

**PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING**  
**MARCH 20, 2017**

The Pulaski County Drainage Board met on Monday March 20, 2017 in the Commissioner's Room, third floor of the Pulaski County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Kenny Becker at 10:30 a.m. Present was Kenny Becker, Jerry Locke, Attorney Tim Murray, Jenny Keller, Susan Thomas and Dan Kain. Also present was Fred Kasten, Wm. Beaver Sr., Wm. Beaver Jr. and Todd Schmicker.

**BRUCE LAKE OUTLET**

Jenny: We got Bill Beaver and his son Bill here. Jerry and Kenny and I, we met on the ditch bank last week and we came to a settlement. We made a new contract for what we agreed upon out there for everybody to sign.

Wm. Beaver Sr.: We took more out of that part that was in question on the other end. Actually on both ends.

Jenny: As far as in the muck area?

Wm. Beaver Sr.: We took some more out of there.

Jenny: This is just a new contract. The other one will be null and void. Mr. Beaver sent in his invoice. If you guys agree, I can turn it in the very last day of this month.

Jerry: Might as well pay them if there aren't any problems.

RECAP:

A field inspection on 3-14-2017 showed the other slope was not de-brushed. Contractor and Surveyor had different interpretation of the meaning of slope. He was going to contact IDEM, DNR and lawyers so we all agreed to take \$900.00 off his contract and he had to go back and dig out some high spots.

**MOHLER DITCH** (Mohler Br #1 off the main)

Todd Schmicker: My complaint is if you're going to clean a branch at any time, then all the branches should be cleaned. An adjoining landowner gave the excavator the ok to go and clean the Mohler Br #1. He said that we would take care of it. I knew nothing of that conversation at all. I got the receipt which I would like to be reimbursed or somehow made whole on as this is a maintained ditch. If it's on maintenance, it should be cleaned by maintenance if it needs cleaned. All the branches that go into the main, they should all be cleaned. I had no knowledge until I received my paid receipt.

Jenny: One of the landowners called me and said, hey, I got everybody on board and we're just going to pay for it mutually and clean it.

Tim Murray: In addition to paying maintenance?

Jenny: Yes.

Tim Murray: So you were never notified? Some private landowner said we're going to go ahead and clean our branches and you weren't a part of that? You didn't know anything about it?

Todd Schmicker: I didn't.

Tim Murray: You weren't involved in that agreement.

Todd Schmicker: NO I wasn't involved. I didn't realize it until the excavator, the dredger gave me my copies of my bills. He said, well that's your share of getting that branch over there on the Mohler cleaned. I just disagree with that platform. There obviously are people that are on that shed. So now you're putting it on three landowners on a maintained ditch and whoever else is connected to that ditch, just slid right through with their maintenance fee only. That's my argument.

Kenny: If it's ok, we will just table it until we get the money in.

Todd Schmicker: That's fine.

**KOSTER**

Jenny: Todd, on that Koster Ditch, you have a tile that is a foot underwater and dirt may be washing out next to the surface drain on Tanner's property and depositing downstream? Weaver-Fox is going to go ahead and clean from your property line and Tanner's property line to the Stein Ditch.

Fred Kasten: I get to pick the side he digs on because we just got through cleaning all the brush.

Jenny: Do you have Tim's number or do you want me to have him contact you or do you want to call him personally?

Fred Kasten: We can get ahold of him.

Todd Schmicker: On Tanner's farm, if that surface drain is the problem, it's going to do it again.

Jenny: If he is going to put in another surface drain, then that would be his responsibility. I'll have Dan go look at that and if that's the case, I'll send out another letter Tanner and explain to him that this is the situation and this is something that he is responsible for, at his expense.

**HARPSTER**

Jenny: I have a question on the Harpster about brush. (referring to map) This is Campbell's right here, all his woods. We skipped that stretch and through his woods. We're not picking back up again until 119. I talked to Tim of Weaver-Fox Excavating yesterday and he said the brush is crazy through that stretch. I asked him how much Weaver-Fox Exc. Would charge to clean that stretch. He said \$2,000.00. Are you guys ok with that.

Kenny: Yes while he is right there. (doing the Harpster project)

Jenny: So as far as Bob Meyer?

\*\*\*\*There was a lot of discussion on the matter but it was discussion that had been discussed previously.

Kenny: I think we wait until he comes back to see what he found out with the adjacent landowners.

**KOEPKE DITCH**

Fred Kasten: Dan, did you have a chance to look at the Koepke Ditch?

Dan: No not really.

Kenny: The contractor said he is not done.

Dan: Don't complain until he's done.

Jenny: It wouldn't hurt to do a daily inspection on all the ditches that are going on.

#### SCHEUER/KELLER

Jenny: The Scheuer/Keller is in the red \$1668.51. Bill Widner wants to touch it up where the ditch was straightened. He wanted to know if he could be reimbursed at least for his fuel. He says he's doing it either way whether he gets reimbursed or not. Jerry Keller reported that his two tiles are underwater there at 650 N and 450 E.

