

**BRUCE LAKE OUTLET HEARING &
PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
AUGUST 15, 2016**

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met on August 15, 2016 in the Commissioner's Room, third floor of the Pulaski County Courthouse. President Bud Krohn Jr., called the Bruce Lake Outlet Hearing part of the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Present was President Bud Krohn Jr., Larry Brady, Terry Young, Attorney Tim Murray, Jenny Keller and Susan Thomas. Also present was William and Sara Deeter, Marilyn Fox, Richard Chaster, Paul Kline, Chorlotte Rymph, Eric Hulmes, Fred Reinhold, Alan Wentzel, Albert Gudas, Mick Perry and Bob and Kathy Meyer.

BRUCE LAKE OUTLET HEARING

Jenny: The Bruce Lake Outlet is an open legal drain in Tippecanoe Civil Township in Pulaski County. We had a few complaints from some landowners that would like to see the ditch cleaned specifically from 625 E on down to the lake. The proposed project will not go all the way down to the lake. We propose to stop it at the Robert Engle's property line. That is why we are having this hearing today. Currently you are being assessed at \$.63 an acre and have been since 1978. Our current maintenance balance is \$4,388.25. Pulaski and Fulton County bring in a total of \$5,101.32 a year and the total acres benefitted is 7,795.75. The project would consist of 4,643 feet of ditch with an average cut of 2.70. There is approximately 3,109.01 yards to be removed. We would be starting at 625 E, going southeast stopping approximately 700 feet into Section One of Harrison Township at the end of the Engle property line. There are six laterals that will be cleaned up 300' feet each. Both slopes will be brushed and the side that the contractor is working on. The stumps will be treated, anything 2" or bigger and what doesn't burn, they will bury. There are going to dig to the original bottom. They will level the banks back down to good farming conditions.

Marilyn Fox: Is the same rate for everybody. I have ten tillable acres. Eighty acres are woods that I really would just soon not have drained.

Jenny: Correct. Everyone within the watershed gets assessed the same rate.

Bill Deeter: My wife and I live in Marshall County. We've got property in Aubbeenaubbee Township in Fulton County. It's nineteen acres but fifteen of it is beautiful hardwood woods. There are four vernal ponds. There is a lot of wild life of amphibians in these vernal ponds and I don't want them affected by chemicals. I have a few nuts and fruit trees planted and am concerned about them. If I get a higher water table, they'll kill those.

Jenny: We are proposing \$3.00 an acre. If we raise the rate, at least you know we can get this project done and we can have some money in the fund for the next time something comes up.

Larry: Nancy Chambers, Tony and Twila Bean also sent in objections that the Board reviewed. If we set it at \$3.00 an acre, we would bring in \$23,387.25 a year. We only have a little over \$4,000.00 in the fund now.

Eric Hulmes: Is there really a reason that we need to go over \$1.75 or \$1.50 for that matter?

Jenny: We want to shoot high for a hearing.

Larry: Eric, you're suggesting \$1.75 or \$1.50?

Eric Hulmes: \$1.50 or \$1.75.

Albert Gudas: I'd rather see it at \$1.50. If it needs to be raised in a year, two or three, let's talk about it then. But I'm not in favor of \$3.00 by any means.

Alan Wentzel: Are they going to take that culvert out over there on the back of Dwights?

Jenny: Is that the Lewis crossing that you're referring to?

Alan Wentzel: Yes.

Bud: We've asked him to take it out but he hasn't done it.

Alan Wentzel: It's against the law to back water up on somebody, isn't it?

Larry: My comment would be for a letter to be sent for it to be removed.

Terry: I will make the motion to give Mr. Lewis a thirty day notice to remove the culvert on the property.

Larry: To be completed in the thirty days?

Terry: Yes.

Larry: I will second that motion.

Bud: Motion and second. Motion carried.

Larry: In regards to the assessed value of the Bruce Lake Outlet, it would be my recommendation to set the assessed value at \$1.50 an acre.

Terry: I'll second.

