. If something comes up, we just hire another contractor and they can fix it, maintenance work.

**NIPSCO/REYNOLDS TOPEKA**

Larry: NIPSCO has been identified with all of our main tiles in their path. The laterals coming off the main tile are not our responsibility. It is the farmer and NIPSCO. If they do damage to the main, they are doing business with us.

Jenny: Yes, they would come to us and ....

Larry: They would fix it?

Jenny: Yes they'd fix it.

Larry: They have a contract set up with the County Highway, if they mess up their roads, for NIPSCO to repair the roads.

**CLAIMS AND MINUTES**

Larry: I'll make a motion we approve the claims and minutes as presented unless there are any questions about the claims.

Terry: Second.

Bud: Motion and second. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Larry: If there's nothing else, I'll make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Terry: Second.

Bud: Motion and second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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