

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2017

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met on Tuesday January 17, 2017 in the Commissioner's Room, third floor of the Pulaski County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by President Bud Krohn Jr at 2:27 p.m. Present was President Bud Krohn Jr, Jerry Locke, Kenny Becker, Attorney Tim Murray, Jenny Keller and Susan Thomas. Also present was Auditor Laura Wheeler, Robert and Kathy Meyer, Josh and Jared Brown and Craig Kasten.

<u>REORGANIZATION</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECONDED</u>
CHAIRMAN	Bud Krohn Jr	Kenny Becker	Jerry Locke
VICE-CHAIRMAN	Jerry Locke	Kenny Becker	Bud Krohn Jr
DRAINAGE BOARD ATTORNEY	Tim Murray	Kenny Becker	Bud Krohn Jr.
DRAINAGE BOARD SECRETARY	Susan Thomas	Kenny Becker	Bud Krohn Jr.
MONON (1)	Mike Tiede	Kenny Becker	Bud Krohn Jr.
INDIAN CREEK (1)	Bud Krohn Jr.	Kenny Becker	Jerry Locke
BOGUS (2)	Kenny Redlin	Kenny Becker	Bud Krohn Jr.
	Bud Krohn Jr.	Kenny Becker	Jerry Locke
ZECHIEL CHAPMAN (1)	Kenny Becker	Bud Krohn Jr.	Jerry Locke

All appointments for reorganization and boards were approved.

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Kenny: I will make a motion that we make the Drainage Board start at 10:30 a.m. on the third Monday of each month.

Bud: Second the motion. Motion carried.

HARPSTER DITCH (Bob Meyer)

Jenny: Since Jeff Healy, the engineer concluded that this was going to be a reconstruction. I had Dan go through the whole file on the Harpster Ditch. (looking at map) See where the orange is, there is the tile. Evidently they called it the "tile portion". Throughout everything that he has found in the file, that tile is not maintained. I don't remember what year it was, but we did find a profile, back when my dad was Surveyor, and he had it labeled as the Cal Scheffer Tile which makes us believe that it would have been a private tile. It's looking like that whole tile is not maintained.

Tim Murray: That changes everything then.

Kenny: What are you wanting to do?

Bob Meyer: It's way overloaded and it blows this tile out of the ground and when it does, you got 400 acres it drowns. I want to put a new tile from here to here, like a 10 inch. Whether it was a 10 or 12, put a new tile from here to here and take the load off of this one.

Jerry: How many feet of that new tile approximately?

Bob Meyer: A little more than 1/2 mile, 2700 feet probably.

Jenny: The question was does the whole watershed pay for that new strand? How do you add a new strand of tile to the existing ditch?

Tim Murray: We deferred to the engineer to give us an opinion. He said it would be a reconstruction and the whole watershed then pays for it.

Jenny: Indiana Code 36-9-27-34-B.

Kenny: And then after that it will go under the maintenance of the County?

Jenny: IF they petition it that way.

Jerry: Will the other landowners affected, will they pay their fair share?

Bob Meyer: They're not gonna want to pay to fix this. It's not going to help them at all.

Tim Murray: Something needs to be done and he's not going to be able to get neighbors to pitch in and do what needs to be done, so petitioning the County to have a hearing to put that in and put it on maintenance is, I think, where this leaves you Bob.

Bob Meyer: I've got a petition with some names on it.

Kenny: I'll make a motion that we accept that petition.

Jerry: I'll second.

Bud: Motion carried.

Jenny: What are you wanting to try and go with, 12" or 15"?

Bob Meyer: I'd say 12".

Jenny: We'll go ahead and proceed with that and try to get an estimate and bring everything back to the table next month and set a hearing date then.

KOEPKE DITCH

Jerod Brown: We had received a letter on the Koepke Ditch cleaning stating that we needed to replace our culvert running under a crossing. We feel that the culvert isn't the issue and the culvert was installed by the County.

Jenny: I found in the minutes, back in 1994, when there was a project, a profile shows that this was in there already. I don't really know how long that has been in there or who actually paid for it, the County or somebody else.

Jared Brown: I would say the problem is between that culvert and 200.

Craig Kasten: How can you put a crossing that small then, in between?

Kenny: It's been in there for 20 some years.

Craig Kasten: So that's a private crossing?

Kenny: There's no way to get across there unless they cross the ditch.

Josh Brown: Ultimately the things needs cleaned to the north of that.

Kenny: Well it's all that grass in there.

Josh Brown: It needs opened up to the north.

Kenny: I think Alvin Stout's cows got the grass ate to the south. To the north, we don't have any muskrats anymore and that's why the grass is still there.