Bud: In favor say aye. Motion carried.

Jenny: One question Larry, the lots? In this it was proposed at \$10.00 per lot. Right now they are at \$5.00.

Larry: It would be my recommendation to set it at \$10.00 per lot.

Terry: I'll second the motion.

Bud: We have a motion to raise the lots to \$10.00 and a second. Motion carried.

Larry: We move to close the Bruce Lake Outlet Hearing.

REGULAR DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
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HARPSTER- BOB MEYER

Jenny: Bob Meyer was here before. He presented his project and you guys agreed to it and for that to come out of the maintenance fund. We would then have to increase the rate and have a hearing to do that. One question, you guys would have to answer to everybody why they are paying for a tile that only benefits three or four people. The Harpster Ditch watershed has 1,722.270 benefitted acres. Bob proposed the last time, coming off the end there so from here to approximately there. (looking at map)

Bob Meyer: The distance of 80 acres or ½ mile. From 2010 to 2015 there has been \$9,860.00 spent on this tile. The tile is just totally overloaded and my proposal was to put in a new tile and split the load. If we put a new tile in, you're going to eliminate a lot of this maintenance cost on this.

Jenny: The ditch has been surveyed and it's ready to let out. We have right now, a little over \$12,000.00 in the fund. We have an estimate for that project around \$9,000.00. The tile project estimate has an estimate of \$29,700.00 with tile. The Harpster is already paying \$2.00 an acre. Is it legal to add a tile onto an existing drain? Is it up to everybody in the watershed to pay for that?

Larry: So, do we want to amend the project?

Jenny: You want to add a maintained tile to an already maintained ditch/tile. So, can you just add it legally?

Tim Murray: I'd want to look it up for sure because I have never addressed that issue for a new tile. Basically it would be like adding a branch. We need to find out what we need to do to just add a branch to properly drain that watershed. We can take those findings and see what the Board wants to do.

Jenny: So Bob, if you're able to come next month.....

Tim Murray: If I get an answer, I'll send it out to you guys. I will send it out to you Bob so you know how to plan so you don't have to wait until September.

RAILROAD PROPERTY – BILL KOLISH

Jenny: This thing on the railroad property for Bill Kolish.

Tim Murray: What's going on with it?

Jenny: Kingman was supposed to survey it. They kind of backed out saying it was going to cost like \$1000.00 a day and they are real busy so if you guys want to proceed with it than you need to find another surveyor.

Larry: Bill called me and he says he doesn't think it needs to be surveyed because parcels of land have already been pre-surveyed. One of the boundary lines is a County road that was never made into a County road but yet it's been on the books as a County road that is not used. He feels that is one of the lines.

Jenny: He's talking from that County road to a fence post to fence post making it an easy survey.

Tim Murray: There has been instances where instead of having a survey done, somebody gets a google map and they basically do a rough measurement and the buyer signs off on it and the seller signs off of it, that that's our understanding of the dimensions of the property. And that's what gets recorded.

Larry: So we would want to contact a title company to see if they would do that? Lisa Sommers, would she be able to answer that?

Tim Murray: I'll talk to her about that because I really think that's someone that will end up eventually having to go through Tankersley. (County Attorney)

CORRECTION OF MAINTENANCE

Jenny: This is a Correction of Maintenance Assessment for the Bretzinger property, (Wm Henry Long Tile), the added fourteen acres.

Larry: Motion to approve it and sign it.

Terry: Second for certification of the Correction of Maintenance Assessment.

Bud: Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bud: Whatever happened to the fellow with the Game Preserve or the State Park that wanted to dam up some water?

Terry: I am going out with him tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.

CLAIMS

Howards Marathon 1000-22100 Gas, Oil, etc. \$250.49

Larry: I'll move to approve the claim for Howards Marathon as presented.

Terry: I'll second the motion.

Bud: Motion carried.

MINUTES

Larry: I'll move to approve the minutes as presented.
Bud: Second. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry: Move to Adjourn.
Terry: Second.
Bud: Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

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