Kenny: I've got a motion to pay for Widners fuel. I'll second it. Motion carried. I don't know if that's going to help Jerry there or not.

Jenny: We'll look then but of course of right now, I'm not going to do anything with this until I actually get a bill and then I'll bring it up again.

#### SALRIN/COX

Jenny: John Poisel reported that the tile that empties into the Salrin/Cox, is not draining right. Mr. Bathke stopped in and wants the ditch cleaned from Base Road to Medaryville. For Poisel, we had Jerry Gutwein clean 420 feet of the ditch thinking that would help Poisel's tile but it didn't. He thinks there are tree roots and stuff in there so DeSabatine is going to jet in there. We've got \$5900.00 in the fund. By the time we get done with this, we'll see what kind of project we can have for Bathke to get that cleaned.

#### LINCONL LEACH

Jenny: Carl Kopka reported a washout on 100 S off of highway 119 on Chris Kopka's property. Earl Johns got that project. Dan said it's not an actual washout. The thought is that when Johns Brothers is out there, take the spoil from ditch and fill it up and then just level it off.

#### HERNIGLE TILE

Jenny: Howard Cords was in and reported a washout just north of 100 N. This was also reported by Bill McNabney. We are in the red \$1432.10. I told him that you better start thinking of reconstruction for this tile because it's always in the red and it's always breaking down. Dan reported that when he went back out that way, that Cords had something dug up. I don't know if he's repairing it on his own. At this point, just leave it and see if he comes back in.

#### SLONAKER

Jenny: On the Slonaker, Bill Reinholt reported a tile under water in his much area at the end where it goes into Fulton County. There is enough money in there where if we have to do a mile or less, we could probably get his tile out of water.

#### DANIEL BRUCE DITCH

Jenny: The Daniel Bruce, it's a branch off the Tyler-Weisjahn. Carl Smith had call and he wanted that branch cleaned. I called Widner and told him to do what he could for \$2500.00.

#### STEIN DITCH

Jenny: Rudy DeSabatine, he's going to be cleaning approximately 1/2 mile to 3/4 mile north of 400 S on 1100 W.

#### TULLY DITCH (branch of Lige Harp)

Jenny: The Tully Ditch, Carl Federer requested that this be cleaned north of 900 S to the end. We only have \$3,000.00 in the fund so it is probably just going to be surveyed and see what we can do as of right now.

#### FRANKS DITCH

Jenny: Bob DeSabatine reported a washout. This was reported last year by Chuck Mueller. It was decided that we would take care of the washout. Mr. Mueller, has to repair his tile at his own expense. DeSabatine is going to be fixing that washout and charge approximately \$500.00. There is another smaller washout on down further on Kocher's property and I told Bob to go ahead and fix that one too.

#### FOX-RADERSTORF

Jenny: Last month you guys decided to set a rate on that Fox-Raderstorf of \$3.00 an acre. Even at \$3.00, we'd still be in the red a little over three years. That's going off of our \$21,000 estimate.

Kenny: Maybe we ought to raise it to \$4.00 an acre.

Jenny: Go with \$4.00 and then a \$10.00 minimum?

Kenny: I would say \$4.00. That would cut your last year so it will only be in the red two years. Could you have an estimate about what it would cost when they come to the hearing? Can you tell them we need that for two years until we get it out of the red and then we will lower it back down?

Jenny: We could do that.

Kenny: You don't want to leave it there all the time.

Jerry: Oh no.

Kenny: But raise it until we get it cleaned.

Jenny: I'll get a hold of a contractor before we actually set a rate.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jenny: This is a Certification of Maintenance Correction on the Indian Creek. It's in Pulaski County so I feel we should run through this Board on this part. If you guys want to sign that, I will forward that on to Cass County who is in charge of Indian Creek.

Kenny: Do we need to make up a paper on our definition of a slope?

Jenny: I've been doing some research on that. I was even going to try to find a picture. That is something that we are going to have to add in our specs.

Kenny: It's got to be wrote up so that way, there's no argument next time.

CLAIMS

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

Jerry: Second.

Bud: Motion carried.

A	\$	900.00	DeSabatine Bros.	Bennett Tile	50100.000	GDM
B		225.00	Gudas Excavating	Shanley Ditch	50100.000	GDM
C		196.00	US Postal Service	Stamps	006-32100	Postage
D		176.32	Howards Marathon	Gas	22100	Gas Oil etc
E		750.00	DeSabatine Bros.	Agnew	50100.000	GDM
F		2,800.00	Weaver-Fox Bros.	Dickey Creek	50100.000	GDM
G		134.75	Dye Lumber Royal Center	Surveyor Stakes	24301	Surveyor Stakes
H		2,500.00	Widner & Sons Exc.	Tyler-Weisjahn	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: Motion carried Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

PULASKI COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

*Absent*

BUD KROHN JR.

*Kenny Becker*

KENNY BECKER

*Jerry Locke*

JERRY LOCKE

SUSAN THOMAS  
Drainage Board Secretary