Tim Murray: What are you asking exactly?

Jared Brown: It would be nice to get the ditch cleaned to actually figure out what's going on.

Tim Murray: Are you asking the County to replace that culvert or make it bigger or do you just want to get the ditch cleaned before you take care of it.

Kenny: It would be private.

Jared Brown: If it's private, then yes we would like to see the ditch cleaned and then determine of this thing is holding water.

Kenny: You're not against changing it if it is restricting water are you?

Jared Brown: Not if it's restricting. If the gentleman to the north keeps running his cattle down in there, it's probably just going to happen again.

Jenny: He has those cows enclosed inside the ditch bank. You can see how much damage those cows are doing. Do you want me to go ahead and send a letter to this landowner?

Kenny: There's no law that says he can't run his cows in there?

Tim Murray: I didn't think you could run your livestock on ditch banks.

Jenny: Indiana Code 36-9-27-46. It is not illegal to have cows in the ditch but if they cause damage and obstruct the ditch then the landowners have to remove the cows and repair the damage. Then if not, we have to get an injunction. I'll start off with writing him a letter. What's you guys' decision on the crossing?

Bud: Wait and see after it's cleaned. (Bud's motion)

Jerry: I agree 100% with that. (Jerry's second)

Bud: Motion carried. Kenny is abstaining.

OPENING OF BIDS

BIDS/QUOTES

Harpster

Bud: Loehmer Ag Products

\$ 13,900.00

Weaver-Fox

\$ 12,999.99 ***

Kenny: Motion to accept Weaver-Fox to do this for \$12,999.99.

Bud: I'll second. Motion carried.

Lincoln Leach

Bud: Loehmer Ag

\$ 32,900.00

Johns Bros

\$ 31,750.00 ***

Kenny: I'll make the motion we give it to John's Bros. for \$31,750.00.

Jerry: I'll second.

Bud: Motion carried.

Fox-Raderstorf Ditch

Jenny: Last month we had tried to let out the Fox-Raderstorf. Our estimate was over \$9000.00 and we only have like \$4000.00 in the fund. We can raise the rate. It's only \$.96 an acre and it benefits 1424.220 acres so it only brings in like \$1300.00 a year. We can either wait until the funds build up or wait for a landowner to petition to raise the rates.

BUDD FISHER

Jenny: Todd Schmicker reported that he had a tile filled with water. He thinks there is an obstruction somewhere between north of 100 S and south of 200 S. Dan looked at that. There's just grass in the ditch so at this point we are not going to do anything.

SHANLEY DITCH

Jenny: Ed Gudas reported a beaver dam where the Shanley crosses 750 S and another one about 100 yards north on small branch. We will take care of the one actually in the Shanley Ditch. Sean Gudas is going to charge a couple hundred bucks to go out there.

Kenny: Dip it out?

Jenny: The other one the landowner so Ed Gudas will pay for.

JOSEPH WINTER TILE (Fremont Hoover)

Jenny: Fremont Hoover came in and he hands me this bill for the Joseph Winter Tile. He reported some break downs on March 23, 2012. On April 16, 2012, I contacted Fran Fox to fix these and Fran did not fix them. I believe Fremont took it upon himself to fix them and now wants reimbursed.

Bud: How much to reimburse him?

Kenny: \$563.48. It would need to be approved by the Board before you ever do it.

Jerry: I'll make a motion not to pay that bill.

Bud: I'll second it. Motion carried.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF 2017 COLLECTION FOR MAINTENANCE

Kenny: I'll make a motion to sign these for the Collection for Maintenance fund for 2017.

Jerry: I'll second.

Bud: Motion carried.

SIGNING OF CONTRACTS

Kenny: Motion to approve and sign the contracts for the 3 ditches as presented. (Tyler-Weisjahn, Weldy and Koepke)

Bud: Second. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Kenny: I make a motion to approve the claims as presented.

Jerry: Second.

Bud: Motion carried.

A	\$ 349.29	Pul. Co Highway Dept	Wuethrich/Lowry	50100.000	GDI
B	90.09	Howards Marathon	Gas	22100	Gas, oil etc.
C	3,300.00	DeSabatine Bros	Harmon Ditch	50100.000	GDM
D	350.00	DeSabatine Bros	Stein Ditch	50100.000	GDM

MINUTES

Kenny: I'll make the motion to approve the minutes as read.

Jerry: Second.

Bud: Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Kenny: Motion to adjourn.

Jerry: Second.

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

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BUD KROHN JR.

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JERRY LOCKE

SUSAN THOMAS
Drainage Board Secretary